



Geoscience Librarianship 101

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Resources for Research

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Indexes and Abstracts

General

Web of Science

- + High impact scholarly journals in the sciences and social sciences, including the geosciences
- + Peer reviewed scholarly journals
- + No grey literature or government reports
- + Allows you to follow the chain of citations



WEB OF SCIENCE™

Scopus

- + Abstract and citation database of literature released by Elsevier
- + Includes scholarly journals, books and trade publications, covering research topics across scientific and technical disciplines

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Google Scholar

- + Mix of scholarly articles, grey literature, and works that are not scholarly that slip through the algorithm
- + Does not contain access to any full text except what is freely available on the web
- + No ability to filter by subject heading

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Other Potential Sources

- + Academic Search Complete

- + Contains some science articles, including geosciences

- + Proquest Agriculture and Environmental Science Collection
(formerly Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management)

- + Contains geosciences and hydrology journals



Indexes and Abstracts

Specialized



GeoRef

- + Index of geoscience literature, including dissertations, grey literature, foreign literature
- + Thesaurus
- + Put out by American Geosciences Institute
- + Is published on a number of platforms, including EBSCOhost, GeoScienceWorld, Ovid, and more
- + Different platforms will have different features



GeoScienceWorld

- + Provides access to 49 scholarly journals and eBooks
- + Also includes GeoRef records
- + Allows you to filter search results by geologic era and epoch
- + Contains a mixture of peer-reviewed, scholarly, and grey literature (government documents)



Water Resources Abstracts

- + Contains technical and scientific literature on water-related topics:
 - + Groundwater
 - + Lakes
 - + Estuaries
 - + Erosion and sedimentation
 - + Water supply and conservation
 - + Watershed protection

SciFinder Scholar

- + This is the database for chemistry literature, Chemistry Abstracts
- + It may contain relevant citations to geochemical literature



Free Full Text Resources

+ USGS Publications

Database of over 130,000 publications by the U.S. Geological Survey

+ EarthArXiv

Earth science and planetary science preprints

+ NTRL (National Technical Reports Library)

Contains some full text materials from the Army Corps of Engineers, NASA, DOE and others.

+ State Geological Surveys Database

Searchable database of publications from the state geological surveys and USGS factsheets

Datasets and Data Repositories: Geosciences

+ [Earthchem Portal](#)

Provides access to geochemical and other rock sample data.

+ [Pangaea](#)

Open Access library archiving georeferenced data from earth system research

+ [Goddard Earth Sciences Data and Information Services Center](#)

+ provide Earth science data, information, and services, including precipitation and hydrology, atmospheric composition, and global land data

+ [National Geophysical Data Center](#)

Includes data from the upper atmosphere and space to tsunami and earthquake data

Data and Data Repositories: Water / Hydrology

+ [CUAHSI Water Data](#)

Provides access to water data contributed by organizations, primarily universities, from around the world.

+ [National Oceanographic Data Center](#)

Contains data on things like beach temperatures, coastal buoy data, ocean currents and salinity.

+ [USGS Water Data for the Nation](#)

This USGS site provides access to historic and real-time water data for the U.S.



Questions?

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