Finding Journal Articles

Two ways to search for articles from the Library home page at http://www.butte.edu/library

A) Search the catalog
   1. From the library home page, use the Google-style search box: click the “Articles” tab and enter two or more search terms
   2. Filter your results using the check-boxes on the left side of the results page to limit to peer-reviewed, by date, author, etc.
   3. Newspapers articles are best searched in the article databases, not the catalog

B) Search the Article Databases
   1. Go to: Research → Article Databases
   2. You can view databases as a combined search, by subject, or by alphabet using links on the top.
      The brief descriptions in the A-Z list can help you choose the right database.
   3. Click on the database name and start searching.

Off-Campus Access
When you select any electronic resource, you will be prompted to enter your Butte College e-mail address and Butte College password. Example: astudent001@student.butte.edu

Search Tips
Each database has a different layout and interface. They have various search options such as date limit, full-text, etc. Some databases, such as EBSCOHost, ProQuest, and the Health Reference Center, have more sophisticated search capabilities. You can save, print, cite, or email the articles.

- Use Advanced Search to eliminate irrelevant results.
- Your results may come back as full text or only as citations/abstracts. If there is a “Find full text” link in the citation, click that to look for your article in another database.
- Check the Full-Text box to limit your results to articles with full-text that are available immediately;
- Check the Scholarly Journals or Peer-reviewed or Refereed box for scholarly articles.
- Do a preliminary search with one or two broad terms and then refine your search by adding more precise terms You can use more than one term along with Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) in a search. The more terms you use with AND, the fewer the results, but they are more relevant results.
- Choose the appropriate search fields, such as keyword or title, for your search terms.
- Make sure to check your spelling --- especially if you get zero results.
- Use synonyms and antonyms with OR and parentheses, e.g., (teenage OR adolescent), and other related terms to broaden your search and to retrieve more comprehensive results.
- When using a new database, try to spend a few minutes to look at the interface of tabs, icons and buttons, and explore different search options and functions. Try the Help link!
- If you have any questions or problems, ask a librarian by calling 530-879-4024 or visit the Reference desk on the 2nd floor of the Main Campus library or in Chico Center Library (CHC 219).
Where else can I find journal articles?

- The library also owns print journals and magazines, located on the lower (1st) floor of the Main Campus Library. Journals, magazines and newspapers cannot be checked out but you can make photocopies or scans (10¢ per copy) at the machines on the second floor.
- Print journal titles can be found in the library catalog.
- You can search for journals by name or subject on our E-journals page under Research → e-Journal Titles
- Search on http://scholar.google.com and click any “Full-text@Butte CC” link if on campus. For off-campus access, click on "Scholar Preferences" under the gear icon at the top right of the page, click “Library Links” and set Butte College, then “Save preferences”.
- If you want an article that the library does not own, you can make an Interlibrary Loan request in LB 211 or online at: Services → Interlibrary Loan, Fees may apply.

Database Highlights

**CQ Researcher**

- Contains in depth reports on current topics
- Find current controversies with PRO vs. CON, Issues or by browsing topics & subjects.
- Sort results by Relevance or Date

**EBSCOHost databases**

There are over twenty databases you can search all at once or individually on topics including medicine and health, education, business, psychology, religion and more.

- Advanced keyword is the default search, or choose basic or visual search. Visual search returns a map of results, organized by topic.
- Use the top navigation bar to search by Publication, Subject Terms, Images, etc.
- Use the limiters to search only full-text, scholarly (peer-reviewed), by date, by subject, etc.
- Click on the author or subject links in the citation for more results from that author or on that subject

**eHRAF**

A cross-cultural database that contains information on all aspects of cultural and social life. The annually-growing Human Relations Areas Files database is organized into cultures and ethnic groups.

**JSTOR Arts & Sciences I, II, & III**

Full text archives of 397 scholarly journal title archives in the humanities, arts, and social sciences, including archaeology, religion, classics & folklore; African, Latin American, Middle Eastern, & Slavic studies; art and architecture; economics, history, political science, sociology, ecology, mathematics, and statistics.

**Proquest**


- All fields + text is the default advanced search or, choose simple search at top left of page.
- Print, email, cite, or save the article using the orange buttons at the top right of the article.
- Use Search Options to limit results to a specific type of document or date of publication.