

# Citation Management

WITH ZOTERO



**Brock University Library**  
Digital Scholarship Lab

# Welcome!

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# Agenda

- Why?
- Setup
- The Three Phases!
- Killer Features
- Zotero for Students

The Zotero logo, featuring the word "zotero" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. The letter "z" is red, and the remaining letters "otero" are black.

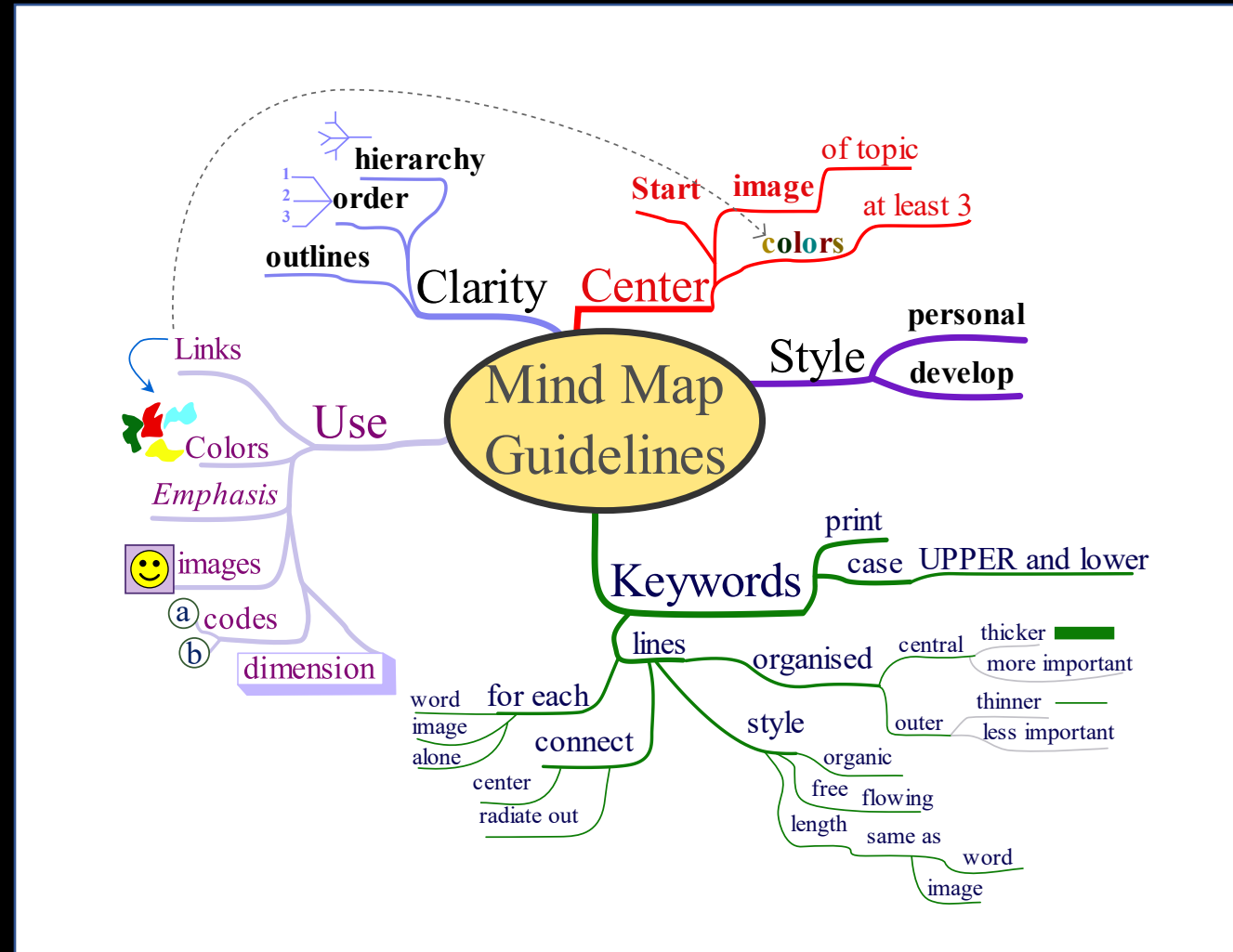
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research assistant

Zotero is a free, easy-to-use tool to help you  
collect, organize, cite, and share research.

# Quick Questions about Citations

- How do you keep track of citations presently? (OR, Tim I have no idea what you're talking about)
- Have you heard of Zotero before?

# Mind Map your Research!



# Why Zotero?



## Mendeley Blog

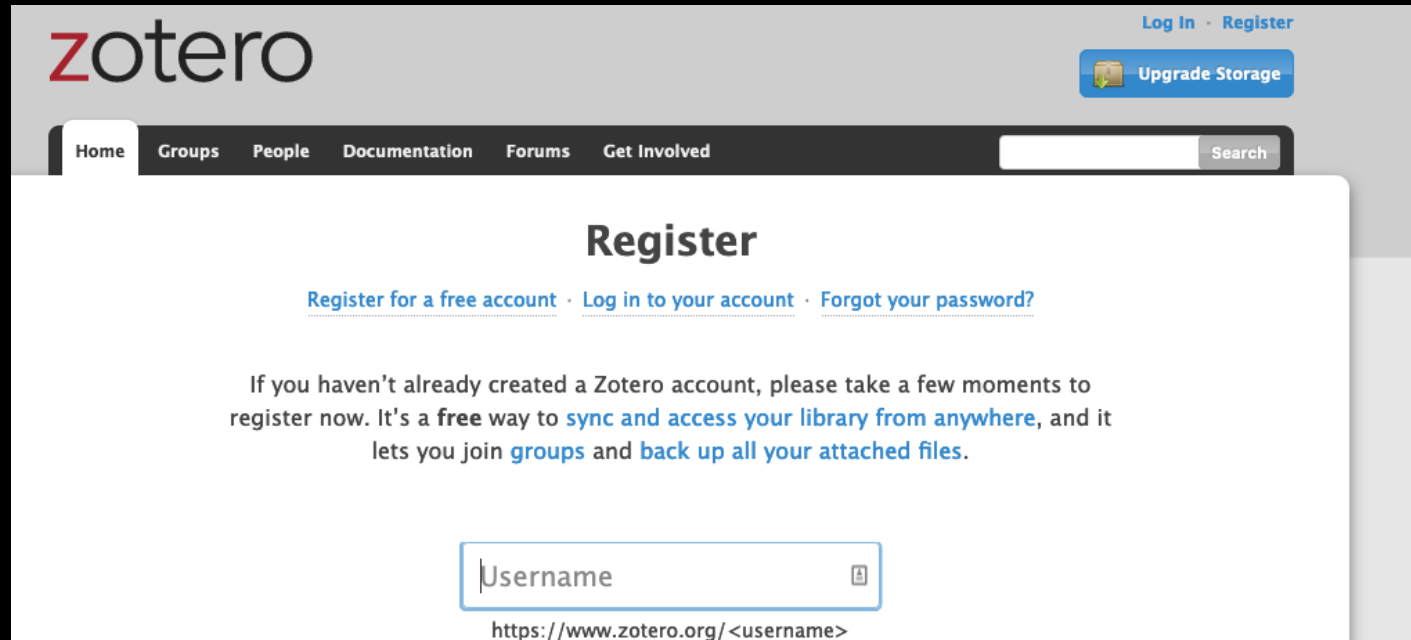
ORGANIZE, SHARE, DISCOVER ACADEMIC KNOWLEDGE

We've listened to our users and are refocusing on what's important to them

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# Setup Zotero

- Free as in beer & speech
- No direct cost to you



The screenshot shows the Zotero website's registration page. At the top, the Zotero logo is on the left, and links for "Log In" and "Register" are on the right. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for "Home", "Groups", "People", "Documentation", "Forums", and "Get Involved". A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "Register" and includes links for "Register for a free account", "Log in to your account", and "Forgot your password?". A paragraph explains the benefits of creating an account, such as syncing and accessing the library from anywhere. At the bottom, there is a text input field for a username and a URL template: `https://www.zotero.org/<username>`.

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Log In · Register

Upgrade Storage

Home Groups People Documentation Forums Get Involved Search

## Register

[Register for a free account](#) · [Log in to your account](#) · [Forgot your password?](#)


If you haven't already created a Zotero account, please take a few moments to register now. It's a **free** way to [sync and access your library from anywhere](#), and it lets you join [groups](#) and [back up all your attached files](#).

Username

`https://www.zotero.org/<username>`

# Setup Zotero

- You'll need 3 pieces
  - Client
  - Connector
  - Processor Plugin




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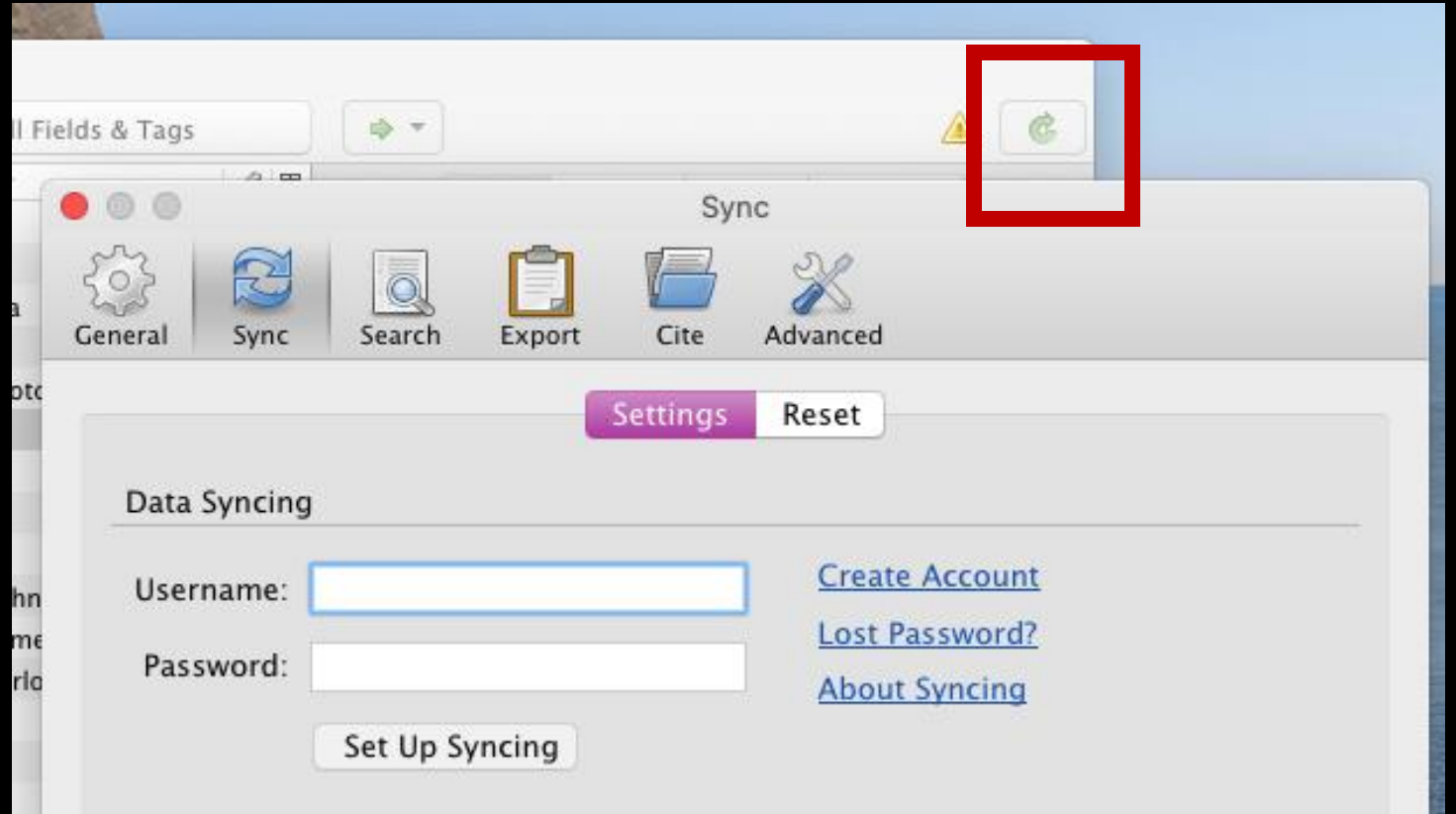
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# Setup Zotero

- Start the Client
- Click the green arrow
- Add in your dets



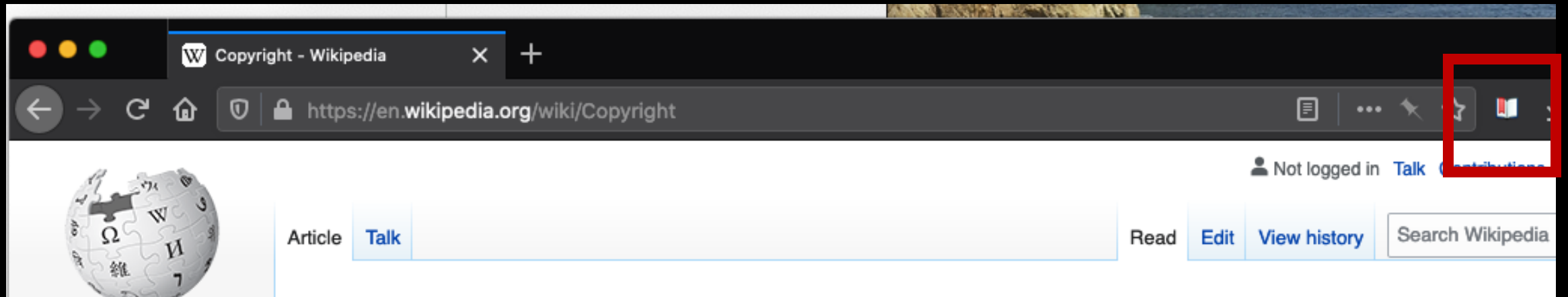
# The Three Phases!

- Gathering Research
- Reviewing Research
- Reusing Research

# Gathering Research

- Or how do we get stuff into Zotero
  - Manually
  - With 'Magic' numbers
  - Using the Extension!

# Gathering Research



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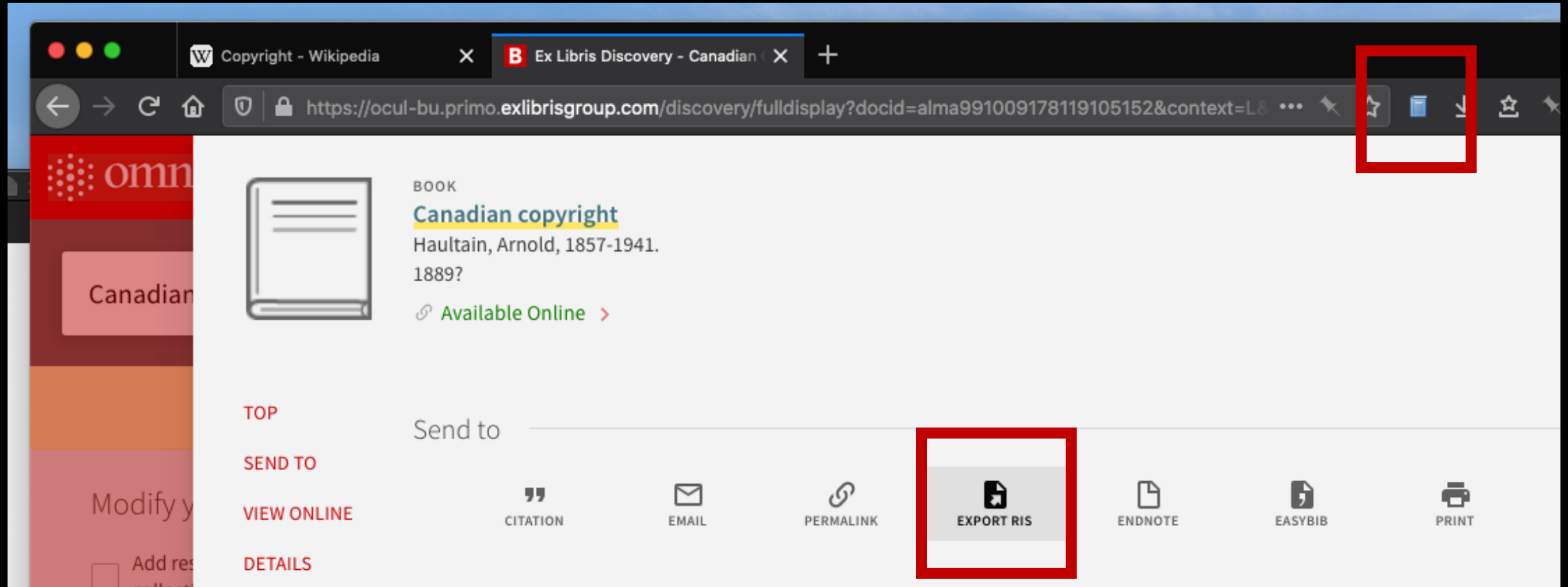
The screenshot displays the Zotero application window. On the left, a sidebar shows a hierarchical library structure with folders like 'My Library', 'C Chapter', and 'Copyright Resources'. The main pane shows a list of items with columns for Title and Creator. The right pane provides a detailed view of the selected item, including its type, title, author, and abstract.

Title	Creator
Copyright	
Facebook's Privacy Trainwreck	Boyd
Five decisions in one day: the Supreme Court of Canada t...	Harding
MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT IN FACEBOOK LEARNING ENV...	Jenny WANG et al.

**Item Details:**

- Item Type: Encyclopedia Article
- Title: Copyright
- Author (full name):
- Abstract: Copyright is a type of intellectual property that gives its owner the exclusive right to make copies of a creative work, usually for a limited time. The creative work may be in a literary, artistic, educational, or musical form. Copyright is intended to protect the original expression of an idea in the form of a creative work, but not the idea itself. A copyright is subject to limitations based on public interest considerations, such as the fair use doctrine in the United States. Some jurisdictions require "fixing" copyrighted works in a tangible form.

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Canadian copyright	Haultain
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▶ MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT IN FACEBOOK LEARNING ENV...	Jenny WANG et al.

The right pane shows the 'Info' tab for the selected item 'Canadian copyright' by Haultain, Arnold. The details include:

- Item Type: Book
- Title: Canadian copyright
- Author: Haultain, Arnold
- Abstract: CIHM/ICMH Digital series = CIHM/ICMH collection numérisée ; no. 56735
- Series Number:
- Volume:
- # of Volumes:
- Edition:
- Place: London [Ont
- Publisher: JSVirtue
- Date: 1889
- # of Pages:
- Language: eng
- ISBN: 978-0-665-56735-3
- Short Title:
- URL:
- Accessed:

# Reviewing Research

- Or what do we do with things once they are in Zotero
  - Tags & Notes
  - Collections
  - Annotate PDFs

# Reviewing Research

The screenshot shows the Zotero application window. The left sidebar displays the 'My Library' structure with folders like 'C Chapter', 'Copyright Resources', and 'Videos'. Below this is a list of tags including 'Arduino (Programmable controller)', 'C (Computer program language)', 'Electronic books', and 'Programmable controllers'. The main pane shows a table of items with columns for Title and Creator. The item '21st Century C' is selected. The right pane shows the 'Info' tab for this item, displaying its title, author, abstract, and various metadata fields.

Title	Creator
▶ 21st Century C	
▶ Beginning C for Arduino learn C programming for the Ar...	Purdum and Springer...
▶ Beginning C from novice to professional	Horton and SpringerL...
▶ C programming for the absolute beginner the fun way to ...	Vine and NetLibrary, I...
▶ The C programming language	Kernighan
▶ The Underhanded C Contest	

**Info** | Notes | Tags | Related

Item Type: Book

Title: 21st Century C

Author: (full name)

Abstract: Throw out your old ideas of C, and relearn a programming language that's substantially outgrown its origins. With 21st Century C, you'll learn how to dump old habits that made sense on mainframes, and pick up the tools you need to use...

Series

Series Number

Volume

# of Volumes

Edition

Place

Publisher

Date

# of Pages

Language

# Reusing Research

- OR How we can put citations into your papers

# Reusing Research



The screenshot shows the Zotero website's Documentation page. The Zotero logo is at the top left. A navigation bar contains links for Home, Groups, People, Documentation (which is active), Forums, and Get Involved. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads 'start > word processor integration'. A language selection bar shows 'Translations of this page:' followed by a row of language codes: en, ar, cs, da, de, es, fa, fr, hbs, hu, id, it, ja, ko, nl, pl, pt, ru, sl, sv, tr, and zh. The main heading is 'Word Processor Plugins'. The text explains that word processor plugins are the most powerful way to automatically generate bibliographies, available for Microsoft Word, LibreOffice, and Google Docs. It describes how these plugins create dynamic bibliographies by inserting in-text citations and automatically updating them. To get started, it provides a list of links: 'Using the Zotero Word Plugin', 'Using the Zotero LibreOffice Plugin', 'Using Zotero with Google Docs', and 'Troubleshooting'. At the bottom, it mentions that 'Third-party plugins' are also available for integrating Zotero with other word processors and writing systems.

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Home Groups People Documentation Forums Get Involved

[start](#) > [word processor integration](#)

Translations of this page: [en](#) [ar](#) [cs](#) [da](#) [de](#) [es](#) [fa](#) [fr](#) [hbs](#) [hu](#) [id](#) [it](#) [ja](#) [ko](#) [nl](#) [pl](#) [pt](#) [ru](#) [sl](#) [sv](#) [tr](#) [zh](#)

## Word Processor Plugins

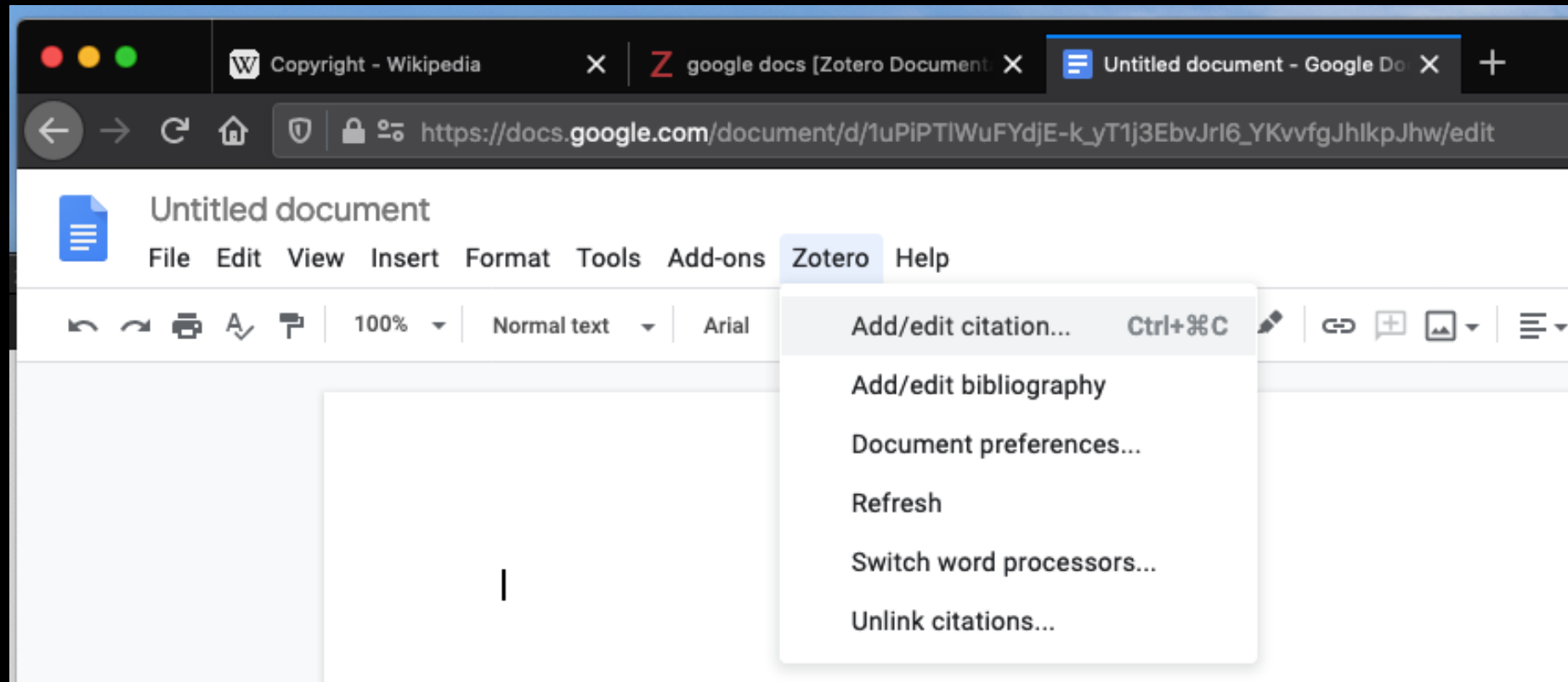
Of the different ways to automatically [generate bibliographies](#) (as well as in-text citations and footnotes), the easy-to-use word processor plugins are the most powerful. These plugins, available for Microsoft Word, LibreOffice, and Google Docs, create dynamic bibliographies: insert a new in-text citation in your manuscript, and the bibliography will be automatically updated to include the cited item. Correct the title of an item in your Zotero library and with a click of a button the change will be incorporated in your documents.

To get started with these plugins, check out the following links:

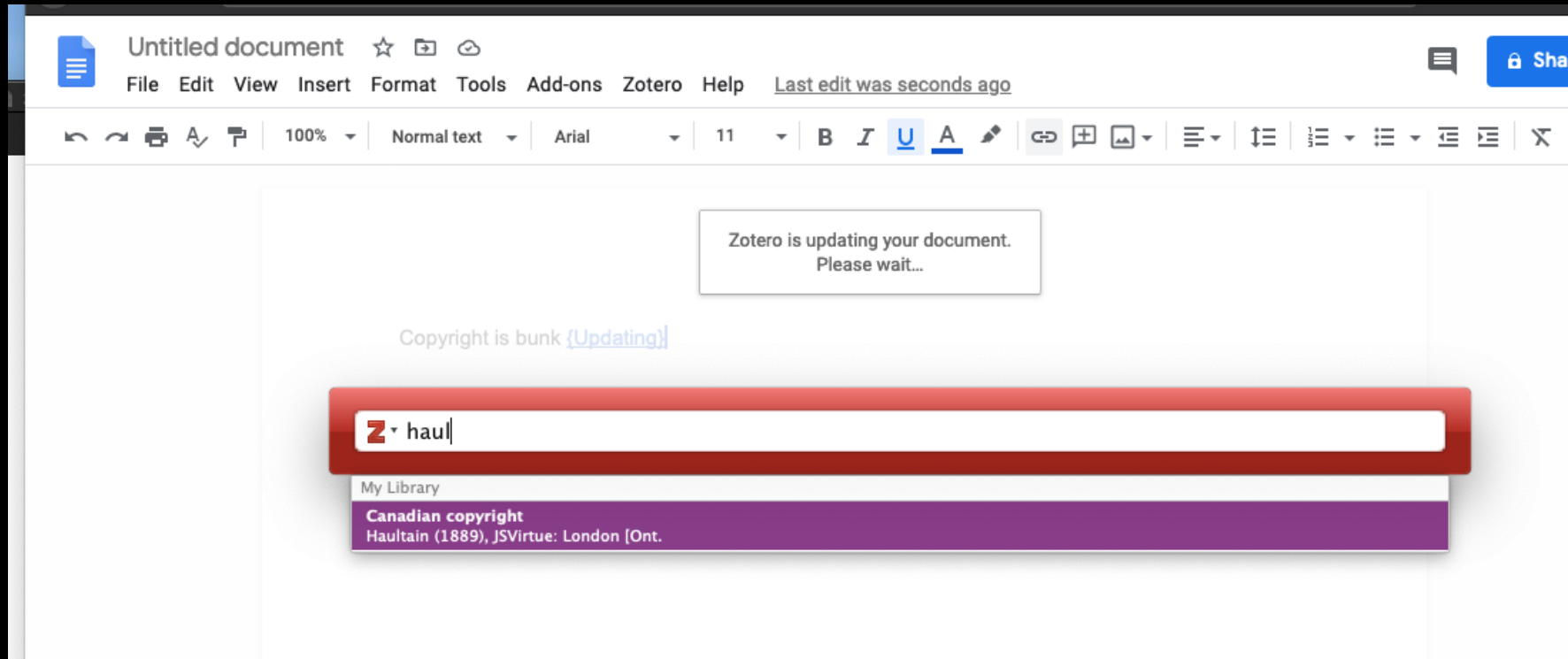
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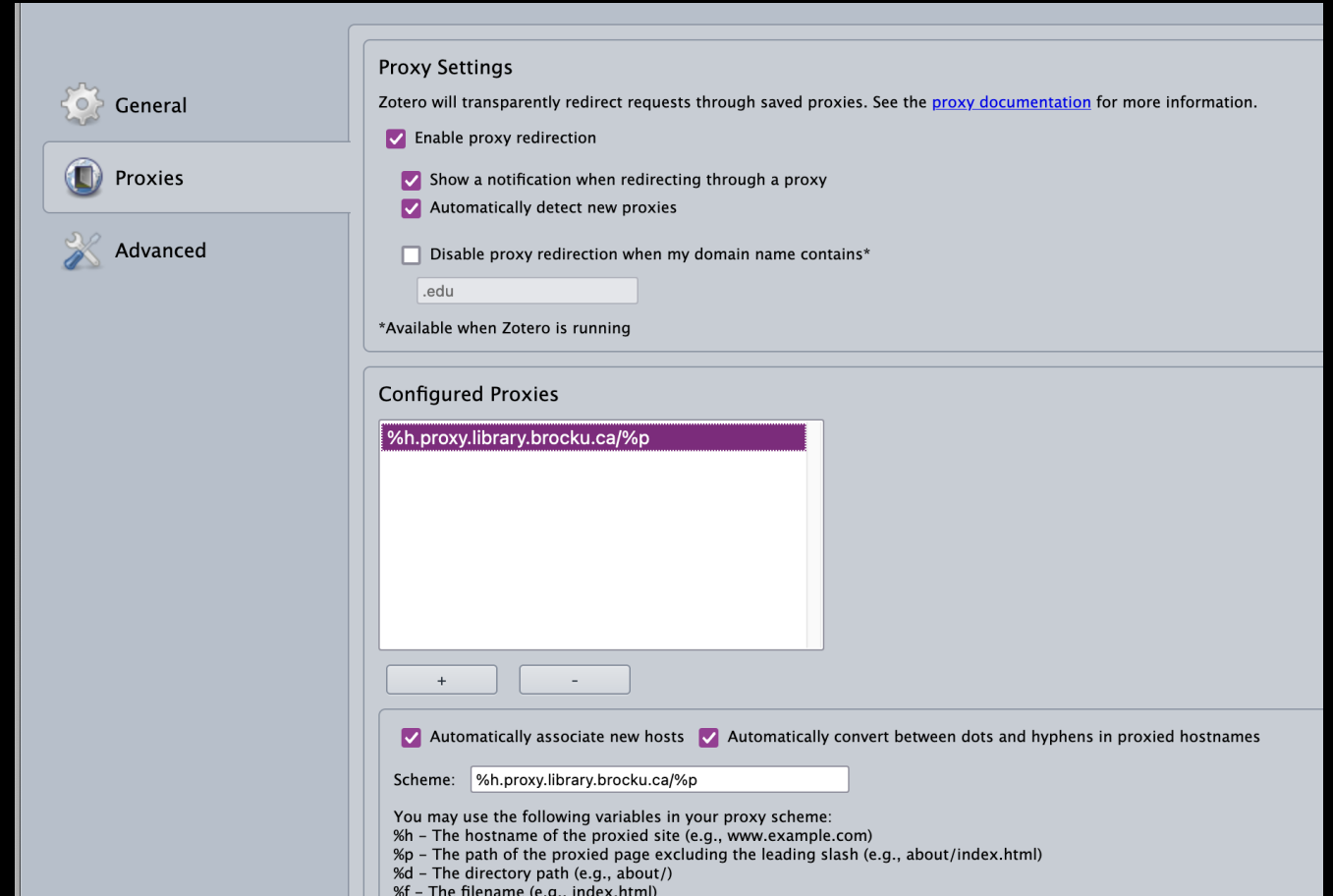


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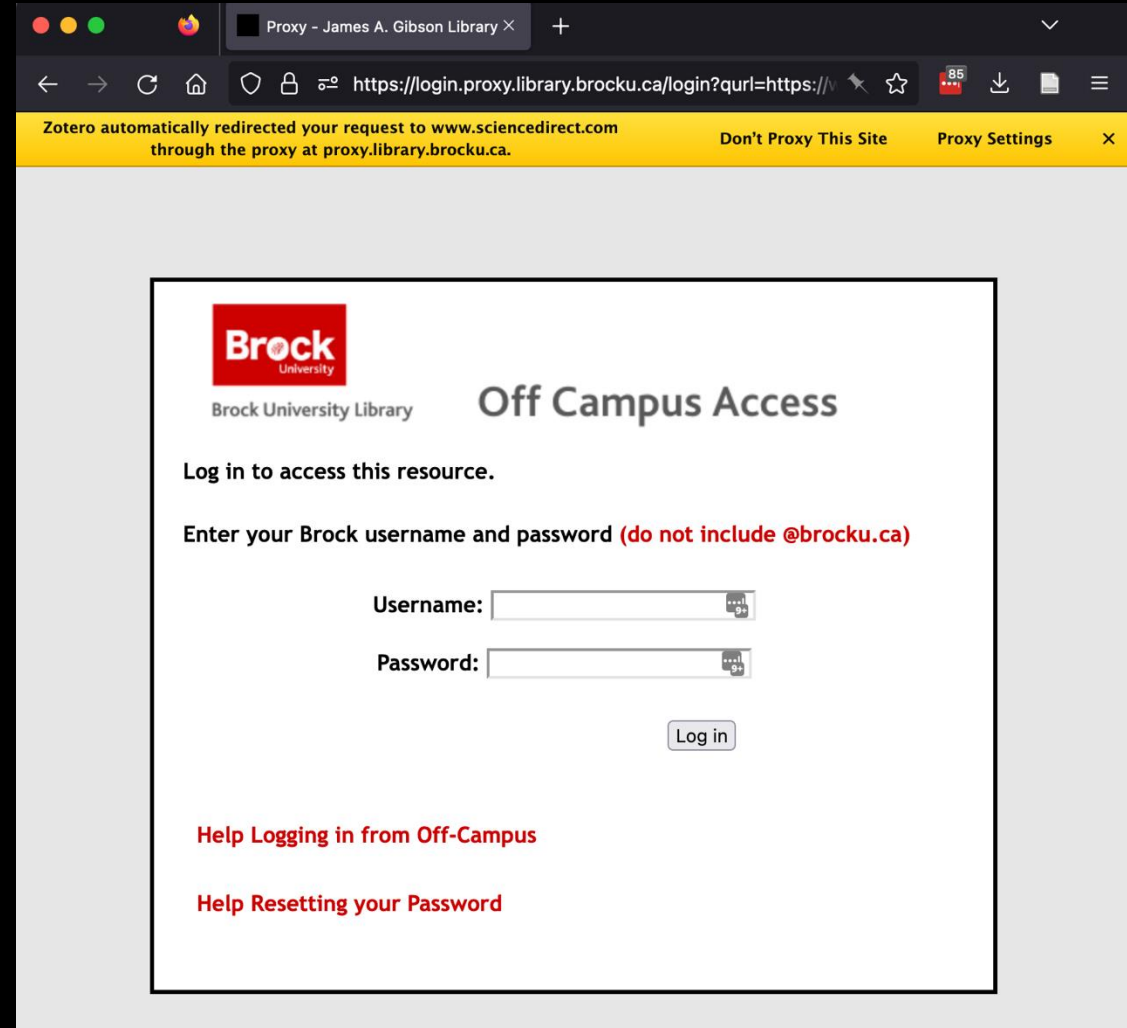
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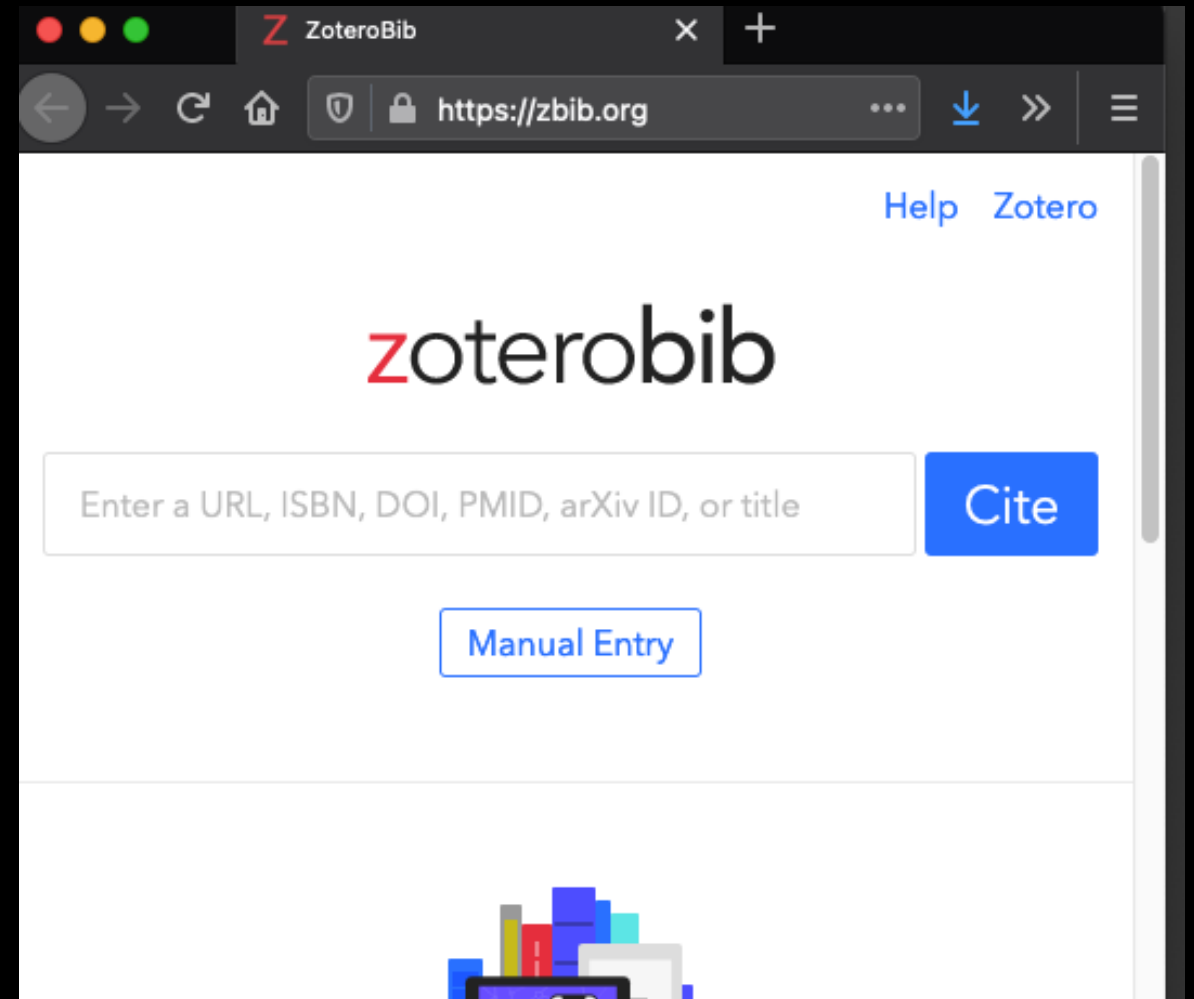
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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Proxy - James A. Gibson Library". The address bar shows the URL "https://login.proxy.library.brocku.ca/login?url=https://". A yellow banner at the top of the page states: "Zotero automatically redirected your request to www.sciencedirect.com through the proxy at proxy.library.brocku.ca." with links for "Don't Proxy This Site" and "Proxy Settings". The main content area is titled "Off Campus Access" and features the Brock University Library logo. It instructs users to "Log in to access this resource." and to "Enter your Brock username and password (do not include @brocku.ca)". There are input fields for "Username:" and "Password:", each with a small icon to its right. Below these fields is a "Log in" button. At the bottom, there are two links: "Help Logging in from Off-Campus" and "Help Resetting your Password".

# I don't have time for Zotero right now!

- Need a quick bibliography?  
Try zbib.org



# Why Zotero?

Seriously, use Zotero

# Zotero for Students

- Went through this myself just recently and now still in my work as a Phd student
- You'll be hit with a wall of citations as you progress through the program
- Recall & Re-use & Building on these will be critical!
- It is always worth your time to keep Zotero in your workflow!

# Zotero for Students

- Create a *Collection* for each class & each paper
- Be very verbose with your tags
  - What it is about
  - Where you found it
  - What type of thing
- Be very verbose with your notes
- **Always** put stuff in it, even if it is a webpage or other non-traditional item

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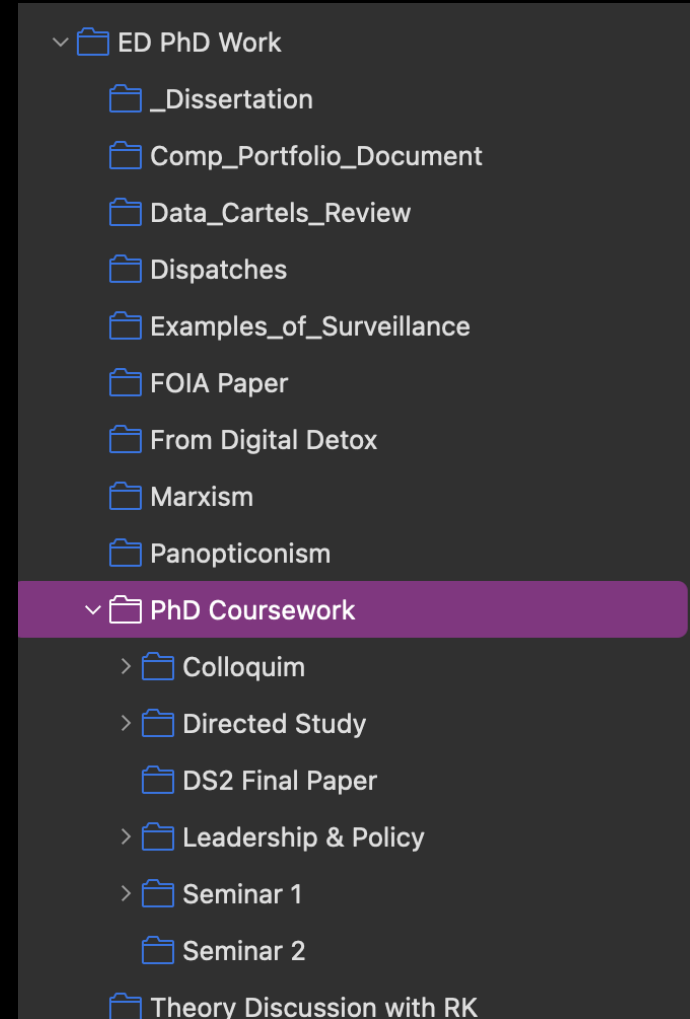
- **Always** write your paper using the plugin for Word / Google Docs
- Annotate! Annotate!
- Spend time **pruning** your Zotero library

# Ah-hem

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academic-freedom Access to Education Accountability  
Activism Administrative Organization Admission Criteria  
Advocacy AF To\_Read Archaeology

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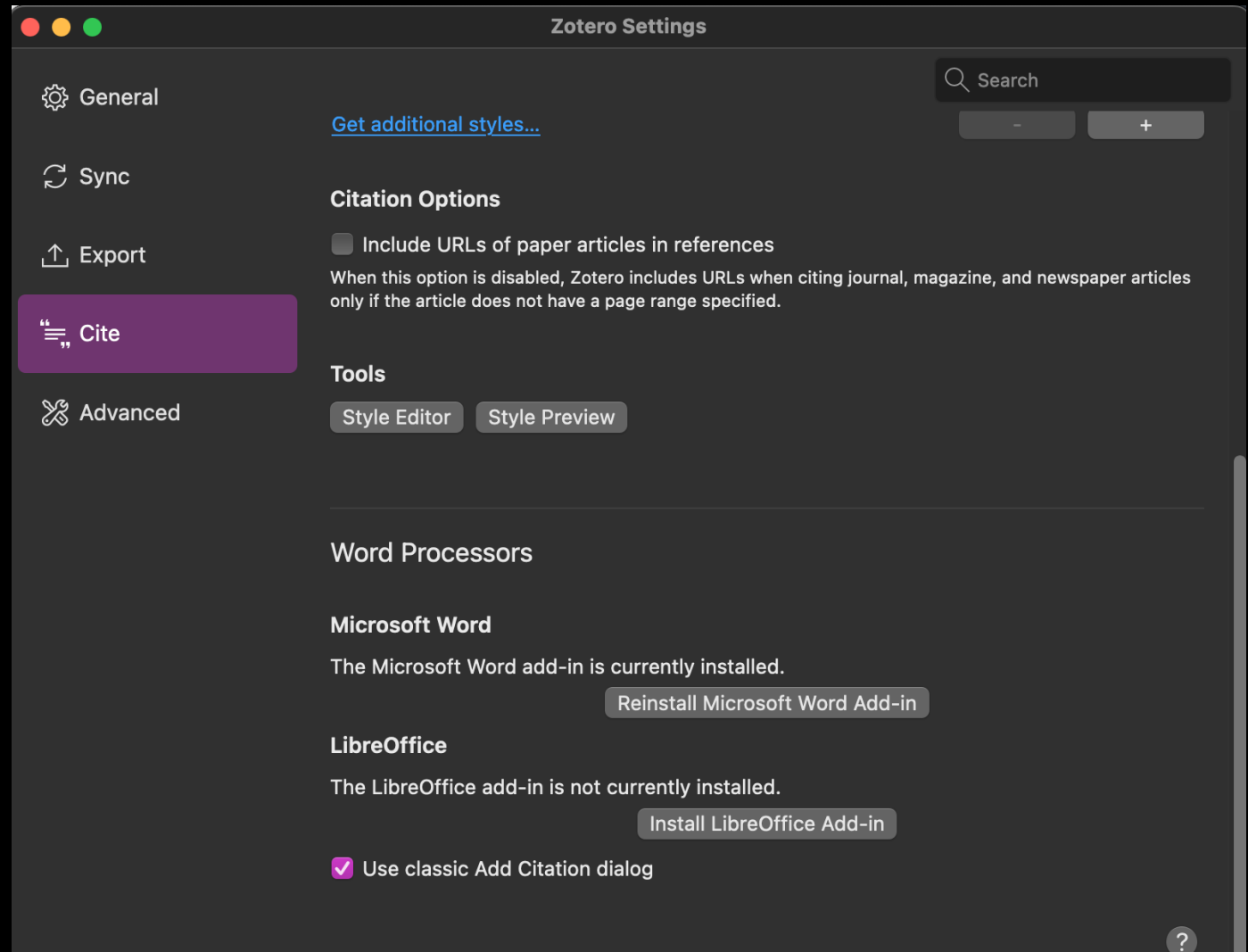
- Being pedantic is great!





# Zotero for Students

- Enable 'Use classic'



# Try it yourself?

- Sign up for Account
- Download Install
- Sync
- Add citation from Wikipedia & tag it
- Add citation from OMNI & tag it
- Generate a paper with a citation
- Email it to [tribaric@brocku.ca](mailto:tribaric@brocku.ca)

# Thanks!

- To appreciate it you need to try it.
- Start now so it'll follow you during your whole career
- More help at our tutorial: <https://brockdsl.github.io/A-Step-by-Step-Guide-to-Zotero/>