



Finding Journal Articles

By Journal Citation or Reference

Many people find journal article citations in bibliographies. If you know the specific journal name:

1. Go to the Library Services website at lib.mnsu.edu/
2. Click on **Journals List**
3. Type the journal name (e.g. Journal of Popular Culture)
4. To interpret results, go to the "Journal Availability Window" section of this handout

By Topic

If you have a topic, but no specific journal title in mind, you want to select an appropriate database to locate articles.

1. Begin at the Library Services website at lib.mnsu.edu/
2. Try the **ARTICLES** quick search box in the center of the page to search **Academic Search Premier**
3. For subject specific databases, use the following options:

3a. If You know the Database Name, click **Article Databases A-Z**

Some popular journal databases are:

Topic	Database
Business	Business Source Premier
Education	ERIC, Education Full Text
Health Sciences	Medline
Psychology	PsycINFO
Sciences	ScienceDirect

3b. If You Do Not Know What Database to Use

1. Click **Class & Subject Guides** or **Article Databases by Dept** on the Library Services homepage
2. Choose a guide related to your topic
3. Review the guide to discover recommended article databases

Locating an Article Within a Journal Database

Look for a **FULL TEXT** or **PDF** link in each journal record in a database. These links should retrieve the complete contents of an article.

A full text article is usually available in one of two formats:

HTML: a single web page containing the document

PDF: a scanned document retaining the original layout of a print article

If an Article is Not Available in Full Text

If the journal record has no full text option, click on the link near the citation labeled like one of the following:

1. **Click Here For Other Article Options**
2. **Get Article**
3. **Article Linker**

1. [An Ironic Fad: The Commodification and Consumption of Tattoos. Journal of Popular Culture, Dec2006, Vol. 39 Issue 6, p1035-1010.1111/j.1540-5931.2006.00333.x; \(AN 22978255\) Cited References \[37\]](#)
[Click Here For Other Article Option](#)

Journal Availability Window

A new screen will open with the article's citation, and links to find the journal article online or in paper.

The **Article** link goes to the full text article in another database

Dates show the range of full text content available

Memorial Library's Print Holdings denotes the *physical copy*; click the **Journal** link to view location information

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Search criteria: [Refine or alter criteria](#)

Article: An Ironic Fad: The Commodification and Consumption of Tattoos.

Author: [KOSUT, MARY](#)

Journal: Journal of popular culture

ISSN: 0022-3840 **Date:** 12/01/2006

Volume: 39 **Issue:** 6 **Page:** 1035

Content is available via the following links

Coverage Range	Links to content	Resource
04/01/1995 - present	Article Journal	Wilson Mega OmniFile
12/01/1990 - present	Article Journal	Academic Search Premier
1967 - 2008	Journal	Memorial Library's Print Holdings

Journal of popular culture. <Periodical> 1967- available

Click this link to see what issues the Library owns

Note the **location, call number, date, volume, and issue number** to find the article in the Library

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If Minnesota State Mankato Does Not Own an Article

If the journal availability window states, "**Sorry, no holdings were found for this journal,**" MSU does not have immediate access to this publication

Order the journal article from another library by submitting an Interlibrary Loan Request.

Sorry, no holdings were found for this journal.

Please see additional options below for finding this journal.

Additional options for finding full-text:

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