

## MCKEE LIBRARY DATABASE TIP SHEET

# General Science Collection

General Science Collection provides researchers with information needed to stay current on the latest scientific developments.

## Conducting a Search



Select "Advanced Search" and enter your search terms in the boxes and click search.

### Advanced Search

Search Terms	
Terms	Field
Search for "wildlife conservation"	in Keyword
And plants	in Keyword
And	in Keyword

[Search](#) [Add a Row](#)

- Use the most important words and phrases of your research topic as keywords.
- Put phrases in quotation marks.
- If your results aren't relevant, try different combinations of keywords, including synonyms and related phrases.
- If you are finding too many results, use more specific search terms. If you are not finding enough results, consider using more broad search terms.



## Focus Your Results



You can focus your results using the field drop-down menu.

Terms		Field		Finc
Search for	"wildlife conservation"	in	Subject	
And	plants	in	Abstract	
And		in	Keyword	

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- Search in Abstract to locate your key terms in the articles summary paragraph.
- Search in Subject to locate your terms in the controlled vocabulary.



## Refine Results

Use the filters on the right side of your results to narrow by date, subjects, title, or document type.

**FILTER YOUR RESULTS**

Publication Date	Subjects	Document Type
Publication Title	Lexile Measure	Search Within

☒ Full Text Documents  
☐ Peer-Reviewed Journals  
☐ Document Contains Images

## Topic Finder

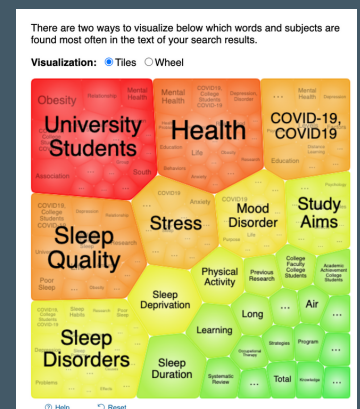
Discover topics and results related to your search.



Select "Start the Topic Finder" on the right side of the screen.



Enter your topic in the search bar or explore the term cluster (shown below).



## Explore the Item Record



Click on the title of the item of interest to access additional information, images, full-text options, and tools.

The screenshot shows a detailed record for an article. At the top, it lists authors (Long Zhao, Yinan Yang, Jinchao Chen, Xuelei Lin, Hao Zhang and Hao Wang), the journal (Genome Biology), and the date (Jan. 13, 2023). It also provides document type, length, and DOI. Below this is an abstract section titled 'Background' and 'Results', followed by a 'More Like This' section with related article titles and a 'Related Subjects' section listing topics like embryonic development and wildlife conservation.

- View important information like authors, publisher, publication, and more on the items record.
- In many cases, the location of the authors is helpful in figuring out where the research took place.
- The abstract is the summary paragraph. Reading this will give you a good indication on the item's topic.
- Pay attention to the keywords used in the resources you find most helpful.
- Use the related subjects to locate additional materials on your topic. Clicking on the subject term link will begin a new search.
- Need additional sources? Explore a relevant item's bibliography to find additional materials on your topic.



## Finding the Full Text



Click on the title of the item of interest.



Use the icons to save the full text to Google Drive, OneDrive, email it to yourself, or download by clicking on the appropriate icon.

This block contains five circular icons for saving or sharing: Google Drive, OneDrive, email, download, and print. To the right is a 'Library Links' section with a 'Find It' button.



- Download the PDF and save to your computer or bibliographic management tool.
- Full-text not available? We will get it for you for free through interlibrary loan. Click "Find It" to go to the interlibrary loan request page.

## Tools

A row of five icons: a citation icon, a paper plane for 'Send To...', a download icon, a printer for 'Print', and a chain link for 'Get Link'.

- Select cite to view the citation of the item in your chosen format. These citations should always be double-checked for accuracy.
- Download and print the full text.
- To save a link to the article, make sure to use the "Get Link" permalink icon.

A row of three icons: a translation icon (A with a cross), a font size adjustment icon (A with arrows), and a speaker icon for audio playback.

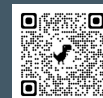
- Translate the article in another language
- Increase and decrease the font size.
- Change the display options by selecting "Aa".
- Select the speaker icon to listen to the article.

## Get Help

A vertical list of contact options, each with an icon: a globe for 'southern.edu/library', a speech bubble for 'Text: 423.381.8881', a telephone for 'Call: 423.236.2788', and an envelope for 'ask@southern.libanswers.com'.

### Research Coaching

Help finding sources and refining search results.



### Writing Center Tutoring

In-person or online appointments with a writing tutor.

