

# Intro to Zotero and Efficient Literature Review Practices

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# Motivation

- Efficient
- Organized
- Collaborative
- Automated



# Citation Managers

Common citation managers:

- Zotero
- Mendeley
- Endnote
- RefWorks



Comparisons of citation managers:

1. [University of Minnesota Libraries \(umn.edu\)](http://umn.edu)
2. [Guides at Penn Libraries \(upenn.edu\)](http://upenn.edu)



ProQuest  
RefWorks

# Library reload

[Remote access to online materials | University of Minnesota Libraries \(umn.edu\)](#)

- Drag the “[Reload via U of M Libs](#)” button into your bookmarks toolbar.

# Download Zotero

Zotero | Downloads; <https://www.zotero.org/download/>

# Zotero Connector

[Zotero | Connectors](#);

<https://www.zotero.org/download/connectors>

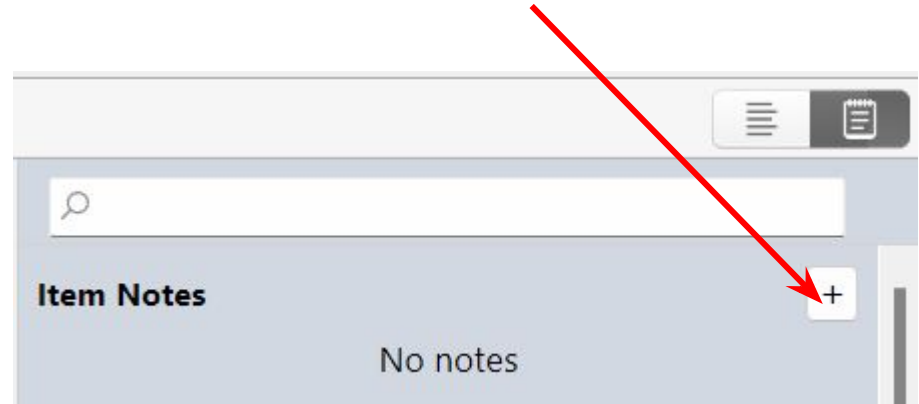
Zotero Connectors are web browser extensions that allow you to download papers and their information into Zotero with the push of a button.

# Tags

- Try to have a consistent system for organizing with tags
- My broad categories:
  - Project/class
  - Topic
  - Location
- Some papers will import with their own tags which you may find helpful or may wish to delete
- Can rename tags later on if duplicates arise

# Notes

- Will automatically cite direct quotes you pull out of papers
- “Add Item Note from Annotations” will automatically collect sections you’ve highlighted/annotated and compile them into a notes document.





# Group Libraries

- To create a group library, go to the [Zotero.org](https://www.zotero.org) website and click the Groups tab > “Create a New Group.”
- Add members using their email addresses.
- The group should now appear in your Zotero libraries online and on the app.

# Google Docs and Word Extensions

- [google docs \[Zotero Documentation\]; https://www.zotero.org/support/google\\_docs](https://www.zotero.org/support/google_docs)
- [word processor plugin usage \[Zotero Documentation\]; https://www.zotero.org/support/word\\_processor\\_plugin\\_usage](https://www.zotero.org/support/word_processor_plugin_usage)

# Exporting bibliography

- Click the Library or Collection you would like to export
  - Right-click > Export library/collection
  - Can choose Bibtex format
- BetterBibtex
  - Helpful for those using LaTeX, RMarkdown, or Quarto
  - [Better BibTeX for Zotero :: Better BibTeX for Zotero \(retorque.re\)](#)
  - [Automatic export :: Better BibTeX for Zotero \(retorque.re\)](#)

Thank you! Questions?