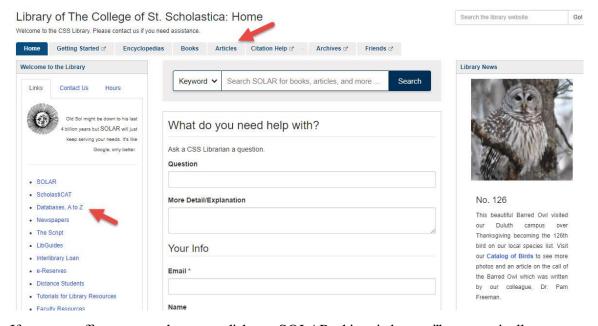# SOLAR for Biology
Searching Online Library Academic Resources

Solar allows you to search for books and videos in our Library's catalog and at the same time search for articles in all of our EBSCO brand databases as well as add in other resources. This makes searching for academic resources as easy as using Google, but be prepared to be overwhelmed! This tutorial will help you make the best use of this powerful resource.

Accessing SOLAR

Go to the Library Homepage css.edu/Library and select SOLAR.

If you are off campus, when you click on SOLAR, this window will automatically pop up:
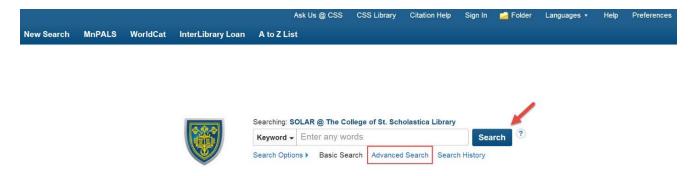

Enter your Novell username and password (what you use to log in to Brightspace, your CSS email, or any computer in a lab on campus).

**Note: If you have trouble logging in, please contact the IT help desk (helpdesk@css.edu or 218-723-7007).

Searching

Main Search Screen

Defaults to a basic keyword search, which is good for simple searches. Enter a search term and click on *Search*.

Advanced Search

Click on the *Advanced Search tab* to combine multiple ideas of your topic and also search by author, journal name, title, etc.

Results List

Click on the links in the left margin to refine your search results. A search history is created for you above the results; click on *View Results* for previous searches. You can also combine searches by clicking on their boxes and then selecting either *Search with AND* or *Search with OR*.

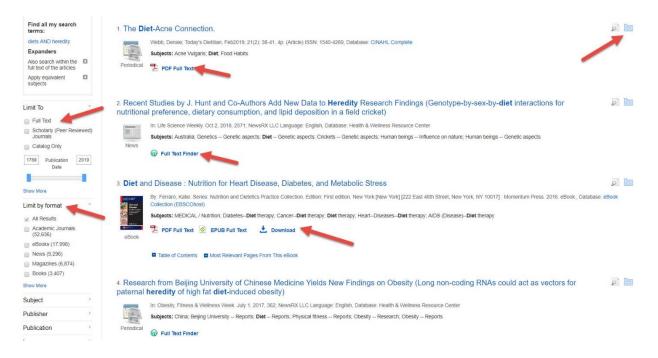Click on the blue title to view the article's information.

At the end of each citation you will see some of the following choices:

HTML Full Text – full-text of the article is available.

PDF Full Text – full-text of the article is available. The article opens in Adobe Acrobat Reader.

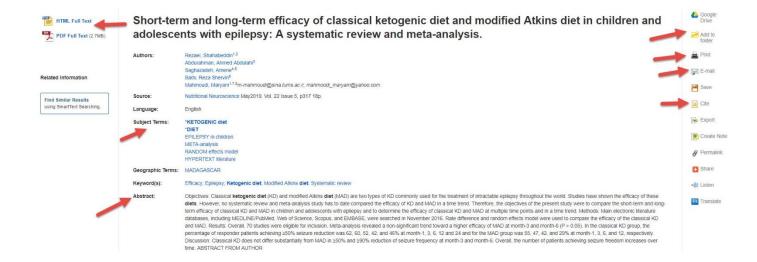*EPUB Full Text* – full-text of the ebook is available.

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Sample Article

Click on the links to the left to view the full-text of the article. Subject terms have been assigned to the article. These are links to other articles that have also been assigned these terms. Keep track of the articles you are interested in by adding them to your folder.

At any time you can click on your folder at the very top of your screen to view what you have added. From here you can print, email, or save all the articles you have collected.

If you select email, enter your email address in the *Email to:* space and to the right you can click on the *Citation Format* button and select APA to have these resources formatted in that style and sent to you in the body of the email.