Looking for Full Text?

While searching in an electronic database you might find a citation and abstract, but not the full text version of an article. Here are two search strategies for finding full text articles: 1) Check if the library owns the journal and 2) Check if the journal is available in full text electronic format.

Check if the library owns the journal (Here are two variations A and B)

**A.** When you see a note “This title held by a SWITCH Library. Please check TOPCAT” you need to follow these four steps:

1. Copy the journal title from the citation to the clipboard. In the example above, the journal title is Nature.
2. Open another session of your browser and navigate to the library web page. Click on Journal Titles.
3. Paste the entry into the Journal Title search box and click the Search TOPCAT button.
4. Click the journal title link.

**B.** When you see a note “Check TOPCAT for local holdings of the journal” click on the link. The system will open another window and check for the journal title in the TOPCAT database.


The library also provides access to the full text of the article through this link.

The library owns the paper (print) version of the journal. Volumes are stored on the 4th level of the library.

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Check if the journal is available from the library in full text

The library subscribes to many full text online journals. Checking if the journal in a citation is available in full text is easy. Suppose you were searching the Web and came across this hit asking you to pay for full text access to an article:

1. Copy the journal title from the citation to the clipboard. In the citation above the journal title is World Archaeology. The specific issue is from October, 2003.

2. Open a new browser session and navigate to the library web page. Click the Full Text Online Journals link on the library web page.

3. Paste the contents of the clipboard into the “Title begins with” search box and click the Search button.

4. Search results display and indicate what years of full text coverage are available.

5. Since the article was published in October, 2003, click the Academic Search Premier link to access the full text version of the article.

The database opens and displays the available issues of the publication.

Note: If you still have trouble finding the full text for an article, ask a reference librarian!

Don’t pay for an article! Check to see if it is available in full text from the library by following the steps below:

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