What kinds of things can I ask a librarian about with the library chat? Will they help me look for sources?

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You can ask a librarian any question. We may not have the answer but we can usually find out or put you in contact with an individual who can provide the answer.

Thanks for the question.
how can I get around having to pay for scholarly articles?

If you find an article from a website that asks you to pay - contact a librarian who will search to see if the article is available either through the ASU library or another library. We have a service called Interlibrary Loan which allows you to request books or articles from libraries in NC, the United States or even internationally. You would submit a request for the item and the turnaround time is anywhere from 3 days to two weeks depending on where the book or article is coming from. We have a 90% fill rate on requests.

Hope this answers your question.
Are pages posted by universities considered scholarly?

This is a hard question to answer without a specific example. If you are referring to a general web page on the University site I would say no. If you are referring to a document/article/research oriented information available on the website - the answer is maybe.

When determining the scholarly nature of an information source there are "indicators" that help us determine this.

I didn't directly answer your question but if you have a specific example I would be happy to review it with you.

thanks for the questions
Are there different platforms we can use to look up sources outside of the University/Google Scholar?

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Yes there could potentially be a variety of sources that you can consult for your research. Organizations and associations may be helpful in addition to web sites with a designation of .edu (typically educational sites) or .gov (typically governmental sites).

Google Scholar offers an opportunity to search the scholarly literature by providing links to articles and books. You may want to try that to start.

Thanks for the question.
Can I use a .org as a scholarly source?

.Org is the designation for organizations or associations found on the web. It does not really fall under the designation of "scholarly" however the information may be relevant to your research and could be used for background. This type of questions is something that can be answered on a case-by-case basis. If you find a website with a .org address you may want to consult with Dr. Gray.

Thanks for the question I hope the answer is helpful.

Especially in the case of a discipline with comparatively few scholarly writings, is it all right to include non-scholarly sources?

This is a good question for Dr. Gray. I think you may be able to make a case - however it would be good to consult with me to see if I might be able to assist you with finding scholarly articles for your research.

Thanks for the question.