



## Finding Journal Articles at the University of Manitoba Libraries (UML)

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Library research often involves finding and using articles published in newspapers, magazines and scholarly journals. This type of information is important because:

- It is up-to-date.
- New discoveries first appear in articles, before the information appears in books.
- Articles can be useful to find out how an event was viewed or reported when it occurred.
- Scholarly articles provide authoritative information.

### ■ How to find articles in the Libraries

#### Step 1: Define your topic

It is very important to define the topic and make a list of key terms or concepts related to your topic before searching various indexes/databases.

#### Step 2: Choose index/database

Once the topic has been defined, choose the appropriate index/database(s) from E-Library Databases: <http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/elibrary/>. There are many indexes and databases to choose from. Your choice may be determined by the following considerations:

1. How many articles do you need?
2. Should they be from popular magazines or scholarly journals? How about newspaper articles or transcripts from television or radio broadcasts? Government documents? Other kinds of materials?
3. Do you want only recent articles, or older ones? Note that you may need to use printed indexes for older articles, since some electronic databases do not go back very far in time.
4. Is there a subject-specific index that matches your topic? If it is a broad topic, or one that is commonly discussed, you may be able to use a general index.
5. How much time do you have? Is your deadline approaching quickly? An index that provides the full text of articles may be most helpful.

Answers to these questions help to determine which index/database(s) to use. If you have difficulty selecting the correct index/database, please consult Libraries staff at the Reference Desk <http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries/reference/>.

#### Step 3: Search index/database

Once you have chosen your database(s), construct a search. This may be very simple or quite complex, depending on the database. This is where the key terms or concepts related to your topic come into play. Here are a couple of "rules of thumb" for database searching:

- Try to find at least twice as many articles as you think you will need because:
  1. The Libraries does not own every journal title covered by a given database or printed index.
  2. Even if the Libraries owns the journal in question, the actual article may not meet your needs.
- **Do not give up your search without consulting a library staff.** Ask the library staff for help!

## Step 4: Review the search results

The display of the search results may vary from one database to another.

In the full-text databases, for example **Academic Search Elite** (EBSCOhost), the search results display would look like this:

The screenshot shows the EBSCOhost Academic Search Elite interface. The search criteria are 'palliative care', 'manitoba', and 'canada'. The results list three items:

- Funding for continuing medical education.**  
By: Sinclair, Douglas; Falz, Stefanie; King, Susan; Marlow, B...; Isabelle; Stern, Sol; Murray, Suzanne; Becker, Allan B.; Allen, Michael; Buggden...; Anne; Bunka, Debbie; Regler, Loren; Bean, Tupper; Jin, Margaret; Campbell...; Lynda; Hébert, Paul C. CMAJ: Canadian Medical Association Journal, 6/3/2008, Issue 12, p1575-1578, 4p; (AN 32163523)  
PDF Full Text (79KB)  
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- From critical care to comfort care: the sustaining value of humour.**  
By: Dean, Ruth Anne Kinsman; Major, Joanne E. Journal of Clinical Nursing, Apr2008, Vol. 17 Issue 8, p1088-1095, 8p; DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-2702.2007.02090.x; (AN 31182505)  
Abstract Only  
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- Access to hospice care: multi-professional specialist perspectives in South Africa.**  
By: Ens, Carla D. L.; Gwyther, Liz; Chochinov, Harvey M.; Moses, Stephen; Jackson, Catherine; Harding,

Record #1 has the full text of the article available in PDF format. Select **PDF Full Text** to display the article. At this point you may print, download, or e-mail it to yourself.


Record #2 does not have the full text of the article available through EBSCOhost. Click on the **UM Links** button to see if the full text of the article is available from other sources or if the Libraries has a print version.

In the databases that do not have full-text, for example *PsycINFO*, the search results display would look like this:

The screenshot shows the PsycINFO search results interface. The search criteria are 'music', 'students', and 'student'. The results list three items:


- Bailes, Freya. The prevalence and nature of imagined music in the everyday lives of music students. [References].** [Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal] *Psychology of Music*. Vol 35(4) Oct 2007, 555-570.  
Year of Publication: 2007  
View Abstract  
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Score: ★★★★★  
Abstract Complete Reference UM Links
- Austlin, James R; Berg, Margaret Haefner. Exploring music practice among sixth-grade band and orchestra students. [References].** [Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal] *Psychology of Music*. Vol 34(4) Oct 2006, 535-558.  
Year of Publication: 2006  
View Abstract  
Find Similar Find Citing Articles  
Score: ★★★★★  
Abstract Complete Reference UM Links
- Hannan, Michael. Contemporary music student expectations of musicianship training needs. [References].** [Journal; Peer Reviewed Journal] *International Journal of Music Education*. Vol 24(2) Aug 2006, 148-158.  
Year of Publication: 2006  
Score: ★★★★★  
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Some databases, for example *Anthropological Index*, do not provide full text articles and do not have  buttons. Nonetheless, the Libraries may still hold the article you want in electronic or paper format. Once you have completed your search:

1. Print out or write down the citations of the articles you want. If you choose to write the citations down, record this information:

**Author of the article**  
**Title of the article**  
**Title of the journal (Source)**  
**Date of the journal (year)**  
**Volume and issue number of the journal**  
**Page number(s) of the article**




**These elements constitute a citation**


2. Check the citations in **BISON** or **Citation Linker** to see if the journals are available in the Libraries:

► **BISON** <http://bison.umanitoba.ca> and select institution (U of M)

Select **Periodical Title** search option from the drop-down menu, click **Starts with these words** radio button, enter your search words in the blank search window, and click on the **Search** button.

If the journal is available in the Libraries, click on **Full description** or **Print Holdings** link that appears under the title to see which issues/volumes are available and where they are located. A list of volumes appears at the end of the record. Some journals are available in electronic format. That will be indicated by the  button that would appear under the title. For detailed information about finding journals in BISON see: <http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/dafoe/media/journals.pdf>.

► **Citation Linker**: Click on **E-Library** located on the left menu of the Libraries' home page (<http://www.umanitoba.ca/libraries>). Select **Citation Linker** from the E-Library menu.

In the **Article** section of the **Citation Linker** type in the title of the article, title of the journal, date, volume, issue, page numbers, and the name of the author. Click on the  button.

## Step 5: Journal not available at the University of Manitoba Libraries?

If the journal you want is not available at any University of Manitoba library, you may be able to obtain your article from another library via the University of Manitoba Libraries Document Delivery service: <http://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/docdel/index.html>. If you have a valid University of Manitoba Libraries ID card you can place a request using the Patron Request Form: <https://umanitoba.ca/libraries/units/docdel/borrower.ssl.php>.

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