



Finding Journal Articles

Where to begin

1. Go to the library home page at <http://www.butte.edu/library>
2. Click on 'Search for Articles.'
3. You can view databases by subject, alphabet, or providers from the links on the left. Some databases cover many subject areas (Academic Search Premier, Proquest, Omnifile Full Text Select, SIRS) and some cover very specific subjects. The annotations (brief descriptions) should help you choose the right database(s).
4. Click on the database and start searching.

Search Tips

Each database has a different layout and interface. They have various search options such as date limit, full-text, etc. Some databases, such as EBSCOHost, ProQuest, and the Health Reference Center, have more sophisticated search capabilities. You can save, print, or email the articles. Here are a few tips:

- If you know exactly what you are looking for, use **Advanced Search** to eliminate irrelevant results.
- Type your **search terms** in the search box. Do a preliminary search with one or two broad terms and then refine your search by adding more precise terms. You can use more than one term along with Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) in a search. The more terms you use with AND, the fewer the results, but they should be relevant results.
- Choose the appropriate **search fields**, such as keyword or title, for your search terms.
- Make sure to check your spelling.
- Use synonyms and antonyms with OR and parentheses, e.g., (*teenage OR adolescent*), and other related terms to broaden your search and to retrieve more comprehensive results.
- Your results may come back as full text or only as citations/abstracts. If there is a "Find full text" link in the citation, click that to look for your article in another database.
- Check the **Full-Text** box to limit your results to articles with full-text that are available immediately; this will exclude results that provide only citations and abstracts.
- Check the **Scholarly Journals** or **Peer-reviewed** or **Refereed** box to find only academic or expert-reviewed articles.
- When using a new database, try to spend a few minutes to look at the interface of tabs, icons and buttons, and explore different **search options and functions**. Try the **Help** link!
- If you have any questions or problems, ask a librarian by calling 530-879-4024 or visit the Reference desk on the 2nd floor of the Main Campus library or in Room 219 at Chico Center.

Off-Campus Access

To access the library databases from home, click on '**Off-Campus Access**' to log in first.

Your username is your last name + the first 2 initials of your first name, all as one word (for example: Jane H. Smith would be *smithja*), and your password is the **last four digits of your student ID** (for students) or last four digits of your social security number for faculty/staff

What is "Power Search!"? A power search is a simultaneous search across multiple databases using check boxes or the CTRL key.

Where else can I find journal articles?

- The library also owns print journals and magazines, located on the lower (1st) floor of the Main Campus Library. Journals, magazines and newspapers cannot be checked out but you can make photocopies or scans (10¢ per copy) at the machines on the second floor.
- The list of print journals can be found in the blue folder at the Reference desk. You can also browse the list at: <http://www.butte.edu/library/articles/print.html>.
- You can search for journals by name or subject on our E-journals page at: <http://zn6as5qk2j.search.serialssolutions.com/>
- Search on <http://scholar.google.com> and click any “Full-text@Butte CC” link if on campus. For off-campus access, click on "Scholar Preferences" under the gear icon (⚙) at the top right of the page and set Butte as the library, then “Save preferences”.
- If you want a specific article that the library does not own, you can make an Interlibrary Loan request in person in LB 211 or online at: http://www.butte.edu/library/interlibraryloan/ill_articles.html. Fees may apply.

Database Highlights

Proquest

This database includes: Career and Technical Education, Ethnic NewsWatch, Arts, Business, Children’s Titles, Education, General Interest, Health, Humanities, International Issues, Law, Military, Multicultural Issues, Psychology, Sciences, Social Science, and Women’s Interest.

- All fields + text is the default advanced search or choose simple search at top left of page.
- Print, email, cite or save the article by clicking the yellow buttons at the top left of the article.
- Use **Search Options** to limit your results to a specific type of document or date of publication.

CQ Researcher

- Contains in depth reports on current topics
- Find current controversies with **PRO vs. CON, Issues** or by browsing topics & subjects.
- Sort results by **Relevance** or **Date**

EBSCOHost databases

There are over twenty databases you can search all at once (power search) or individually here, on topics including medicine and health, education, business, psychology, religion and more.

- Advanced keyword is the default search, or choose basic or visual search. Visual search returns a map of results, organized by topic.
- Use the top navigation bar to search by Publication, Subject Terms, Images, etc.
- Use the links under the search box to change search preferences.
- Use the limiters to search only full-text, scholarly (peer-reviewed), by date, or subject, etc.
- Click on the author or journal name in the citation for more results from that author or to view that journal.

JSTOR Arts & Sciences I, II, & III

- Full text archives of 397 scholarly journal title archives in the humanities, arts, and social sciences, including archaeology, religion, classics & folklore; African, Latin American, Middle Eastern, & Slavic studies; art & architecture; economics, history, political science, sociology, ecology, mathematics, and statistics.