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[Step 1] You might be organizing your library with a research manager – one like Zotero, Mendeley, or EndNote.

To use it with Litmaps, we'll need to export a BibTeX file. These are special files that contain your references.

This only takes a couple of clicks, see below.

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- Right click your collection in the sidebar
- Choose "Export Library"
- Select "BibTeX" from the Format dropdown

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- Select the articles you'd like to export
- Click the "Export" button that pops up down the bottom
- Choose the "BibTeX" option

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(1) First, we'll load the format:

- Click "Tools" from the top bar
- From "Output Styles" select "Open Style Manager"
- Tick the BibTeX Export


(2) Now we can export the BibTeX:

- Select your articles
- Click on the  Export icon
- Output style: "BibTeX Export"

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[Step 2] We'll use Discover to find articles that are closely related to your library.

- Go to app.litmaps.com
- Click on "Discover"
- Click on "New Search"
- Choose "Import from Reference Manager"
- Upload the BibTeX we exported
- Click the  icon to get started

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[Step 3] In the outer circle you can see your library's top 20 citing/referenced articles!

Use these to "sense check" for your research. Go through them one by one:

- Familiar with all of them? You're up to date.
- Something you haven't seen before? You've found a gap!

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[Step 4] In just 2 minutes you searched across 100s of your library's citations and references!

You can save any new articles you found:

- Add results by ticking them
- Click "Finish"
- Click "Export" to download a ✨new✨ BibTeX
- Import it back into your reference manager

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Did you tick any results while using Litmaps Discover?

Click the "Load More" button... We dare you.

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