Guide to Linking to Articles and ebooks

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Persistent URLs (PURLs)

A PURL is a web-based Internet address supplied by online research databases for every available citation and full-text article. When a PURL is added to a syllabus, for example, students can click on the link and it will take them directly to the specific article.

How to Find the PURL for an Article or ebook

Each database vendor has a different location (and often a different name) for their PURLs. It is important to note that when looking at a full-text article in an online database, the URL that you see at the top of the browser page is likely NOT a persistent URL and will cause you grief if you make it available to students. Listed below are easy-to-follow steps to locate the PURL links for three of our most popular database providers (Ebsco, ProQuest, and Alexander Street Press) and one ebook provider (ebrary).

Resource Link Creator

In order to access database articles from off campus a PURL must also contain a specific proxy prefix in front of the address. Benner Library has created an easy-to-use tool to assist you in this process. Follow the steps on the Resource Link Creator page to ensure your PURL can be accessed from off campus.

EBSCO

1) Go online to the library's list of databases at http://library.olivet.edu/journals-articles/eresources_a-z.php, which may be reached by clicking on "Subject Guides" and "eResources A-Z" on the Benner Library home page at http://library.olivet.edu.

2) Pick an EBSCO database, such as:

Academic Search Complete	Library, Information, Science and
ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials	Technology Abstracts with Full Text
Biography Reference Bank	MasterFILE Premier
CINAHL Complete	Medline with Full Text
Communication and Mass Media	PsycARTICLES
Education Research Complete	PsycINFO
ERIC	SocINDEX with Full Text
Health and Psychosocial Instruments	SPORTDiscus with Full Text

3) Type in your search terms and click Search. (To limit to full-text, check the full-text box under "Limit Your Results.")

4) On the search results page, click on an article title.

5) On the citation page, click on Permalink on the right side of the page.

6) The Permalink will pop up above the article citation.

7) Copy and paste the full link into a document so your students can access this article.

8) The Permalink will take you directly to the article's citation page. This will work from both on and off campus.

ProQuest

1) Go online to Benner Library's "A-Z Database List" as described above.

2) Pick a ProQuest database, such as:

Criminal Justice Periodicals	Social Science Journals
Education Journals	Social Services Abstract
GeoRef	Sociological Abstracts
MLA International Bibliography	Worldwide Political Science Abstracts
Nursing & Allied Health Source	

3) Type in your search terms and click Search. (To limit to full-text, check the full-text box under "Search options.")

4) On the search results page, click on an article title or the corresponding "Citation/Abstract" link.
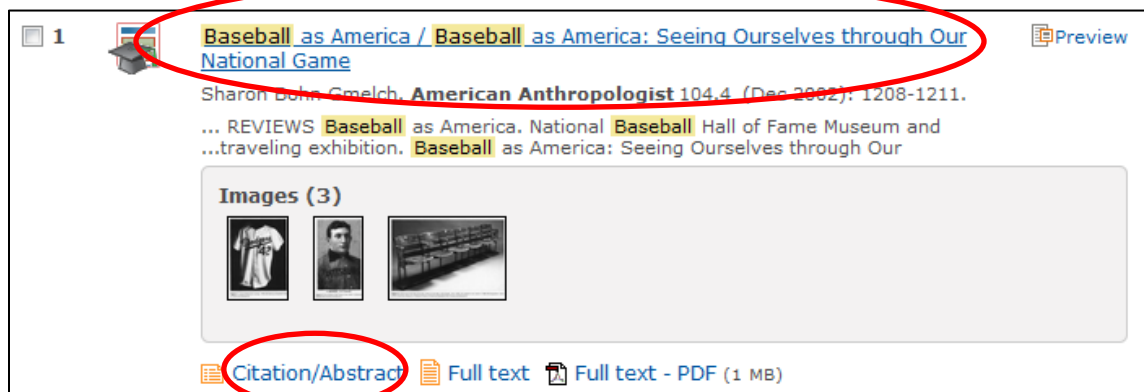
5) Scroll all the way down on the page to where it says Document URL. (If you clicked on the article title, this will be after the text of the article.)

Publication subject	Anthropology
ISSN	00027294
CODEN	AMATA7
Source type	Scholarly Journals
Language of publication	English
Document type	Arts/Exhibits Review-Favorable
ProQuest document ID	198159846
Document URL	https://login.proxy.olivet.edu/login?url=http://search.proquest.com/docview /198159846?accountid=12974
Copyright	Copyright American Anthropological Association Dec 2002
Last updated	2011-10-13
Database	ProQuest Sociology

6) Copy and paste the full link into a document so your students can access this article.

7) The Permalink will take you directly to the article's citation page. This will work from both on and off campus.

Alexander Street Press

1) Go online to Benner Library's "A-Z Database List" as described above.

2) Pick an Alexander Street Press database (any of the following):

American History in Video	History in Video
Art and Architecture in Video	Sports Medicine and Exercise Science in Video
Classical Music in Video	Theatre in Video
Criminal Justice and Public Safety in Video	World History in Video

3) Type in your search terms and click Search.

4) On the search results page, click on a video title.

5) Underneath the video screen, click on Embed/Link.
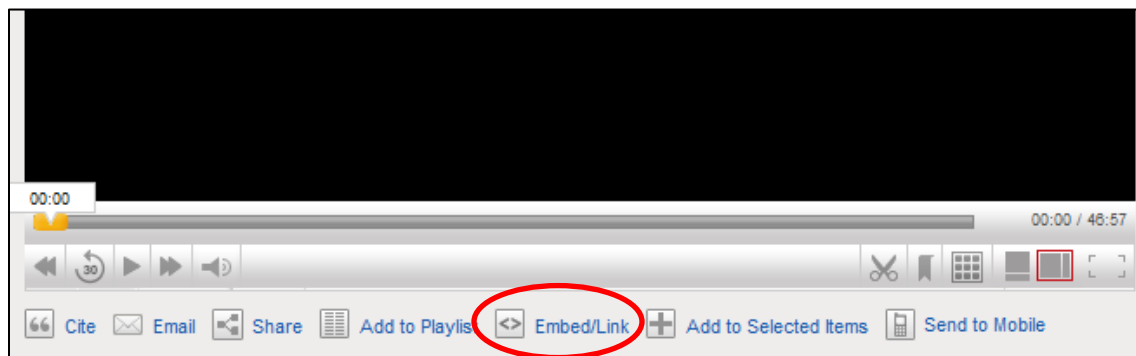
6) The Permalink will pop up in a new window.

Permalink to Baseball Parks

Copy and paste the link below to create a link to this page on another website

http://search.alexanderstreet.com.proxy.olivet.edu/view/work/1796678

7) Copy and paste the full link into a document so your students can access this article.

8) The Permalink will take you directly back to the video page. This will work from both on and off campus.

ebrary

1) You can access ebrary ebooks from the A-Z Database List (http://library.olivet.edu/journals-articles/eresources_a-z.php) or from the eBook Collections page (http://library.olivet.edu/books-media/ebook-collections/index.php).

2) Type in your search terms and click Search.

3) On the search results page, click on a book title.

4) Once you have the book open, the URL in your browser's address bar **is the PURL.** However, this link will only work from *on campus*.
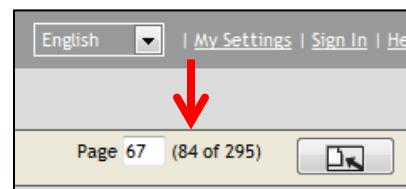

5) To make the link work from off campus, visit this page on the library website to add a proxy prefix: http://library.olivet.edu/proxyprefix.html.

6) Copy the PURL into box #1 and click [Create Link]. The new web address in box #3 is the PURL you want to give your students. It will work from both on and off campus.

Special ebrary Tip: Make your PURL chapter specific

The standard ebrary PURL links to the cover page of the book. However, if you want your students to only read a specific chapter of a book you can point them to that chapter.

1) At the end of the PURL add the following: &page=xx   (where xx is the document page number)

2) The page number you need to use though is NOT the page number of the book—as if you were holding it in your hands. You need the page number of the electronic document.

3) The document page number is found in the top right corner and is the first number in parentheses.

4) Try it! Here is the PURL to Chapter 3 of the book shown above:

https://login.proxy.olivet.edu/login?url=http://site.ebrary.com/lib/olivet/docDetail.action?docID=10651008&p00=people%27s%20history%20baseball&page=84