

# Page to Press to Peer Review

Finding Scholarly Information

“More information has been produced in the last 30 years than in the previous 5,000. About 1000 books are published internationally every day and the total of all printed knowledge doubles every eight years.”

~ Lange, Peter. *The Micro Revolution Revisited*.

London: Frances Pinter, 1984.

# Today

- As of 2007, over 1 million books are published internationally every year (~2700 per day!)<sup>1</sup>
- Google Books' scanner digitizes >1,000 pages every *hour*.<sup>2</sup>
- October 2009: Google announced that the number of scanned books is over 10 million.<sup>3</sup>

1. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Books\\_published\\_per\\_country\\_per\\_year](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Books_published_per_country_per_year)

2. *NYTimes Magazine*, [http://www.nytimes.com/2006/05/14/magazine/14publishing.html?\\_r=2&oref=slogin&pagewanted=all](http://www.nytimes.com/2006/05/14/magazine/14publishing.html?_r=2&oref=slogin&pagewanted=all)

3. <http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2009/10/tale-of-10000000-books.html>

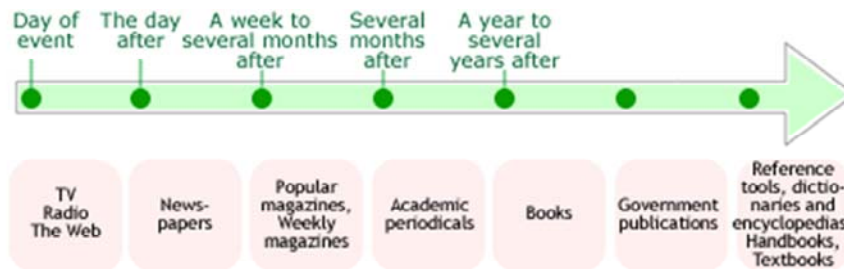
# **Learning Outcomes**

**During today's session, students will.....**

- Learn the differences between scholarly and non-scholarly publications.
- Gain an understanding of the scholarly publishing process
- Learn strategies in finding scholarly information

# Exercise

# Information Cycle Timeline



When researching a topic, taking time into consideration is important. "Scholarliness" is not always cut and dried, depending upon what information is available at a given time.

## Scholarly Publications

- Black and white text with simple fonts
- Few, if any, photographs
- Few, if any, advertisements
- Written by scholars - experts in the field
- Audience is also a scholar/expert or student
- Article goes through a peer review process
- Authors and their credentials are always given
- Uses jargon, assumes the reader has knowledge of the topic
- Articles contain many citations (end notes, foot notes, works cited)
- Purpose of the article is to share knowle

## Popular Publications

- Varied fonts and colors, on glossy paper
- Photographs are generally plentiful
- Many advertisements
- Written by free-lance and/or staff journalists
- The audience is the general public, probably without prior knowledge of the topic
- Authors may or may not be identified
- Sources are usually not identified
- Articles are reviewed in-house, usually by an editor

## Trade Publications

- Usually glossy and colorful
- Advertisements are for products and services used in the field
- Authors and audience are practitioners in the field
- Uses jargon, assuming the reader has prior knowledge
- Articles often give practical advice to practitioners

## Knowledge Creation Process

1. Researcher reads the literature
2. Researcher performs an experiment
3. Results are written up and submitted to a journal
4. Peer review process
5. Journal article published
6. Indexer reads article and assigns descriptors/subject headings to capture the main idea(s)

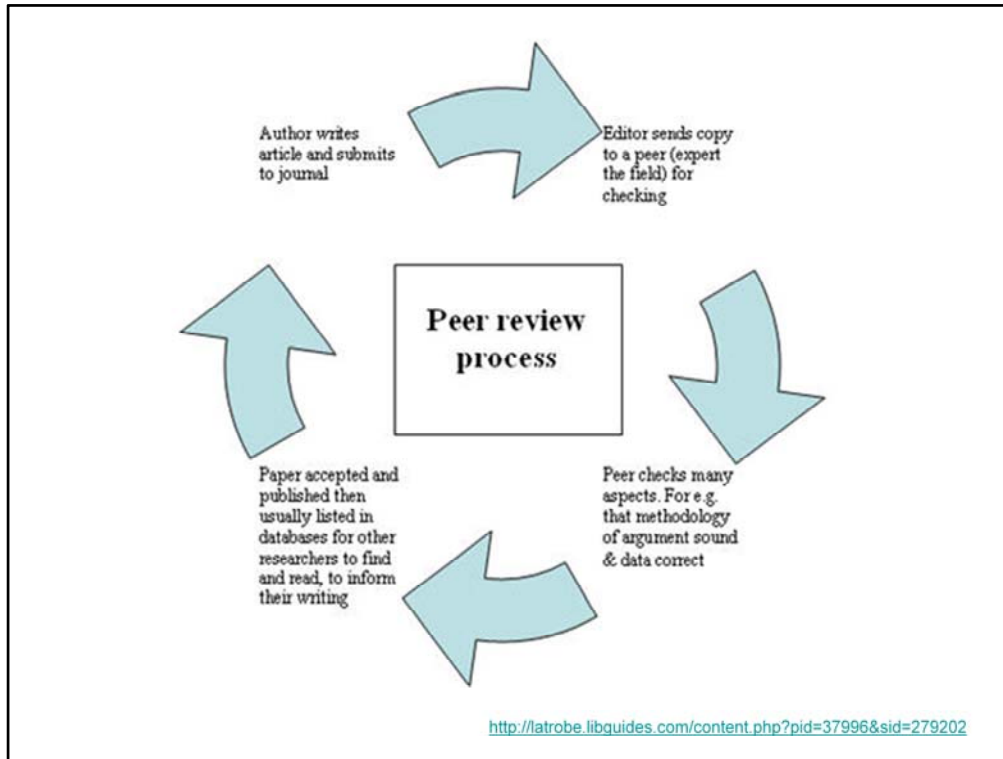
As scholars, we want to be diligent about putting solid, defensible information out into the world. A system of rigorous scholarship is in place to guarantee this as best we can.

## Steps in the Peer Review Process



Most scientists regarded the new streamlined peer-review process as 'quite an improvement.'

When writing a paper, have you ever felt like you're running the gauntlet? It's worse for those going through the PR process.



Simple model of the peer review process

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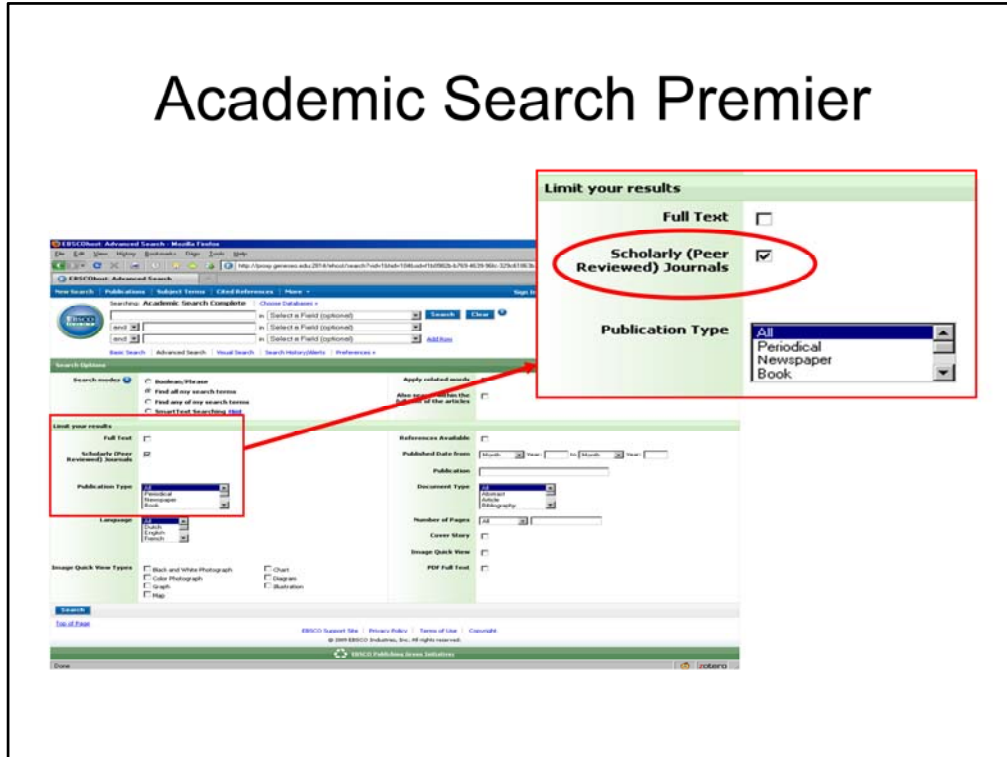
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