

LIBRARY RESOURCES



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CHEMISTRY PRELIM HELP SESSION

FINDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION

MNCAT

- When looking for books and encyclopedias in MNCAT, it's a good idea to think more broadly (*e.g.*, the type of chemistry rather than a specific molecule).
- To locate print chemistry-related encyclopedias in MNCAT, do a keyword search for *sciref chemistry encyclopedia*. This will work for locating other print materials in our reference collection (*e.g.*, *sciref colloids*).

SciFinder Scholar

- SciFinder Scholar makes it easy to find review articles. Just check "Review" under "Document Type" when you refine your search.
- Make use of Categorize to help narrow number of results.

Subject Guides

- Don't forget the subject guides (<http://www.lib.umn.edu/site/subjects.phtml>) for additional suggestions for resources like databases, encyclopedias, property data, and more. There are guides for analytical, inorganic, organic, physical, and polymer chemistry as well as biochemistry, materials science, and chemical engineering (*aka* engineering, chemical).

GETTING BOOKS AND ARTICLES NOT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

- Interlibrary Loan (<https://umn.illiad.oclc.org/illiad/logon.html>)
- Contact me if you need an article super fast. We have an arrangement for rush delivery available to IT affiliates.

ORGANIZING YOUR REFERENCES

EndNote

- Internet connection not required. Need to purchase software to install on your computer initially and for upgrades
- References are only accessible on your own computer
- Can link to pdfs on your desktop
- Can deal with image files

RefWorks

- Internet connection required. Access for anyone at U by signing up for free account. Updates automatically
- References are accessible from other computers besides your own
- Link to articles via FindIt button if available from U Libraries
- Said to be a little easier to learn
- Maintain access after graduation with personal subscription (about \$70/year) or transfer to another reference manager

WORKSHOPS

There is a SciFinder workshop on Wednesday, September 26 at 5 pm in Walter 310. The libraries have a number of RefWorks workshops coming up, starting on September 11 (see <http://www.lib.umn.edu/registration/#eventidXX75> for dates).

QUESTIONS? WANT TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR REQUEST A BOOK OR JOURNAL OR DATABASE?

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