Now that each of you has been assigned a topic for writing a paper, it’s time to start working of them. Today’s class will give you the tools to search for research articles and find information on your specific topic. You need to know something about your topic before starting this exercise, so that you can make effective use of the searching services available at the library.

Your assignments in today’s class period are:
1) To learn how to search in the chemical literature.
2) Learn the location of the journals in the library.
3) Find 3 references to research relevant to your topic.
4) Locate those 3 articles either as electronic copies or in the paper journals.

The rules:
- Only one of the three articles may be a review article. I would prefer that none of them were.
- The publication dates of all 3 articles must be within the past 10 years (1998 to 2008).
- The publications must come from regular, refereed journals in the scientific literature. Journals may be outside of chemistry as long as they are related to your topic (i.e., physics or materials science are o.k.).

On Monday, 6 October you will submit the 3 references as graded homework. For each reference, please supply authors, journal name, title of article, volume of journal, page numbers, and year of publication. You do not need to submit the articles, only the references.

For example: