

## STNEasy (Biosis)

**Questions?? Ask your Librarian!! Beth Transue**

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**What is STNEasy?** A vendor that provides specialized databases on a pay-as-you-go basis. Among these databases are BIOSIS (Biological Abstracts). **Biological Abstracts** is the most comprehensive bibliographic database of the Biological Sciences literature.

### How to access STNEasy:

- Go to Messiah Library Homepage, Select Databases, Select Sciences and Health-Biology, Select BIOSIS, Select STNEasy.

### BEFORE Searching: Select a Database:

1. Click on "Select a Category". The database categories will appear.
2. Click the file folder next to the category:
  - For *BIOSIS* or *SciSearch*, select Life Sciences category
3. Verify that the box for the database you want is checked. Click OK.

**SEARCHING TIP:** *Because these databases charge for the initial search, but do not charge to refine the search, start with a broad search and then refine or narrow the search parameters.*

### Costs (to Messiah) to search BIOSIS:

Search - \$2.00

Refine Search – FREE

Open Record (to get citation information or link to Full Text) - \$2.95 per record

Basic Search	STNEasy
Search <b>keywords</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Type keyword, Search</li></ul>
Refine Search	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Click Refine Your Search</li></ul>
Truncation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To search for plurals add # to word</li><li>• To fully truncate, add ? to word</li></ul>
Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select drop down field:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Publication Years</li><li>○ Language</li></ul></li></ul>

<b>Advanced Search</b>	<b>STNEasy</b>
Search <b>within fields</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Author</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Title</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Journal</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Chemical name</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change dropdown menu from “words” to desired field.</li> <li>• Complete search terms. Browse search terms if not sure of keywords to use.</li> </ul>
Search from Registry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enter Chemical Registry</li> <li>• Select Chemical References link</li> </ul>

<b>Navigation</b>	<b>STNEasy</b>
<b>Display records</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ REMEMBER: there is a charge per record to display a record</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To open one item, click on title</li> <li>• To open more than one item, select checkboxes next to each title. Click Display Answers</li> </ul>
Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select Full-Text Options button</li> <li>• Select free full text option if available</li> <li>• If not available full-text, browse Periodicals List in Messiah Library homepage to determine if owned by Messiah in another database or in print</li> <li>• If not available at Messiah, request Interlibrary Loan</li> <li>• Do NOT order document through STNEasy</li> </ul>
<b>Save results</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Select Search History in left menu</li> <li>• Choose format for search history. RTF will allow you to edit document</li> <li>• Save document</li> </ul>
<b>Refworks export</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not available</li> </ul>