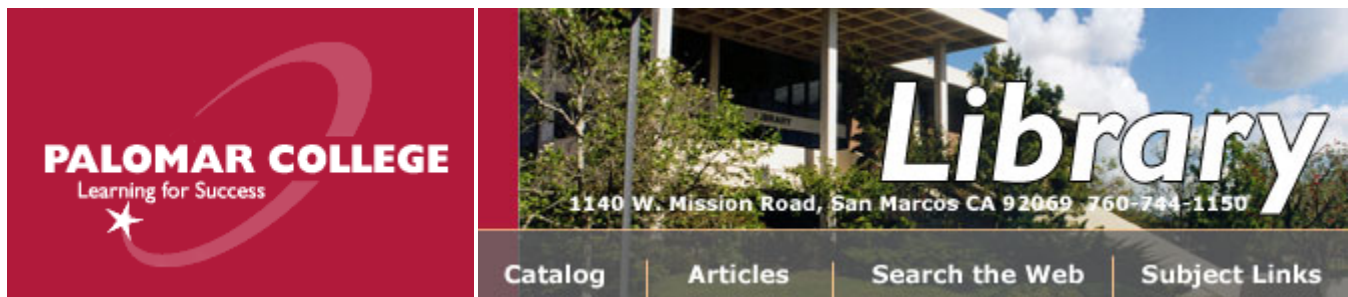


Palomar College Library

Online Resources for Earth Sciences Research



Getting Started

Library home page: <http://www.palomar.edu/library>

Articles (Scholarly Journals, Magazines, Newspapers)*

Step 1: *CHOOSE* **Articles** link on homepage

Step 2: *SELECT* from the list of databases:

- **Science & Technology**
 - [JSTOR Sciences](#)
- **General Interest**
 - [EBSCOhost](#)
 - [CQ Researcher](#)
 - [ProQuest Newspapers](#)

Step 3: *TYPE*

- Word(s) or phrase that describes topic
- If available, limit search to full-text, specific date, peer-reviewed status, etc.

Step 4: *GET* the article

- Select article full-text link, if available
- Find the article in another database (click link to other databases or go to <http://gm2uj6fj8u.search.serialssolutions.com/>)
- No luck? Check the Library Catalog to see if we have it in print on our shelves <http://sirsi.palomar.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi.exe/x/0/0/49>

*Passwords required to use off-campus. See

<http://www.palomar.edu/library/OnlineDatabases/offcampus.htm>

Internet

Step 1: **CHOOSE Subject Links** on homepage

Step 2: **SELECT** a topic or discipline from list

- Earth Sciences <http://www.palomar.edu/library/subjects/earth.htm>
- Environmental Studies <http://www.palomar.edu/library/subjects/Environment.htm>
- Oceanography <http://www.palomar.edu/library/subjects/oceanography.htm>

Step 3: **FIND A WEBSITE:**

- Click a link

PAY ATTENTION TO:

- Authority of “author” or producer or source (.org, .edu, .gov)
- “Bias” or point of view
- Accuracy and reliability of information (peer reviewed, sponsor, etc.)

Books & Media

Step 1: **CHOOSE Catalog** or go to <http://sirsi.palomar.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi.exe/x/0/0/49>

Step 2: **TYPE** a word(s) or phrase that describes topic

Step 3: **NOTE** the Call number AND Location in the Library OR click “URL”

Step 4: **GO** to the library to get the item (or read online if available)

Other useful information

- “Scholarly” or “peer-reviewed” journals vs magazines/popular periodicals
<http://www.palomar.edu/library/ResearchAids/HowTo/SchJour2.htm>
- Evaluating websites <http://www.palomar.edu/library/ResearchAids/HowTo/EvalWWW.htm>
- Citing sources/writing a bibliography
<http://www.palomar.edu/library/ResearchAids/SelfHelp.htm#bibliography>
- Avoiding plagiarism (from Purdue Univ.)
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/01/>