

RMIS - Exercises related to resources for research

Try to explain:

- the difference between open access and web-based journals
- the difference between web-based journals and journals I access through my library's database subscriptions
- a journal's "impact factor"
- what makes a journal "prestigious"

Do you know:

- which articles and journals are most relevant to my work?
- some tools that help you to manage bibliographies and citations?
- what is a citational database?
- how to use Google scholar?

How can you determine if a particular title is a reputable scholarly journal? Look at a paper copy of a journal or visit its website. Does the journal:

- list an editorial board?
- contain instructions to authors that refer to a peer review process?
- publish articles that offer new theories, report primary results of research in an academic field, or summarize previous research?
- publish over a reasonably long period of time, or articulate a good reason for existing if it is new?
- get indexed in DOAJ or a disciplinary data base?