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Retrieving Articles

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INTRODUCTION

As with many things, there is more than one way to get to the same place. Finding electronic journal articles is no different. This guide will inform you of the various ways that journal and other periodical articles available through our Library resources are retrieved.

BACKGROUND

Electronic periodical articles and other types of full text materials are available with the same constraints that print periodical content is available. That is to say, some of it may be free (such as open source publications), but at this time most of it is available through fee-based subscriptions. Periodicals take a great deal of time and expense to produce, index, and distribute. Whether delivered through open source outlets or subscription vendor products, costs are incurred – they are just borne in different ways. Most of the resources, including periodical content, available through Library resources is available to you courtesy of the taxpayers of Illinois.

The Library subscribes to individual titles of some electronic periodicals, as well as packages of electronic journal titles. These may be accessed by journal title or from within select bibliographic databases via a 'link-resolver' service that connects our electronic subscriptions to records in some bibliographic databases so that you can access them directly from the article record. Some bibliographic databases provide the full text of selected periodicals along with the indexed citation records.

Anyone in a campus library or with a campus IP address can access electronic content via our bibliographic resources. Due to electronic resources licensing agreements, they are restricted to campus students, faculty, and students and netids and passwords are needed to access them from off-campus computers.

Please note that the [Library of Health Sciences](#) on campus is a satellite of the University of Illinois at Chicago and has separate resources from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign campus Library system. You are free to use the print and electronic resources of the Library of Health Sciences by going to their library (in the building right next to ours!). Check out [their online library catalog](#) and [electronic journals list](#) to see if they have items you need. For more information, see [Finding Medical Books and Journals at UIUC](#).

NOT TO WORRY

The above background is to give you an idea of how complicated the access to periodical content can be and why there are a number of ways to retrieve articles that you have identified for use – but not to fret! Whether you need electronic or print articles, there are ways to retrieve them in an (almost) straightforward way. See below for how to do this, or feel free to [Ask A Librarian](#) for assistance.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASES

As discussed above, bibliographic databases may provide full text periodical content along with their indexed article records, or there may be links to the full text from our individual or package Library periodical subscriptions via a special connection software product. See Discover below.



Many bibliographic databases to which the Library subscribes are 'Discover-enabled.' This means that Discover provides direct links from database citations to the full text of the articles or other content (if available). There may be a direct link to the full text of the publication, or a link to the publication's home page or table of contents where you can locate the volume, issue, and pages that will lead to the publication. Link(s) will be provided to all available sources of the publication that the Library has subscribed or has access to. Links are also provided to the UIUC Online Library Catalog to locate print versions available in one or more of our libraries, InterLibrary Loan, RefWorks Direct Export Tool, and Google Scholar. Discover links can be found in the following databases of interest to life sciences researchers: Biological Abstracts, PubMed, Science Citation index, ScienceDirect, Scopus, and Faculty of 1000.

ONLINE RESEARCH RESOURCES

The Online Research Resources (ORR) database is the portal to the Library's electronic resources. The ORR electronic resources material types are article indexes & abstracts, journals & newspapers, and reference tools. One can look for electronic resources by title, subject, or browse all or by type of material. To find journal titles, click on Journal & Newspaper tab, enter title word(s) or established abbreviation. The record provides general information about each title,

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ONLINE LIBRARY CATALOG

The Library's Online Library Catalog has a record for both print and electronic periodical subscriptions. Do a [Start of Journal/Magazine Title](#) search to see if a particular title is available. The record will contain details about the periodical title, including what campus library(ies) have the print version and what volumes and years. Note that in some departmental libraries periodicals are shelved by title and some shelve by call number. The only way you know is by asking! If the Library has a subscription to the electronic version, a link will also be provided on the catalog record. The system is not perfect, so check the ORR (see above) for most comprehensive source of information on Library electronic resources.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

When the article or publication is not available through any of our campus libraries, a copy can be requested by UIUC students, faculty, and staff through Interlibrary Loan via an [online form](#). Copies of articles and book chapters typically take 3-7 days, but in a growing number of cases same day turnaround is possible. When an electronic version (pdf) is provided, an email will be sent to the requestor with a link to where it can be accessed. Print versions will be mailed via campus mail to the requestors campus address.

BRITISH LIBRARY INSIDE WEB DOCUMENT DELIVERY SERVICE

The Library subscribes to the British Library Inside Web document delivery service for situations where fast turnarounds are necessary. Available for faculty and graduate students. Contact the librarian at your departmental library for assistance.

And remember, if you need help, just [Ask A Librarian](#) !