Researching with Google Scholar

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Simply put, Google Scholar is the academic version of good ol' Google. The types of materials indexed include: "articles, theses, books, abstracts, and court opinions, from academic publishers, professional societies, online repositories, universities and other web sites." It will link you to materials available through libraries with which you are affiliated, and it provides features for organizing and maintaining your research. (Source: https://scholar.google.ca/intl/en/scholar/about.html)

Main menu
Located in the top-left corner, the main menu is your primary point of navigation to make changes to your account or settings, and to access some of Google Scholar’s tools and features. My profile allows you to set up a researcher profile in order to appear as a verified person in Google Scholar and to track citations to your published research. My library refers to your saved articles and records.

Settings
Customize your search and result settings, but most importantly set your Library Links to indicate when access is available via SAIT Library. If you’re on the SAIT network, the Library will automatically appear in the "Library Links" section. If you’re affiliated with any other institutions, type the institution name into the search bar to add access links.

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