

Getting started

1. Start from the library home page: library.clackamas.edu
2. Click on **Magazines & Journals** under **Find Articles**
3. Click on *EBSCOhost* icon
4. Check the database(s) you want to search
5. When off campus, you will be asked for your name and CCC ID number

EBSCOhost choices

When you click on *EBSCOhost*, you will see a list of databases to choose from. You can search them all, or choose the ones that are most relevant to your research.

Academic Search Premier is a good choice for most college-level work. *Business Source Premier* and *CINAHL* are also popular. You can find eBooks by including the *eBook collection*.

Searching in EBSCOhost

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top left is the EBSCOhost logo. The search bar contains the text "Searching: Academic Search Premier, Show all | Choose Databases". Below the search bar are three input fields, each with a "Select a Field (optional)" dropdown menu. The first input field is highlighted with a black box and an arrow pointing to it from a box labeled "Enter search terms". To the right of the search bar are "Search" and "Clear" buttons, and a help icon. Below the search bar are "AND" dropdown menus and "+" and "-" buttons. At the bottom of the search bar are links for "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Search History".

Below the search bar is the "Search Options" section. Under "Search Modes and Expanders", there are four radio buttons: "Boolean/Phrase" (selected), "Find all my search terms", "Find any of my search terms", and "SmartText Searching [Hint](#)". To the right, there are two checkboxes: "Apply related words" (checked) and "Also search within the full text of the articles" (unchecked).

Under "Limit your results", there are two checkboxes: "CCC Library" (unchecked) and "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals" (checked). A box labeled "Click to limit to Peer Reviewed Articles" has an arrow pointing to the "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals" checkbox. To the right, there is a "Full Text" checkbox (checked) and a "Published Date" section with "Month" and "Year" dropdown menus. A box labeled "Click to limit search to full-text articles" has an arrow pointing to the "Full Text" checkbox.

Not finding what you need?

Few or no articles?

- Try a broader subject. Instead of “orcas and oil spills”, try “marine mammals and pollution”.
- Use the term OR to search for synonyms at the same time.

"climate change"

OR ▾

"global warming"

- You may be using the wrong search terms. Watch for and use Ebsco’s vocabulary. Ex. “automobile” instead of “car”.
- Use truncation (*) as a wildcard to search for multiple versions of a word at the same time. Ex. Pollut* will bring pollute, polluted, polluter, polluters, and pollution.

Too many articles? Irrelevant articles?

- Put quotes around phrases to search for the words together to weed out unrelated articles Ex. “global warming”
- Use the term AND to narrow your search.

"global warming"

AND ▾

pollut*

- Use the term NOT to exclude terms you do not want. Ex. “Climate change” NOT ocean.
- Use the limiters on the left hand side to select date range, full text, peer reviewed articles, source type, and much more! Starting with a broad search and then narrowing can be a great strategy.

Other search tips!

- Check your spelling! EBSCO will not automatically correct spelling.
- Give yourself enough time to try many searches. Even the best researchers need to try different keywords.
- If you still can’t find what you need, talk to a librarian!

Save your research!

Click on the article title to see the following options on the right hand side of the screen in the Tools Menu.

Tools

 Add to folder  Save

 Print

 Cite

 E-mail

 Permalink

Email options

When emailing an article to yourself, be sure to click on the citation format that you need. →

PDF as separate attachment (when available)

Standard Field Format

Detailed Citation and Abstract ▾

Citation Format

MLA (Modern Language Assoc.) ▾

Customized Field Format

Have a question? Let us help!

Library Hours:

Mon-Thu: 7:30am– 8pm

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Sat: 11am–3pm

Sun: Closed

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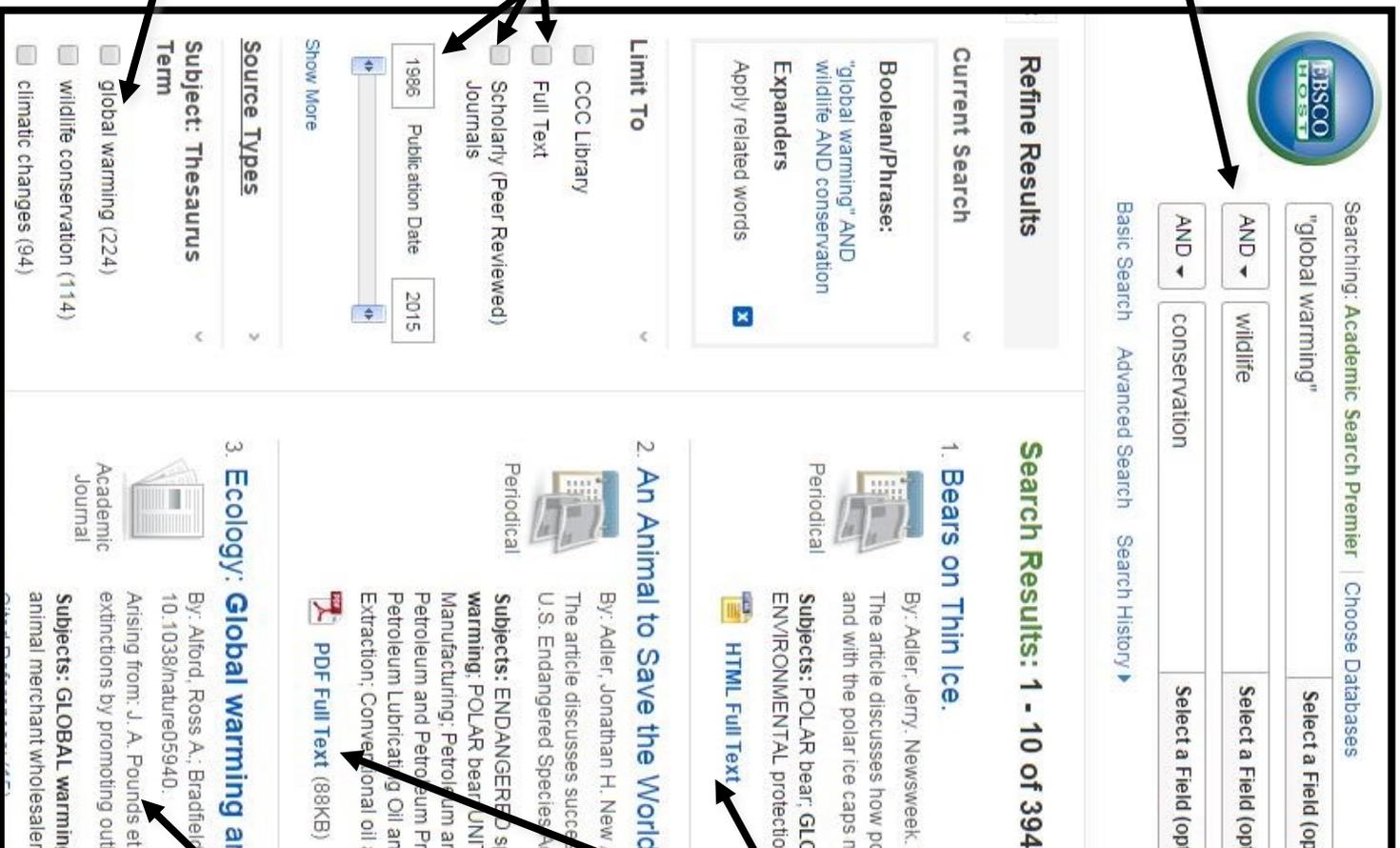
Circulation Desk: 503-594-6323

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Put different ideas on separate lines for flexibility as you adjust your search

Use limiters to change the date, or only show full text or peer-reviewed journals

Use thesaurus and subject terms to focus your search



The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost search interface. At the top, the search query is "global warming". Below the search bar, there are options for "AND" and "wildlife conservation". The "Refine Results" section shows "Current Search" with a "Boolean/Phrase" of "global warming" AND wildlife AND conservation. The "Limit To" section includes "CCC Library", "Full Text", and "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals". The "Publication Date" range is set from 1986 to 2015. The "Source Types" section is expanded to show "Subject: Thesaurus Term" with options for "global warming (224)", "wildlife conservation (114)", and "climatic changes (94)". The search results are displayed in a list format, with the first three results visible:

- Bears on Thin Ice.** By: Adler, Jerry. Newsweek. The article discusses how polar bears are struggling to survive in the Arctic and with the polar ice caps melting. Subjects: POLAR bear. GLOBAL WARMING. ENVIRONMENTAL protection. [HTML Full Text](#)
- An Animal to Save the World.** By: Adler, Jonathan H. Newsweek. The article discusses success stories of U.S. Endangered Species Act. Subjects: ENDANGERED species. POLAR bear. JOURNALISM. Manufacturing. Petroleum and Petroleum Products. Petroleum Lubricating Oil and Petroleum Derivatives. Oil and Gas Extraction. Conventional oil and gas. [PDF Full Text \(88KB\)](#)
- Ecology: Global warming and animal merchant wholesalers.** By: Alford, Ross A.; Bradfield, J. A. Nature. 10.1038/nature05940. Arising from: J. A. Pounds et al. extinctions by promoting outdoor animal merchant wholesalers. Subjects: GLOBAL warming. animal merchant wholesalers.

Articles with full text will either be in HTML or PDF format. Those without can be found through the Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system.

Tip: read just the abstracts and email the article to yourself for reviewing later