

Finding More Sources

Tips for when you're not finding enough sources

Start



Not enough results?



Welcome to the Laurier Library's search first aid tutorial.

This video will address not being able to find enough results when doing a search.

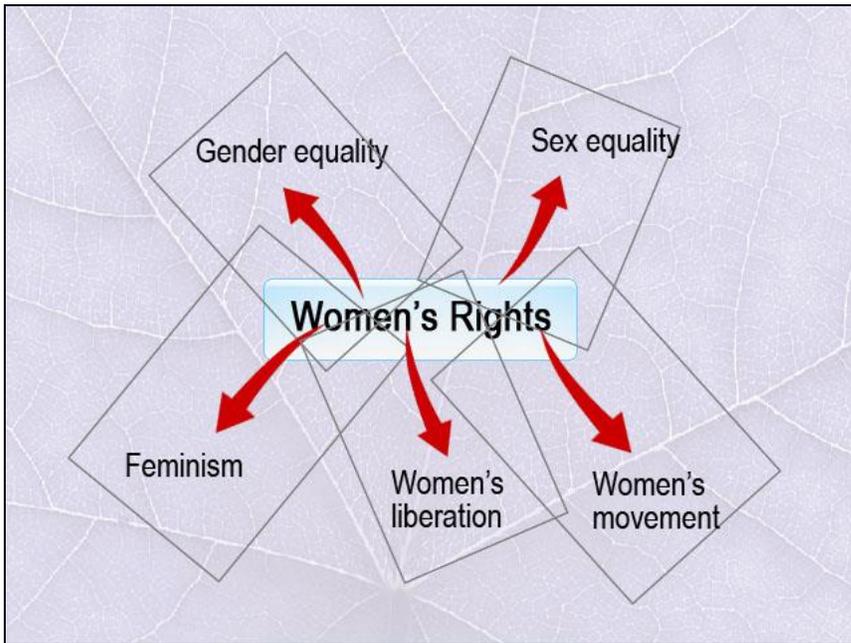
Often times when we do a search and come up with limited results, it is because we are not using a wide range of keywords.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES



1. How to search more effectively
2. Use techniques for finding additional sources

Today, we will be discussing how to make a search more efficient and use techniques for finding additional sources.



Say for example, we wanted to do a paper on women's rights. This is a very broad topic that can be broken down into other synonyms, as well as specific issues.

In this instance, we can look up gender equality, sex equality, feminism, women's liberation or women's movement.

The more terms you incorporate into your search, the broader your results will be.

Search term: Arthurian legends

1,324 results for **mixed** Sorted by: Relevance

Adapting the Arthurian legends for children : essays on Arthurian literature
Lupack, Barbara Tapp.
New York: Houndmills, England: Palgrave Macmillan 2004
Available at University of Waterloo Library UWP Profile: Book Stacks, 88-10th Floor, (PR408.A7 A65 2004)

Radio Camelot : Arthurian legends on the BBC, 1922-2005
Simpson, Roger, 1930-
Cambridge, UK: D.S. Brewer; Rochester, NY: Boydell & Brewer 2008
Available at Wilfrid Laurier University Library WLU BookShelves (PH5120.R2 S56) and other locations

Reinventing King Arthur : the Arthurian legends in Victorian culture
Ryden, Inga, 1966-
Aldershot, Hants, England; Burlington, VT: Ashgate c2005
Available at University of Guelph Library Guelph: McLaurin Book Stacks (PR458.A7B B95 2005)

Arthurian legends in medieval art: a study in collaboration with Laurie Hibbard Loomis
Loomis, Roger Sherman, 1867-1965. Loomis, Laurie Hibbard, 1883-1960.
New York: Knopf 1970.
Available at University of Waterloo Library UWP Profile: Book Stacks, 88-10th Floor, (N7763 L6)

Indexing (details) Cite

Subject
Alzheimer's Disease (major);
DNA (major);
Drug Therapy (major);
Vitamin Therapy (major);
Oxidative Stress (major);
Neurodegeneration

Classification
3363: Medical Treatment of Physical Illness

Age
Adulthood (18 yrs & older), Aged (65 yrs & older)

Population
Human, Male, Female

Keyword (identifier)
vitamin E, oxidative stress, telomere, Alzheimer's disease, neurodegeneration, DNA methylation

You can also use subject headings in order to broaden your search. Say you do a search on Arthurian legends.

In the search, you will often get subjects that this book or resource has been categorized into.

Select the one that is the most interesting to you, and you will find other resources that are categorized under the same heading.

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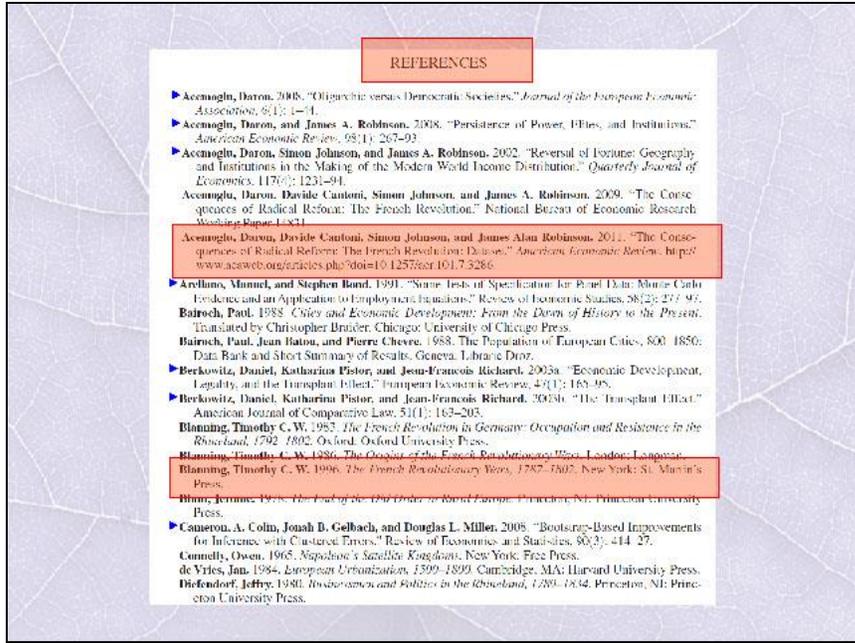
Click or manually search for keywords

There are other ways to find more on your topic. Besides the subject headings, there are also keywords about the article that the author provides.

By noting the keywords, we can search for additional articles that also list these keywords. Depending on the database, you may be able to click these keywords or search for them yourself.

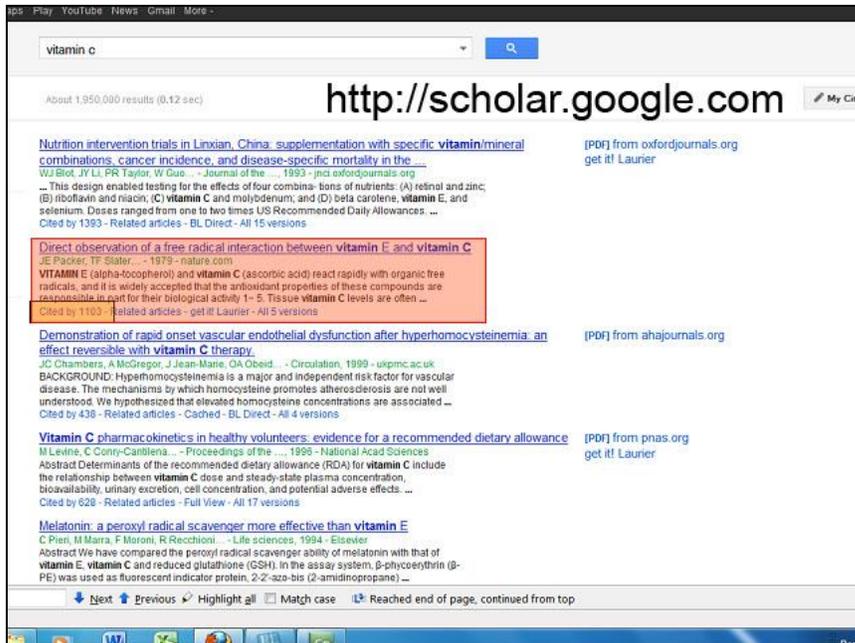
Also, because these words are not standardized, we won't necessarily get all the related results.

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We can also find more sources by seeing what has been cited in an article, or what articles have cited your article of interest.

Go to the Bibliography, Reference, or Works Cited page of a source you really like. By seeing what the author has cited, you can use these resources for yourself to find more interesting and relevant readings.



On a similar note, we can see what articles have cited the article that you are looking for their own research.

Here we have a Google Scholar page. At the bottom of the description of the article, the first link provided is "Cited by", by pressing this,

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Search results for a query, showing approximately 1,103 results. The results list several articles:

- Direct observation of a free radical interaction between vitamin E and vitamin C**
 - Search within citing articles
 - [Beta-carotene: an unusual type of lipid antioxidant](#) (get it! Laurier)
 - GW Burton... - Science, 1994 - sciencemag.org
 - Abstract The mechanism of lipid peroxidation and the manner in which antioxidants function is reviewed. beta-Carotene is a purported antioxidant agent, which is believed by some to have antioxidant action of a radical-trapping type. However, definitive experimental ...
 - Cited by 1605 - Related articles - AONE Full Text @ KO - All 8 versions
 - [The Pecking Order of Free Radicals and Antioxidants: Lipid Peroxidation, Tocopherol, and Ascorbate](#) (PDF) from uiowa.edu (get it! Laurier)
 - GR Buehler - Archives of Biochemistry and Biophysics, 1993 - healthcare.uiowa.edu
 - Using one-electron reduction potentials, the predicted pecking order is in agreement with experimentally observed free radical electron (hydrogen atom) transfer reactions. These potentials are also in agreement with experimental data that suggest that vitaminE, the ...
 - Cited by 1399 - Related articles - Get at CISTI - All 14 versions
 - [Role of oxidative modifications in atherosclerosis](#) (HTML) from physiology.org (get it! Laurier)
 - R Stocker... - Physiological reviews, 2004 - Am Physiological Soc
 - This review focuses on the role of oxidative processes in atherosclerosis and its resultant cardiovascular events. There is now a consensus that atherosclerosis represents a state of heightened oxidative stress characterized by lipid and protein oxidation in the vascular ...
 - Cited by 1171 - Related articles - AONE Full Text @ KO - Get at CISTI - All 13 versions
 - [Strategies of antioxidant defense](#)
 - H Sies - European Journal of Biochemistry, 1993 - Wiley Online Library
 - Cellular protection against the deleterious effects of reactive oxidants generated in aerobic metabolism, called oxidative stress, is organized at multiple levels. Defense strategies include three levels of protection, prevention, interception, and repair. Regulation of the ...
 - Cited by 1092 - Related articles - get it! Laurier - EL Direct - All 7 versions
 - [Reactive oxygen species, antioxidants, and the mammalian thioredoxin system1](#) (PDF) from uniroma2.it (get it! Laurier)
 - J Nordberg... - Free Radical Biology and Medicine, 2001 - Elsevier
 - Reactive oxygen species (ROS) are known to be involved in a number of cellular processes ...

we can see many of the other articles that cite this article.

Web of Science

Results: 7,489 | Page 1 of 748 | Go

Sort by: Times Cited | Highest to Lowest

Refine Results

Search within results for: []

Web of Science Categories: [] Refine

- ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES (2972)
- MARINE FRESH-WATER BIOLOGY (1159)
- ENGINEERING ENVIRONMENTAL (1126)
- NUTRITION DIETETICS (1074)
- OCEANOGRAPHY (206)
- more options/values ...

Document Types: [] Refine

- ARTICLE (4948)
- PROCEEDINGS PAPER (1549)
- EDITORIAL MATERIAL (314)
- REVIEW (23)
- NEWS ITEM (103)
- more options/values ...

Subject Areas: []

Authors: []

Group Authors: []

Editors: []

Source Titles: []

Book Series Titles: []

Conference Titles: []

1. Title: **Microbial production of surfactants and their commercial potential**
Author(s): Deputis D, Egan M
Source: MICROBIOLOGY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY REVIEWS, volume 61, number 1, pages 17-26, Published MAR 1997
Times Cited: 733 (from Web of Science)
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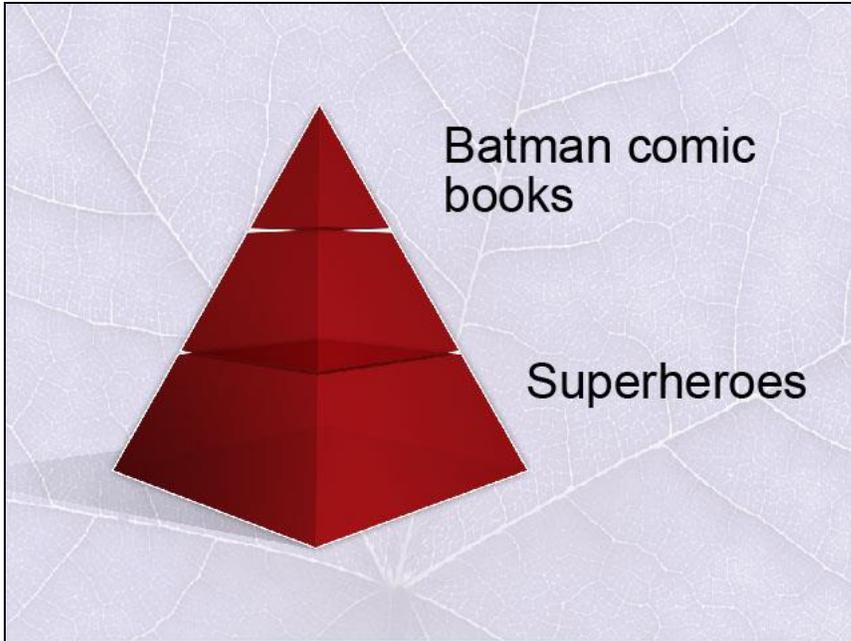
2. Title: **CRYSTAL STRUCTURE OF A BACTERIAL NONHEME IRON HYDROXYLASE THAT CATALYZES THE BIOLOGICAL OXIDATION OF METHANE**
Author(s): KOLUNZOWIS AC, HELLERICK CA, JI H, KOCUBI et al
Source: NATURE, volume 386, issue 6655, pages 537-543, DOI 10.1038/366537a0, Published DEC 9 1993
Times Cited: 634 (from Web of Science)
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3. Title: **Microbial population changes during bioremediation of an experimental oil spill**
Author(s): WRIGHTON SI, STUBBS JR, VORONOV AT, et al
Source: APPLIED AND ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY, volume 65, issue 6, pages 3556-3574, Published AUG 1999
Times Cited: 307 (from Web of Science)
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The Web of Science database also has this function. You can sort your results using the drop down menu on the top right of your results and sort by 'Times Cited – Highest to Lowest'.

The top results will be the ones which have been cited the most, and you can further see the articles which have cited that particular article.

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There are other techniques that you can use to broaden your search:

Use a broader search concept. For example, if you cannot find an article on Batman comic books, search for superheroes instead.

The screenshot shows a library database search page for 'Global Studies'. At the top, it says 'Global Studies' and provides contact information for Peter Gundinger. Below that are links for 'Articles', 'Class Guides', 'Related Subjects', and 'Websites'. There are also icons for availability: 'Available to the Laurier Community', 'Only available on the web', 'Available in print only', and 'Standard Business computer'. The page is divided into three sections: 'Main Databases' and 'Other Databases'. The 'Main Databases' section includes 'Global Studies @ ProQuest', 'JSTOR', and 'Web of Science 1000 to present'. The 'Other Databases' section includes 'CIAIR: Columbia International Affairs Online 1993 to present', 'EBSCOhost databases (all)', 'PAIS 1915 to present', and 'Wilson databases (all) 1907 to present'. Each database entry has a brief description and a link for more information.

Also, try to use other databases. Read the descriptions of each before you use them and see which fits best with what you are looking for.

Questions?



library.wlu.ca/help/askus



You have just watched a video on how to find additional sources of information.

If you have any questions, please visit the library at library.wlu.ca/help/askus.