

2 Timothy 2:15
Modern English Version (MEV)

¹⁵ Study to show yourself approved by God, a workman who need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Cofer Library

Research Guide



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Scholarly Article or Popular Article: What is the difference?

How do you tell if an article is a scholarly, peer-reviewed journal article when retrieving it from a database or website? Here are a few tips to help you determine if the article is scholarly.

Scholarly Articles:

- ◆ Reviewed by experts in the subject area (peer reviewed)
- ◆ Signed by author and author's credentials are listed
- ◆ Begins with an abstract or summary of the article
- ◆ Contains technical language specific to the area of study
- ◆ Usually very lengthy
- ◆ Contains a section with peer reviews
- ◆ Includes bibliographies or notes listing the author's research

Popular Articles:

- ◆ Reviewed by the editor of the magazine
- ◆ May or may not be signed by the author
- ◆ Authors are not always an expert and credentials may or may not be included
- ◆ Does not begin with a summary
- ◆ Easy to read, non-technical language
- ◆ Fairly short
- ◆ Not peer reviewed
- ◆ May or may not include bibliographies or notes listing the author's research

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Scholarly *Journal* or Popular *Magazine*: What is the difference?

Many times you will be given an assignment to find an article from a scholarly journal. These tips will help you decide if the publication is a scholarly journal or popular magazine.

Scholarly Journals:

- ◆ Published by an association, institution or scholarly press
- ◆ Directed at a particular audience or particular subject area
- ◆ Pagination usually continues from one issue to the next
- ◆ Articles are reviewed by experts in that subject area before being published
- ◆ Simple, plain covers

Popular Magazines:

- ◆ Published for general audiences
- ◆ Marked for general audience to enjoy
- ◆ Pagination starts over with each issue
- ◆ Articles are submitted, reviewed by editors and
- ◆ Flashy, sleek, eye-catching covers



The mission of Cofer Library is to support the mission of the university by providing library resources, services, and instruction to the TMU community. The library's goals are to 1) acquire, organize, and make accessible print and electronic materials that are relevant to the curriculum of the college, 2) provide quality service and library instruction, and 3) maintain a physical environment conducive for learning.

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- ATLA - Religion Database
- Baptist History Collection
- Books
- CINAHL- Nursing
- Copier
- E-books
- Electronic databases
- GALILEO
- Hole Punch
- Internet access

- Juvenile Collection
- Magazines/Journals
- Online databases
- Paper cutter
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Periodicals
- Stapler
- Reference Materials
- Reserve Materials
- Tape
- Wireless Internet access

Always ask for help!



Dewey Classification

000-099 = Computers, & General Reference
 100-199 = Philosophy and Psychology
 200-299 = Religion
 300-399 = Social Science
 400-499 = Language
 500-599 = Science
 600-699 = Technology
 700-799 = Arts and Recreation
 800-899 = Literature
 900-999 = History and Geography

Ask yourself these questions...

Accuracy, Currency & Scope

Be up to date and don't assume anything!!!

- ◇ Is the website error free? No typos, spelling or grammar mistakes
- ◇ When was the site updated?
- ◇ When was the site created?
- ◇ Are links provided and are they usable and up-to date?
- ◇ If the site is based on a print version, a newer version may be available in print.
- ◇ Are graphs and charts used? If so, are they easy to read and current?

Access, Design and Navigation

Is it really worth your time?

- ◇ Is the site logically organized?
- ◇ Is the information you are looking for easy to find?
- ◇ Is a table of contents or index made available?
- ◇ Can you search the site?
- ◇ Do all the elements of the site work? Link? Interactive features? Animations?
- ◇ Does the site load easily?
- ◇ Is the page stable and reliable?

Evaluating Web Sites

The Internet has made information available to everyone, and any topic can be researched. However, judging the reliability of the information can be difficult and intimidating. Information found on the Internet must be evaluated using critical thinking. Below are questions to ask while you are reading to assist you in evaluating online resources.

Authority – Who wrote the information?

Don't forget – anyone can create a website!!!

- ◇ Does the information have an author?
- ◇ Can you find out any information about the author?
 - Credentials
 - Education
 - Qualifications to write on the subject
- ◇ Is the site sponsored?
- ◇ Can you find any information on the organization sponsoring the site?
- ◇ Is the site affiliated with an educational institution?
- ◇ Can you find out more information about the institution?
- ◇ Why was this article written? Information or opinion?
- ◇ Does it persuade you to buy a product?
- ◇ Does the author cite other sources used in the research?

Content–Purpose & Point of View

Don't believe everything you read!!!

- ◇ What is the purpose of the website?
- ◇ Is the information factual? Can you verify the information?
- ◇ If sources are given, can you verify the sources?
- ◇ Is the information someone's opinion?
- ◇ Is the website appropriate for your age and educational level?

How to find what you are looking for!

First, check the Library catalog. The catalog may be accessed from the Library webpage on the Truett McConnell webpage under the I AM icon. Or, click on the MENU icon and you will find the LIBRARY link under Academics. You can search the catalog by author, title, and subject. Most of the collection is catalogued using the Library of Congress Classification system. The Library has a special Juvenile Collection catalogued using the Dewey Decimal Classification system. Below is a chart to help you understand the Library of Congress Classification system. If you need help locating materials, please ask any Librarian for assistance.

Library of Congress Classification System!



A = General Works	N = Fine Arts
B = Philosophy, Psychology, Religion	P = Language and Literature
C = Auxiliary Sciences of History	Q = Science
D = History: General and Old West	R = Medicine
E-F = History: Western Hemisphere	S = Agriculture
G = Geography, Anthropology, Recreation	T = Technology
H = Social Sciences	U = Military Science
J = Political Sciences	V = Naval Science
K = Law	Z = Bibliography: Library Science
L = Education	
M = Music	

Understanding Library of Congress Call Numbers

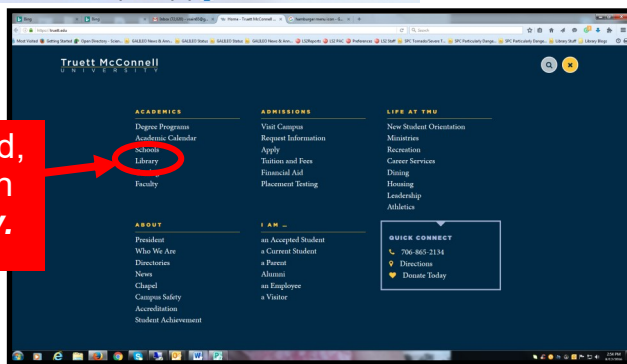
Library materials are in alphabetical and numerical order by call number. All call numbers read, left to right and top to bottom.

- PR This is the general subject (in this case literature, English)
- 5397.12 This narrows the general subject to a specific subject. It reads as a whole number followed by a decimal (5397.12 would come before 5397.2).
- .F26 Sometimes a third line narrows the subject even more. It is read alphabetically and then numerically as a decimal.
- 1999 This is the year the item was published or produced.
- v.3 This is the volume number if the item is part of a set.
- c.2 This indicates the copy number.

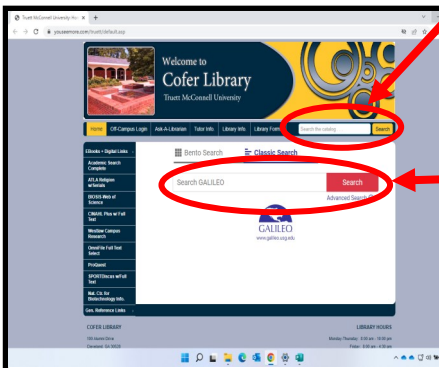
Locating a print source...



First, click on the **yellow icon**.



Second, click on **library**.



Third, to locate a print source in our library enter a keyword, author's name or title in the online public access catalog. Click **search**. To retrieve peer-reviewed journal articles, enter a keyword in the Discover **GALILEO** search bar. Click **search**. **Discover GALILEO** allows you to search for articles in all databases simultaneously.

Accessing online content in GALILEO with OpenAthens

OpenAthens is a new, more secure way to access library and GALILEO resources using your existing email username and password. The GALILEO password will no longer be needed!

What is OPENAthens?

OpenAthens is an access management platform, allowing libraries to enable and monitor access to subscribed content. Access and authentication are managed simply, securely and effectively.

What will change?

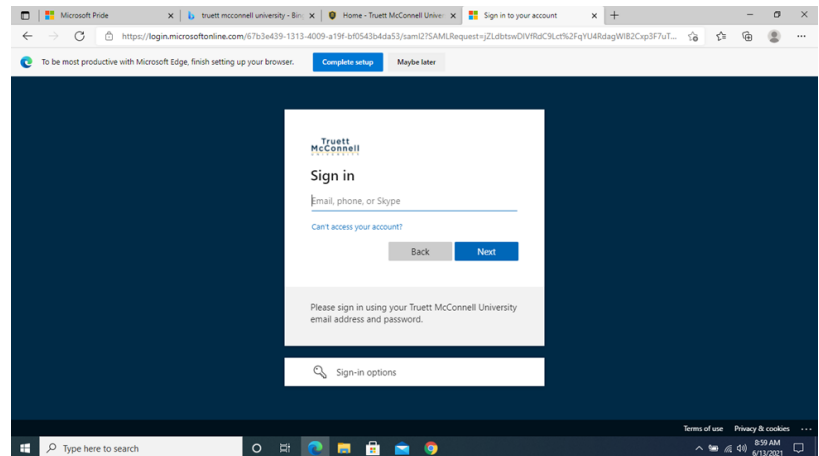
You will now be able to use your email username and password to access library databases when off campus. When off campus, you will only need to authenticate once to start an 8 hour long OpenAthens session. During that time you will not be asked to authenticate again. When off campus, you will be prompted to login when you access the GALILEO portal or when you click on a link to a database on the library web page.

While on campus, you'll continue to login to library databases via GALILEO automatically.

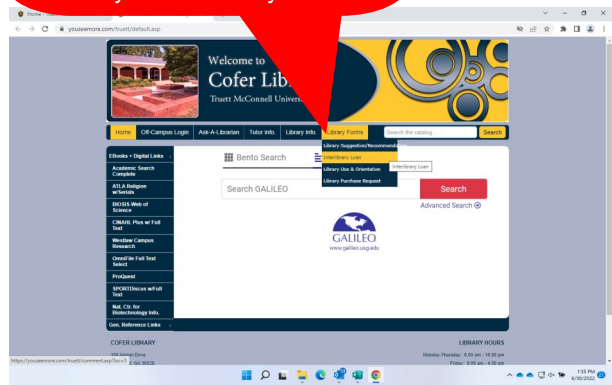
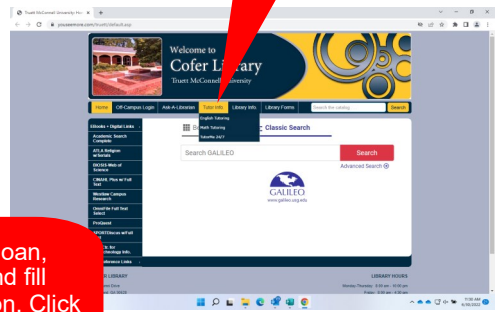
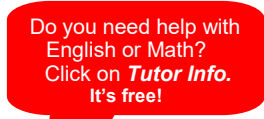
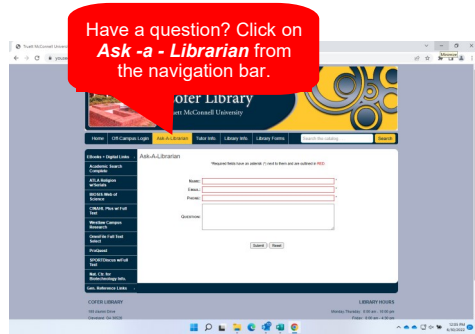
Merging MyEBSCOhost Accounts

If you had an existing MyEBSCOhost account prior to our migration to OpenAthens, this guide will walk you through the steps to merge the contents saved in your previous account with the newly created MyEBSCOhost account.

https://libguides.galileo.usg.edu/ld.php?content_id=51187665

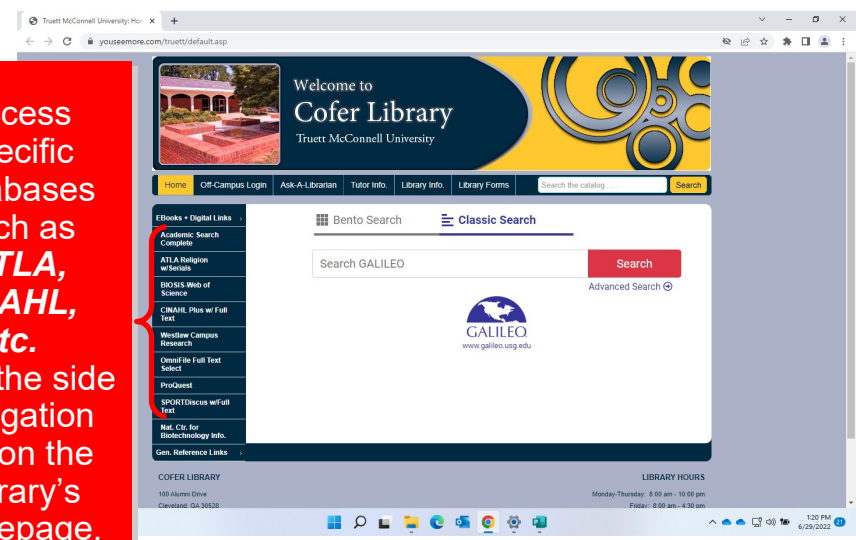


Do you have a question about our services? Do you need a tutor? Or, need to request an interlibrary loan?

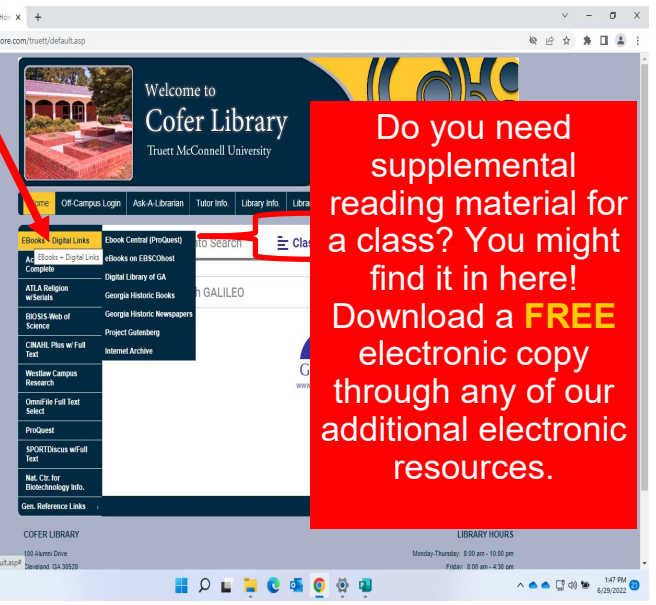


Accessing Specific Databases, E-Books, and more...

Access specific databases such as **ATLA**, **CINAHL**, etc. from the side navigation bar on the Library's homepage.



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