Review of:

The Internet Archive

Scholar. *Access:* http://scholar.archive.org/

"As its name suggests, The Internet Archive (IA) Scholar is a new initiative from the eminent digital library and preservation organization aimed at exposing archived scholarly works via a familiar-looking, one line search interface. Items in IA Scholar are drawn from public web content archived with the organization's Wayback Machine and Archive-It services, digitized print and microform sources scanned by the Archive and its partners, and materials hosted in the general collections on archive.org. Full-text searching is supported where available.

The user interface will be familiar to anyone accustomed to Google Scholar. A one-line search bar serves as the only point of entry, with results flanked by a set of simple limiters on one side (publication date, item type, and full-text availability) and any available full-text links on the other. Though it lacks an "advanced search" interface, IA Scholar does support options like field searching and negation within its single-line query syntax (details are available in the **site's user guide**).

In accordance with the Internet Archive's values of openness and accessibility, IA Scholar is built on open research infrastructure from, among others, Unpaywall, Crossref, and the Directory of Open Access Journals, and the source code is available under a GNU Affero General Public License. On the

back end, it makes use of another Internet Archive service: Fatcat, a publicly editable catalog of scholarly publications.

It is important to note that IA Scholar has only recently moved into its beta phase and is still under development. Metadata is being improved and users may experience issues, such as duplicate records or file mismatches. The current best use case for the service is locating the full text of known items identified through other means. Recently, I was quickly able to locate PDFs of several out-of-copyright publications that were not easily accessible elsewhere. Indeed, statements from the developers indicate that IA Scholar is being built to excel at this type of task.

As a simple and powerful gateway to the troves of materials hosted by Internet Archive, IA Scholar is undoubtedly a worthy addition to any librarian's bag of tricks, and with additional features and metadata improvements, it could become a preferred tool for savvy users, as well.—*Zachary Sharrow, College of Wooster, zsharrow@wooster.edu*"

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