Searching Google Scholar

Video Transcript

Hi, this is Claire, and I'm the Business Librarian at Sheridan College.

And in this video, I'm going to show you how to find and access scholarly articles using Google Scholar.

So to get to Google Scholar, you just need to type in scholar.google.com or dot ca, and you'll be brought to this search page.

And I'm going to type my search words, in this case obesity and diabetes, and I quickly get my results.

On the left side, you'll see some options. I could search just by specific date range. I could choose to include patents, if I was interested in patents, but right now all my results are all coming from freely available, open access sources. So for example, The National Institute of Health, Oxford Journals, AHA Journals, but Google Scholar can also search your Library databases.

So your College subscribes to a number of Library databases that also contain scholarly journals, and Google Scholar can search those too.

But to do that it needs to know what College you're currently attending.

So I'm going to go back to my Google Scholar homepage, and at the top I'm going to click on settings, and on the left side of the page, one of the options is Library links, and here I can search for the name of my College, and you would search for your College obviously.

So I'm going to search for Sheridan.

And, I have a number of options to choose from.

So when you do search, be careful to choose the correct options.

There may be more than one.

For Sheridan for example, there's also a Sheridan Public Library, but that is a completely different organization. So make sure you choose the right links.

I'm going to choose these two [Sheridan College links] and click save.

And now I will run my search again, obesity diabetes.

And now I have access not only to the freely available content the National Institute of Health, and Oxford Journals, but also scholarly articles that are contained in the Library databases that my Library here at Sheridan College, subscribes to.
To do this when you are on-campus that's all you need to do, is just set up the link to your particular college Library.

If you would like to search from home or from a coffee shop, or from somewhere off-campus, just contact your Library and they can give you the instructions on how to easily do that.

And one more thing. One great advantage of searching Google Scholar, is that each of these articles will also give me the citation.

So if I click on the citation for example for this article, here I have my different citation styles, MLA, APA, Chicago, etc., and I can just copy and paste these into my assignment or my report.

Or I can export them to RefWorks, EndNote, etc.

So that's how you can find scholarly articles using Google Scholar.

Thanks for watching!