

What Is Available @ the Libraries?

Articles

Many course assignments at the University require students to use articles to back up their arguments. Articles are available online and in print. To search for online articles available from the Libraries, use the All Databases link in the Quick Links section of the library homepage.

Databases

The Libraries subscribe to over 450 research databases which can be used to find articles in newspapers, magazines, and journals, as well as other types of documents, such as:

- The New York Times from 1851–present
- Government documents
- Online reference materials like encyclopedias

Journals

The Libraries provide a variety of journals, both online and in print. Use the Catalog tab on the tabbed search box on the homepage to see if we subscribe to a specific journal or use the e-Journals tab to see if we have electronic access to a specific journal.

Books

Books are available in the Main Stacks in the Melville Library, and the branch libraries. Use the Catalog tab on the website to see if we have the book you need. E-Books are available from the library's website under the Find Library Materials tab. Reference books, like dictionaries and encyclopedias, are available in the Central Reading Room of the Main Library and on the library website.

Music

Music CDs, scores, performance DVDs, and books about music are all available at the Music Library.

Films

The DVD and VHS tape collection is available on the 3rd of the Main Stacks. Students can check out DVDs for 7 days. Viewing stations are also available if you need viewing equipment.

What Does "Peer-Reviewed" Mean?

The term peer-reviewed refers to the rigorous review process that an article goes through before being accepted for publication in a scholarly journal. The steps go something like this:

- An author submits an article for publication.
- It is reviewed by scholars who have expertise in the subject area.
- Many corrections and suggestions are made to the article, or the article is rejected.
- The author needs to incorporate the corrections and suggestions before the article is accepted.
- The author usually has to go through this cycle several times before the article is accepted.

Characteristics of peer-reviewed articles

- Contains more in-depth information on a topic.
- Information is more likely to be correct due to the rigorous peer-review process.
- Aimed at readers with a background in the subject area.
- May also be called academic, scholarly, or refereed articles.

Tip! Some Databases allow you to filter results to show only those from peer-reviewed or scholarly journals.