

## Which is better -- *Library Lit*, *LISA* or *LISTA*?

All three databases are accessible at <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/lisx/> and through the Online Research Resources page of the Library Gateway, <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/>. Which is better? It depends. The coverage of these three online indexes overlaps but isn't identical. Their search interfaces, although different in appearance, offer standard options for formulating basic and complex searches, combining search terms, displaying results, and saving, printing and emailing results.

	<b>LIBRARY LITERATURE &amp; INFORMATION SCIENCE FULL-TEXT (LIBRARY LIT)</b>	<b>LIBRARY &amp; INFORMATION SCIENCE ABSTRACTS (LISA)</b>	<b>LIBRARY, INFORMATION SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY ABSTRACTS (LISTA)</b>
GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE	Emphasis on English-language, American publications, with some foreign publications.	Emphasis on English-language publications, but with strong selection of publications in other languages.	Emphasis on English-language publications, but with strong selection of publications in other languages.
TIME COVERAGE	Indexing back to 1984 in main database, and back to 1905 in Library Lit Retrospective.	Indexing back to 1969.	Indexing back to mid 1960's.
SUBJECT COVERAGE	Strong coverage of librarianship, but has added more information science coverage in recent years.	Strong coverage of both librarianship and information science and related fields.	Strong coverage of both librarianship and information science and related fields.
NUMBER OF PERIODICALS INDEXED	Indexes around 400 periodicals.	Indexes over 440 periodicals.	Indexes over 600 periodicals, some cover-to-cover and others selectively.
WHICH PERIODICALS ARE INDEXED	List of indexed periodicals at: <a href="http://vnweb.hwwilsonweb.com/hww/Journals/">http://vnweb.hwwilsonweb.com/hww/Journals/</a>	List of indexed periodicals at: <a href="http://md2.csa.com/factsheets/supplements/lisa.php">http://md2.csa.com/factsheets/supplements/lisa.php</a>	List of indexed periodicals at: <a href="http://www.ebscohost.com/titleLists/lx-complete.htm">http://www.ebscohost.com/titleLists/lx-complete.htm</a>
TYPES OF PUBLICATIONS	Includes both scholarly journals, professional magazines, books, chapters, and library school theses.	Includes scholarly journals, professional magazines, and technical journals.	Includes both scholarly journals and professional magazines, along with technical journals, conference proceedings, books and research reports.
TYPES OF ARTICLES, ETC.	Includes feature articles, short news articles, books, book reviews, and more.	Emphasizes feature articles and book reviews.	Includes feature articles, short news articles, books, book reviews, and more.
FULL TEXT	Contains some full-text articles from around 155 periodicals, as part of the database, since 1997.	Contains no full-text articles as part of the database, but does include links to full-text in other electronic resources.	The free version contains no full-text articles as part of database.
ABSTRACTS	Includes some abstracts in newer citations.	Includes abstracts for all citations.	Includes abstracts for all citations.
CROSS-DATABASE SEARCHING	Can combine search with any of 5 other Wilson databases, including <i>Education Full Text</i> .	Can combine search with any of 31 other CSA databases, including <i>Communication Abstracts</i> , <i>ERIC</i> , and <i>Sociological Abstracts</i> . Can create your own group of "preferred databases."	The free version does not include cross database searching, but you can combine search with any of 35 other databases by accessing LISTA through the complete menu of Ebsco general journals and newspapers at: <a href="http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/get.php?instid=258221">http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/get.php?instid=258221</a>
THESAURUS	Searchable thesaurus of subject terms.	Searchable thesaurus of subject terms.	Searchable thesaurus of subject terms.
SPECIAL FEATURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Links to websites cited in articles.</li> <li>• Displays recent search history on the results page.</li> <li>• "Discover" buttons link to full text in other electronic resources provided by the UIUC Library.</li> <li>• Searches can be limited upfront to peer-reviewed articles only.</li> <li>• You can create "alerts" and be notified by email or RSS feed when new content of interest to you is added to the database.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Discover" buttons link to full text in other electronic resources provided by the UIUC Library.</li> <li>• In the search results, peer reviewed articles are displayed separately.</li> <li>• You can create "alerts" and be notified by email or RSS feed when new content of interest to you is added to the database.</li> <li>• Includes scholar profiles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Searches can be limited upfront to peer-reviewed articles only.</li> <li>• You can search for cited references.</li> <li>• "Visual Search" displays results as mapped topical clusters.</li> <li>• Includes author profiles.</li> <li>• Search results can be saved to "folders" and shared with others.</li> </ul>

