What do we mean by?

**Scholarly journals, periodicals, magazine articles**

- A *periodical* (or *serial*) appears on a regular basis (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly or annually). Includes academic journals, magazines & newspapers.
- A single copy of a periodical is called an *issue*. A defined number of issues equal one *volume*.
- *Academic/scholarly journals* contain *articles written by scholars (professors, researchers, experts)*, and critiqued by other scholars, before publication.
  - content may be fairly complex
  - often contain a short abstract or summary at the beginning & a bibliography or list of works cited at the end.
  - usually no advertising & are generally available by subscription only
  - Example - *Journal of Canadian Studies*
- *Magazines/popular journals* are intended for the general public
  - are available by subscription or on news stands.
  - Articles may be written by people with some in-depth knowledge of a topic, by professional writers who have done some background research, or by reporters with no previous knowledge of the subject.
  - Examples - *Maclean's* and *Time*
What do we mean by?

Indexes, abstracts, citations, online databases, full-text...

A periodical index

• helps you locate articles on specific topics
• lists citations of articles from academic journals, magazines & newspapers
• includes the author (if available), title of the article, name of the journal, the issue and pages on which the article appears = citation
• some include article summaries ("abstracts") or even the full-text of articles
• are available for different subject areas. Each index covers a defined set of journals in a particular area, such as Business, Sciences, Literature, etc..

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OC Library subscribes to periodical indexes in the form of online databases.

• Library Web Page links to many online databases using the internet.
• Databases for Literary criticism contain book reviews and critiques of works (novels, short stories, plays, poetry), as well as information about authors and literary movements
• The database describes each article, in every issue of a large number of journals.
• Some databases contain only citations; others include abstracts; many feature full-text.

Full-text
• complete text with illustrations of a periodical article (e.g., EBSCO), or the text only (e.g., CinCa Complete)
• can be saved or printed (PDF & HTML formats) or emailed
Getting Started!

- Defining your topic, approach
- Identifying keywords

**Video surveillance**
Electronic surveillance; photo/photographic surveillance; closed circuit television CCTV [synonyms, similar terms] surveillance systems [broader terms] security, privacy [related terms]

**Same-sex marriage** gay lesbian [narrower terms]; same-sex partners [similar terms]

**Criminal** murder, embezzler, juvenile crime [narrower terms]; crime, delinquency, gangs [broader / related terms]

**Euthanasia** mercy killing, assisted suicide, quietus right-to-life, active/passive euthanasia or voluntary euthanasia

... Next step! Library Website
www.okanagan.bc.ca/library

Article Databases

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Humanities Online Resources
- CBCA Complete (Canadian current affairs)
- Canadian Newsstand (Canadian newspapers)
- Academic Search Premier (broader & USA)

try out all those keywords, try different combinations
watch for full-text and Where can I get this ... ?
Article Databases

Search in Article Databases for Humanities Online Resources and then choose Database to search e.g. Academic Search Premier

Finding Articles

Example 1

Academic article
Full-text online

Narrow from All Results to Academic Journals
Finding Articles

Type search terms on separate lines; use truncation

Finding Articles

Choose a likely citation, check the abstract, look to find a full copy of the article?
Finding Articles

Full-text is available to print, save or email

Finding Articles

Example 2

Magazine article

Print copy in Library

No Full-text here...
Where can I get this?
Finding Articles

OC Lib may have

System checks Library Voyager catalogue

Print copy in Library at Penticton Periodical shelves Check volume nos.

Example 3
New search ... Subject
Finding Articles

No full text...
Where can I get this?

Finding Articles

Held other libraries
Request inter-library loan
Web Sites for Current Affairs

OC Library Website:  
Under Research >

>Online Reference Sources http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Page9408.aspx
  >> Oxford Reference Online
  >> Canadian Encyclopedia

>Web search (search engines) http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/Page9409.aspx

Other sites:
Wikipedia http://www.wikipedia.org/

Search terms - can use phrase, but not ‘and’; not too specific
Use links once inside relevant page

When Article is retrieved from a Library Database
Add: name of Library database accessed and the online subscription service, name of Library, city where Library is located and date retrieved

MLA Style

Web sites


for internet sites:
Author, if possible then “title of page” and whole site title then Publication information if available i.e. Site publisher, place followed by Retrieval date & finally Website url

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