

Initial Information Need

Choose starting points based on the time coverage, comprehensiveness vs. topic specificity, publication types etc. covered a given database. Also, does the resource have the search functionality needed given the information you will begin your search with?

What's out there?

How do I use what I have to refine or broaden my search?

TOOLS

Current awareness tools deliver alerts to your email, based on subject keywords or journal titles. They are available from **IngentaConnect**, **ScienceDirect**, **Science.Gov** and **individual journals/publishers**. Also, RSS feeds, email lists, and web portals can provide similar information.

TOOLS

Find Articles using author, keywords in article title/abstract etc. in resources listed under **'Research Tools'** at wrclib.noaa.gov
Find Books using author, keywords in title, subject in library catalogs page at wrclib.noaa.gov.
For Reports, Proceedings, gray literature use a combination.

How do I find more and stay current?

Ask your Librarian as soon as you get stuck!

How do I get the material I found?

TOOLS

EndNote, ProCite, Reference Manager will work with all databases. (This software is licensed and downloadable to all NOAA users.) **Download at:** [NOAA IT Electronic Store](#) (NITES)
More information on library website under: **'Research Tools > EndNote, ProCite, Ref. Man.**

TOOLS

Obtain Articles using journal title and volume/year in **NOAA Seattle Journals database (Access journals), library catalogs, WorldCat, or interlibrary loan.**
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How do I keep track of what I read/cite?