How Do I Locate Journal and Newspaper Articles in the Library?

To locate journal and/or newspaper articles via the library, you need to use an ELECTRONIC DATABASE.

WHAT IS A DATABASE?

Databases are Web-based resources that provide users with access to all kinds of **periodical literature**; that is: **magazine, newspaper and journal articles** as well as other types of online documents. They cover all *academic subject areas*. Each database includes citations to journal articles. Some also offer full-text articles as well.

The Library **subscribes** to many databases to help students conduct their research. We pay different vendors (i.e., Gale, ProQuest, EBSCOhost, etc.) to provide our users with this valuable, ***published*** information that is usually unavailable elsewhere on the Web.

Examples of Databases:
Science Direct College Edition
EBSCOhost's *Academic Search Premier, CINAHL, & PsycINFO*

Databases are good for:

- Locating recent information on current affairs, both local and national
  !Databases are extremely timely as they're updated weekly-to-monthly!

- Locating a study or research that is conducted by scholars and professionals in a field

- Comparing and contrasting multiple viewpoints on a given topic

WHERE ARE THEY?   Electronic Databases are accessed via Library's home page:
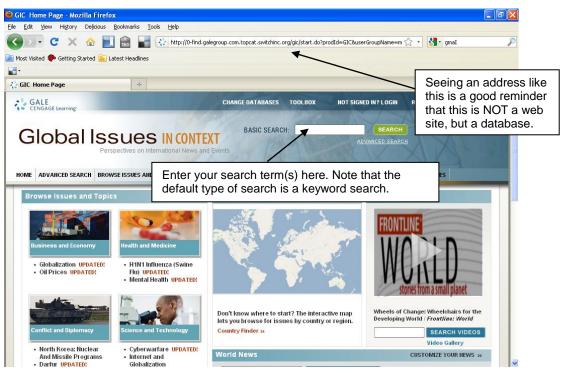**http://depts.alverno.edu/library/**

Remember: Though databases are accessed via the Web, they are only available via the library's subscriptions

SELECTED QUALITY DATABASES:

- **ARTstor** (ARTstor)
- **CINAHL Plus with Full Text** *(EbscoHost)*
- **JSTOR** *(JSTOR)*
- **Global Issues in Context** *(Gale)*
- **PsychINFO** *(EbscoHost)*

Flip this sheet over to see what two of our databases look like!

Global Issues in Context (Gale)

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Narrow your search results here. Note that most of your assignments will require information from (scholarly) academic journals.

Limit the results of your search here. This is most useful after you have tried several different search strategies.