Getting Started!

**Defining your topic, approach**

**Identifying keywords**

- **Broad terms:**
  - Drugs / narcotics

- **Narrow terms:**
  - Specific drugs - marijuana / cannabis, methamphetamine
    - Drugs for Medical use; for non-medical use / recreational use

- **Related terms:**
  - drug abuse / substance abuse; drug addiction, drug addicts
  - control of drugs / drug policy / government policy / social attitudes
  - drugs legalization / drugs decriminalization
  - safe-injection sites, needle exchange programs
  - Canada, British Columbia, Vancouver
  - Europe, Netherlands, Amsterdam
  - women / female, men / male, sex differences
  - brain research / psychology / psyche, thinking

... Next step! Library Website

[www.okanagan.bc.ca/library](http://www.okanagan.bc.ca/library)
Need more ...

Back to Library Website
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Find Articles
General / All Subjects Online Resources

- Academic Search Premier
- CBCA Complete (Canadian Business & Current Affairs)
- Canadian Newsstand
- MAS Ultra (School Edition)

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

What do we mean by?

Scholarly journals, periodicals, magazine articles ...

- A periodical appears on a regular basis (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly or annually). Includes academic journals, magazines & newspapers.

- Academic/scholarly journals contain articles written by scholars (professors, researchers, experts), and criticized by other scholars (peer-reviewed), before publication.
  - content fairly complex
  - often a short abstract or summary at the beginning & a bibliography or list of works cited at the end.
  - Example - Journal of Canadian Studies

- Magazines/popular journals are intended for the general public
  - 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.

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

• Library Web Page links to many online databases using the internet.
• 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., CBCA Complete)
• can be saved or printed (PDF & HTML formats) or emailed
Article Databases

Search in Article Databases for General/All Subjects Online Resources then choose Database to search e.g. Academic Search Premier

Library Webpage

Finding Articles

Example 1

Academic article Full-text online

Narrow from All Results to Academic Journals
Finding Articles

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

Finding Articles

The Real Lives of Margaret Laurence's Women

DARRIET BLOKUYT

Although Canadian novelist Margaret Laurence has achieved a secure reputation in her homeland, she is less known in the United States. Laurence wrote extensively about Canadian women during the 1930s and 1940s while living in Africa with her engineer husband. In composing fiction with African settings, she sought to tackle issues unique to a Canadian world. She has written four regional novels of her own women, rich characters accompanied by their origins in the fictional town of Manawaka, Manitoba, partly based on her hometown, Neepawa. The Snow Angel (1966), A Jest of God (1980), The Fire-Dwellers (1980), and The Diviners (1982) her stories, are

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 Kelowna
Periodical shelves
!Check volume nos.
Finding Articles

Example 3

New search ... Subject Shakespeare's Hamlet

Finding Articles

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

Held other libraries
> Request inter-library loan

Not anywhere at OC
print or electronic
Checks other libraries

Acknowledge & Cite!

Keep Records of your Sources ... References

- Books & chapters in books, videos:
  - Authors,
  - Titles of book / chapter / video,
  - Publishers/Producers, Place & Date of Publication ...

- Journal Articles:
  - article Authors, article Titles; journal/newspaper/magazine Titles
  - Volume, Issue & Page numbers ...

  When sourced in online journals or library databases or websites or webpages
  add:
  - Library Database/Online Journal/Webpage names & urls (website addresses)
  - Retrieval dates
MLA Style

Book

Chapter in a Book
MLA Style

Article Author       Article Title       Journal Title       Volume, issue, date, pages

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

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for internet sites:

Author, if possible then *title of page* and whole site title
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