

FINDING ARTICLES IN PERIODICALS*

The terms "Periodicals," "Magazines," "Serials," and "Journals," often used interchangeably, refer to publications that appear at regular intervals. Strictly speaking, **magazines** are popular, general interest periodicals (ex. *Time, Newsweek, Rolling Stone*), while **journals** publish scholarly or professional literature (ex. *The New England Journal of Medicine, Social Science Quarterly, Accounting Today*). If you would like to learn more about distinguishing scholarly from non-scholarly periodicals see **Study Guide #16**.

The library subscribes to several hundred periodicals covering a wide range of interests. They are shelved alphabetically by title downstairs on the Court Level of the library. The titles are listed in the online catalog and may be located by following the steps listed below:

- From the Library home page, choose **Catalogs**. Then select **King's College Catalog**.
- Select **Advanced Search**.
- Scroll down to the **Limits** section, click on the drop-down menu, and select **Periodicals**.
- In the **Title Keyword** box enter the exact title or words from the title. (If you do not know a specific title, you may search by using a subject term in the **Subject Keyword** box. For example, if you enter "education" as a subject keyword, you will find that King's College Library has over one hundred titles related to the subject of education.)
- Click the **arrow** in the red circle.

WHY USE PERIODICALS?

Periodicals can be very helpful because they provide:

1. **information that cannot be found in books.**
2. **the most up-to-date material available on a subject.**
3. **contemporary opinions and theories on past events.**

HOW TO FIND ARTICLES IN PERIODICALS

Articles on a particular subject can be found by accessing the online databases through our library's web page or by using one of many periodical indexes located in the Reference Department of the library. Whether in electronic or paper format, indexes provide listings of authors, titles, and subjects for specific articles. Indexes that also provide a summary of the article are called abstracts. A full-text electronic database provides articles in addition to indexes and abstracts.

WHICH INDEX TO USE

Each index covers different kinds of periodicals and different subjects, although most have the same general format. To determine the coverage of an index, read the explanatory information provided by the particular database or index. In an electronic database, this information is usually available a section labeled "About...", "More Information...", or "Help." In print indexes, it is usually located in the first few pages of the volume. It will explain how the index is arranged, what subjects are covered, and which periodicals and other types of sources are indexed. For additional assistance in knowing which indexes and databases cover your subject, ask a reference librarian.

HOW TO USE AN INDEX

If you are looking for information about a subject, you should begin your search by looking under the most specific topic of interest rather than a general heading. If you find only a few or even no articles, use other terms. The index may refer you to related terms.

If you wish to find articles on a particular topic from different perspectives, you may wish to consult more than one index (or database). For example, if you are interested in finding out how violence on television affects viewers, you may wish to find information on:

psychological aspects	<u>PsycINFO, Academic Search Premier</u>
moral implications	<u>ATLA Religion Index, The Catholic Periodical and Literature Index, Academic Search Premier</u>
industry perspective	<u>Business Source Premier, Lexis-Nexis Academic</u>

The following lists describe some of the general and specialized periodical indexes in the library. Remember, the electronic version usually does not go as far back in time as the print version.

GENERAL PERIODICAL INDEXES

Electronic Database	<u>Academic Search Premier.</u> Mid '70s to date. EBSCOhost database. World's largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary, full text database. Provides abstracts and indexing plus searchable full text articles. Indexes over 8,000 serials.
Electronic Database	<u>Historical New York Times.</u> 1851 to 2005. ProQuest database. Contains the New York Times in its entirety from its beginning in 1851 until 2003.
Electronic Database	<u>Ingenta.</u> 1988 to date. Covers multiple disciplines, including the general sciences, social sciences, business, humanities, and current events. Articles may be ordered and purchased online.
Electronic Database	<u>Lexis-Nexis Academic.</u> Early '70s to date. Covers the areas of news, business and finance, law, politics and government, and biographical information. Many full-text articles from newspapers, magazines, or journals are included. Over 5,000 titles are indexed.
Electronic Database	<u>Project Muse.</u> (Dates of coverage vary with publication.) Offers full text for over 380 journals from 60 scholarly publishers. Primarily covers periodical literature of the humanities and social sciences.

Print **Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature.** 1890 to July, 1996.

Provides a cumulative author and subject index to English language periodicals of general interest. It is particularly helpful in providing information about historical events of topics of interest from the 1900's before the use of electronic indexing sources.

SPECIALIZED PERIODICAL INDEXES

BUSINESS

Print **Accounting & Tax Index.** 1992 to date. (Was *Accountant's Index*, 1928-1991.)

Provides citations to articles on all aspects of accounting and taxation and related subjects.

Electronic Database **Business Source Premier.** 1985 to date. EBSCOhost database.

Provides indexing, abstracts, and selected full text for nearly 3,800 scholarly business, management, and economics journals. Includes 1,100 peer-reviewed publications. Provides full text for 350 top scholarly business journals dating back to 1922.

Electronic Database **Lexis-Nexis Academic.** Early '70s to date.

Provides full text articles in the areas of business and finance from many national and international newspapers and journals. Indexing goes back thirty years for some titles.

Electronic Database **Mergent Online.**

Provides comprehensive, current, authoritative information on all major companies, foreign and domestic, which trade stock on the major U.S. exchanges. Entries include a history and description of the company, a list of subsidiaries, detailed financial information, facts and figures about the companies' executives, and more.

Electronic Database **Value Line Investment Survey Online.**

Provides comprehensive information on stocks, stock market, industries, and the economy.

HUMANITIES

Electronic database **America: History and Life.** Pre-history to present. EBSCOhost Database.

Indexes the history and culture of the United States and Canada.

Electronic Database **ATLA Religion Database with ATLA Serials.** 1949 to date. EBSCOhost database.

Provides indexing for literature in Biblical studies, world religions, church history, and religious perspectives on issues.

Electronic Database **The Catholic Periodical and Literature Index.** 1981 to date. EBSCOhost database.

Indexes many Roman Catholic periodicals, books, and papal documents.

Electronic Database **Historical Abstracts.** EBSCOhost Database.

Indexes world history excluding North America from 1450 forward.

Print **Humanities Index.** 1974-June 1996.

Provides indexing for periodical literature in disciplines such as communications, history, literature, music, performing arts, philosophy, and religion.

- Electronic Database **Literature Resource Center (Gale)**
 Extensive literature reference database containing biographies of literary figures, criticism, and bibliographies from all time periods and genres.
- Electronic Database **MLA International Bibliography**. 1963 to date. EBSCOhost database. (Also available in the library in paper format, 1921-1991.)
 Provides abstracts and indexing for books, journals, book chapters, and scholarly papers in the areas of language, linguistics, and folklore.
- Electronic Database **Philosopher's Index**. 1940 to date. EBSCOhost Database.
 Indexes and abstracts books and more than 400 journals in philosophy and related fields.
- Print **Religious and Theological Abstracts**. 1958 to date.
 Indexes and abstracts religious periodical literature from over 400 scholarly journals published around the world.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Electronic Database **America: History and Life**. Pre-history to present. EBSCOhost Database.
 Indexes the history and culture of the U.S. and Canada.
- Electronic Database **CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Allied and Health Literature)**. 1982 to date. EBSCOhost database. (Also available in print, 1961-1999.)
 Indexes nursing and allied health literature.
- Electronic Database **Criminal Justice Periodical Index**. 1981 to date. (Also available in print, 1975-1998.)
 Provides indexing, abstracts, and full text articles from journals related to crime and deterrence.
- Print **Education Index**. 1935 to June, 1996.
 Indexes books and articles on topics related to education.
- Electronic Database **ERIC**. EBSCOhost database. Late '60s to date.
 Provides many citations and abstracts for a wide variety of literature in the field of education, including journal articles, books, government publications, conference proceedings, curriculum materials, and research reports.
- Electronic Database **Historical Abstracts**.
 Indexes world history excluding North America from 1450 forward.
- Print **Index of Economic Articles**. 1886-1996.
 Provides indexing for major economic journals. Citations listed both by subject and by author. Includes information from selected government sources.

Electronic Database **Lexis-Nexis Academic.** Early '70s to date.
Covers the areas of news, business and finance, law, politics and government, and biographical information. Many full-text articles are included. Over 5,000 titles are indexed.

Electronic Database **PsycINFO.** 1887 to date. EBSCOhost database.
APA index to international literature in psychology and related fields.

SCIENCE

Electronic Database **Academic Search Premier.** Mid-70's to date. EBSCOhost database.
Provides abstracts and indexing plus searchable full text articles. World's largest multi-disciplinary database. Provides full text for over 4,600 scholarly publications.

Print **Biological Abstracts.** 1927-1999.
Most comprehensive source for biology information. Provides abstracts and indexes for biological and biomedical research literature.

Electronic Database **CINAHL. (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature).** 1982 to date. EBSCOhost database. Also available in print, 1961-1999.
Provides indexing for English-language publications in the disciplines of nursing and allied health. Covers a wide range of related information.

Electronic Database **Medline with Full Text.** 1965 to date. EBSCOhost database.
Comprehensive source of full text articles from nearly 1,200 medical journals indexed in Medline. Also provides indexing and abstracts for many more publications.

Electronic Database **PubMed/Medline.** 1950's to date.
Produced by the National Library of Medicine. Provides over 16,000,000 citations from biomedical journals.

Electronic Database **Science Full Text Select.** 1994 to date. Wilson database.
Provides full text articles from a core selection of periodicals representing all aspects of science and technology.

Electronic Database **ScienceDirect - College Edition.** Elsevier.
Peer-reviewed electronic journals in the sciences. Free full text for articles published since January 1, 2003, for health and life sciences journals only.

Electronic Database **SPORTDiscus with Full Text.** 1985 to date. EBSCOhost database.
Indexes sports and sports medicine journals. Provides full text articles for hundreds of titles.

UNION LIST OF PERIODICALS / INTERLIBRARY LOANS

Periodicals not owned by King's library might be owned by another library in the area. In order to determine this, you can check the Periodicals section of the NPLN Online Catalog at <http://www.npln.org/>, or you may access the individual online catalogs of the libraries that interest you.

You may also order specific articles through Interlibrary Loan by filling out a form at the Reference Desk or by submitting the online request form. Through Interlibrary Loan, it is possible to obtain most articles that you need, if you make your request early.

WHERE TO FIND PERIODICALS

King's students, faculty, and staff may access full-text periodical articles electronically on- or off-campus through the College's subscription databases. The print periodicals in the library are located on the Court Level where they are shelved alphabetically by title. While no periodicals may be taken from the library, photocopies may be made of articles. Some older periodicals may be stored on microfilm reels, which may be read on reading/printing machines located in the periodicals section of the library. If you are unfamiliar with the operation of the machines, don't hesitate to ask members of the library staff for assistance.

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