SCHOLARLY VS. POPULAR ARTICLES

What’s the difference?!
Scholarly Journals

- Written for professionals
- Exists to communicate information
- Information presented will be unbiased
- Written by scholars or researchers in the field or discipline
- Generally published by a professional organization
- Contain bibliographies or footnotes
- They can be also known as Academic or Peer-Reviewed Journals
Popular Magazines

- Written for general population
- Exists to make a profit
- Attractive
- Authors may be on staff and appear from issue to issue; expertise not indicated
- Sources are rarely cited
- More opinions and personal stories
Both scholarly and popular publications have their place in college research. Regardless of the nature of your research paper, it is important to know the difference. Knowing the difference will help you gather information and contribute to the conversation.
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