

English 209 -- Leavitt -- Library Resources Session

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Library website: www.lib.uidaho.edu

Services and Help

- Reference Desk Help: Phone, email or in person. Check “Ask us.” Email me directly or make appointment using **Research Assistance Program**
- Barcode registration (for off campus use) and UI email required.
- **Interlibrary Loan (ILL)** for items we don't own. No charge. Set up account. Articles almost always come via an electronic link and you are notified when they are available (usually 2-3 days). Books will take 1-2 weeks to arrive through this process. You can use the ILL links in the ArticleLinker screens for easy ordering.
- **WSU Libraries catalog:** available through “Other Libraries” link. You can see what journals (and books) they own and go over there. You cannot use their electronic journals from here or remotely.

The UI Library Catalog

- To search for books, you generally need to use broader, fewer terms. Books will generally give background, historical
- Use search box on home page to search. Includes books, ebooks, DVDs, detailed information on print journals we own. You can often re-sort results list by date (to see newest first).
- Includes certain U.S. government documents, many recent ones online. Lists EISs that we own (can use in library).
- Check that the location says “UI Library” or “UI Library US Government Documents” because the catalog includes books from UI Law Library, NIC (North Idaho College) and LCSC (Lewiston). These can be ordered using the “request” link and generally take about 3 working days to arrive.
- Books listed as located in “bookstorage” can be requested at the Circulation desk. Usually it takes 5-10 minutes for them to be brought up.
- Use “request” to recall books that are checked out or have them brought to the Circulation Desk.
- Use **WorldCat** to find and order books outside of our catalog.

Magazine and Journal Articles

General search tips:

- If results are not what you wanted, change terms (or combinations of terms) or databases. Persist in trying different approaches or ASK for HELP.
- Many different databases; use subject pull-downs to find, “Info” to see content summary and if there are limits on number of concurrent users. For interdisciplinary subjects or if you are not finding good information, email me for help.
- Vendors and search interfaces: We buy access from different companies (vendors). Sometimes we have access to many databases from one company so the search interface is the same and you can cross search. If the vendor for

- two databases is different, you will have to do separate searches. Search interfaces differ greatly.
- Some databases, like those from CSA, require that you put AND between terms to narrow your search. Most databases automatically put AND between words. If your results seem different than expected, check the help section for tips on how to combine terms.
 - A wildcard (truncation) symbol stems a word so the search will include different endings. Commonly * is the truncation, but not always.
 - Try advanced search queries such as **(gender OR sex) AND child* AND role* AND (education OR learning)**. Put synonyms inside parentheses with OR, combine restricting concepts with AND and use truncation to get different endings.
 - EbscoSearch: You can search many additional databases in Ebsco by clicking on the “Choose databases...” link.
 - We have a new set of databases from the company “Proquest.” These are much like the Ebsco databases, but with some additional coverage. Many are listed under subject listings, or there is a list of all of them (with descriptions) under “P”, Proquest databases. ArticleLinker is listed as “360 Link to Full text.”
- **ArticleLinker:** In a list of articles, you will generally see a link to “ArticleLinker” (icon, text or alternate text such as “Locate article”). Clicking on this links you to the electronic article or helps you to find out whether we have online or print access to the full text of the article you need.
 - **Magazine and Journal Title list:** Use when you have an exact journal article (citation already known) you want to look for or you want to browse a journal you know about. Find the journal name in the article citation and use that as your starting place. Type in the journal name and view the links.
 - **Print journals** are on the 2nd floor of the UI library. Bound issues have a call number and current issues are shelved alphabetically by the title.
 - **Full text databases** (e.g. JSTOR, ScienceDirect, PsycArticles, Synergy) vs. **Citation databases:** These databases seem convenient, but are limited to the articles/journals from one publisher or group. ArticleLinker will direct you to these databases from citation databases (such as Ebsco, Sociological Abstracts, Medline). Citation databases will generally give you more comprehensive results.
 - **PubMed vs. Medline:** Medline is a government database from the National Library of Medicine. PubMed is the free search interface for Medline from NLM. Many other companies include Medline in their list of databases because it is free and can be convenient to search with other databases.