

FINDING FREE ACCESS RESEARCH



Free, full text articles can be legally obtained through several resources, and with expanding open access initiatives, new resources are regularly emerging. Here are some ways to locate free or open access research:

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<p>ASHAWire</p>	<p><u>Journals</u>: Members of ASHA have free access to their journals, including: the American Journal of Audiology (AJA), the American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology (AJSLP), the Journal of Speech Language, and Hearing Research (JSLHR), and Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools (LSHSS).</p> <p><u>Perspectives</u>: Members of ASHA Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have access to Perspectives publications.</p> <p><u>Special Collections</u>: ASHA members have access to special collections of articles regarding timely topics. These collections include research articles across all publications on ASHAWire as well as additional resources from ASHA Leader magazine, the ASHA LeaderLive blog, and more.</p>
<p>Browser Extensions</p>	<p><u>CORE Discovery</u>: This extension provides access to freely accessible research when you hit a paywall.</p> <p><u>Mendeley Web Importer</u>: This plug-in imports citations, PDFs, webpages, etc. directly to your personal reference library. It also downloads any open access versions of articles that are available.</p> <p><u>Open Access Button</u>: This “bookmarklet” records instances of you hitting a paywall and suggests alternatives for locating an open access version of an article.</p> <p><u>Unpaywall</u>: This extension locates free, author-posted manuscripts when you open a link to a journal article that is behind a paywall.</p>
<p>Full-text Archives</p>	<p><u>JSTOR</u>: This repository includes many open access journal articles. Register for free as an independent researcher, and gain free monthly access to 100 articles.</p> <p><u>PubMed Central</u>: This archive includes many free, full text articles available from NIH's National Library of Medicine.</p> <p><u>Other full-text archives</u>: Additional examples of databases that offer free access to full-text articles from various journals include ScienceOpen, Social Science Research Network, and the Directory of Open Access Journals.</p>
<p>Google Scholar</p>	<p>This search engine indexes articles that are both open access and behind paywalls. Articles with available full texts provide a [HTML] or [PDF] link on the far right.</p>
<p>Libraries</p>	<p><u>Employer or institution libraries</u>: Large hospitals, institutions, or networks often subscribe to journals. Ask your employer if you have access through your workplace.</p> <p><u>Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Libraries</u>: This search platform hosts various print and online collections, with available filters for open access articles.</p> <p><u>University libraries</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>If you are affiliated with a university</u>, then you likely have access to full-text research articles via your library’s online database. If they do not have a copy of an article, you may request it from another library through interlibrary loan. • <u>If you are not affiliated with a university</u>, a university near you may offer limited public access passes to visit university libraries. Call ahead and discuss the potential for a public access pass with library staff.
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<p>Contact the Author</p>	<p>If you have exhausted all other resources and have still not located an open access version of the article, you can directly reach out to the corresponding author to politely request a copy of their article. The article page on the publisher’s website usually lists contact information for the corresponding author, often designated by an envelope icon.</p>

OPEN ACCESS RESEARCH INITIATIVES



Open access initiatives allow for greater dissemination of evidence-based information and increase access across a diverse body of disciplines. The following are resources for researchers interested in joining the open access movement:

cOAlition S: an international consortium of research funding organizations working towards making full and immediate open access to publications a reality.

CSDisseminate: a group of volunteer communication science and disorder (CSD) scientists and clinicians. This group strives to educate researchers on self-archiving and publishing in open access journals to increase clinician access to research in the CSD field. They also advocate for “green” open access, or self-archiving of earlier versions of manuscripts.

OASAP: an international coalition of open access publishers working towards encouraging and enabling open-access publishing across various disciplines.