This is a tutorial from the librarians at Lone Star College – North Harris. The purpose of this tutorial is to teach users how to search Google Scholar.

Google Scholar is a free database of books, journal articles, and other scholarly materials that Google makes available to Internet users. It is often a useful supplement to the materials available in print or on subscription databases at the library.

Begin your search by visiting Google Scholar at scholar.google.com.

Before we start searching, we’re going to activate one of the more useful features in Google Scholar. Click on Settings. Then click on Library links. Now type in Lone Star College. Click on the search button. Now check off Lone Star College System. Now click on Save.

This option requests that Google Scholar’s search results include materials accessible through Lone Star College System libraries.

Now we can begin searching. As an example, let’s look for information about safety issues related to using a cell phone while driving. Type cell phone driving into the search bar. Now click on the search button.

Here are our search results.

You can see the titles, authors, and summaries of articles on the page. The links to these articles are on the right. Note that when you see a link marked Texshare EBSCOhost, you’re looking at a link to resource available to you as a Lone Star College System libraries user.

To open any article, just click on the link. For example, the third article is entitled “Effects of Naturalistic Cell Phone Conversations on Driving Performance.” We can open that article by clicking on the link marked clemson.edu.