Learn the Terms

Scholarly
Information created by scholars who are experts in their field. It involves formal study or research.

Peer Review
A process by which editors have experts in a field review books or articles submitted for publication by the experts’ peers. Peer review helps to ensure the quality of an information source.

Subject Heading
A word that describes the subject of an article or book, used in many computer databases.

Abstract
A summary or brief description of the content of an article.

Catalog
An online database listing with descriptions of the books, journals, films, and other materials held by a library.

Database
A collection of information stored in an electronic format that can be searched by a computer.

Journal
A publication, issued on a regular basis, which contains scholarly research published as articles, papers, research reports, or technical reports. Also known as a periodical.