



# Library and Learning Resources

## Finding Periodical Articles Using Online Databases

### Periodicals are:

- magazines, journals and newspapers.
- available *in print* (on paper); *online* (entire issues or individual articles); and *microfilm* or *microfiche* (paper versions photographed and reduced to a very small size, read with special machines.)

### Finding Periodical Articles

*Online periodical databases* and printed periodical indexes are tools that provide access to articles within periodicals.

### Online periodical databases allow you to:

- Search for articles by subjects, keywords, names, dates, and more;
- Search many years of articles at one time (although usually not before 1980);
- Locate citations (information to identify an article), some abstracts (summaries), and full text (complete articles);
- Read on screen, print, email, or download the article from the database.

### Online Periodical Databases Available through the CCSF Library

1. To access periodical databases, go to the library's main Web page (<http://www.ccsf.edu/Library>)
2. Select FIND ARTICLES: Databases. Notice in the screen image below the databases are grouped by Subject and alphabetically if you select the link "Alphabetical listing."
  - Do you see the link: GALE POWER SEARCH. This is a time-saving way to search for your topic across many databases all in one search.
3. Select the link for a specific database title or Power Search.
4. If prompted, type in the barcode number on your CCSF ID card.
5. Type in your search term(s).

The screenshot shows the CCSF Library & Learning Resources website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: Library Home, Find Books, Find Articles, Search the Web, Library Information, and CCSF Home. Below the menu, the page title is "FIND ARTICLES: PERIODICAL AND REFERENCE DATABASES". A section titled "Choose Database by Subject" contains a grid of subject categories: General, Computer & Technology, Law, Reference, Arts & Humanities, Education, Literature, Science, Business & Economics, Health & Medicine, Newspapers, and Social Science. Below this, a section titled "To Search Across Multiple Gale Databases, Select:" features the "Gale PowerSearch" logo and a link to "Alphabetical listing & descriptions of Databases | Trial Databases". On the right side of the page, there is a chat window for "askCCSF" with a status indicator "askccsf is offline leave a message" and a text input field with the instruction "Type here and hit enter to send an offline message." and a nickname field "edit nickname: meeboguest185122".

# INTERPRETING PERIODICAL DATABASE SCREEN DISPLAYS

## 1. Sample of a BRIEF CITATION from one of the GALE databases:

- A *citation* is the information you need to identify and locate a work. For a periodical article, it includes the author, article title, periodical title, date, page number, and sometimes volume and issue numbers. For online articles, it may include the database name and website.

The screenshot shows a database record for the article "Finding Cracks in Facebook." The record includes a checkbox, the article title "Finding Cracks in Facebook," the periodical title "TECHNOLOGY: DISCOVER - DECIPHER - DISRUPT," the author "Jessi Hempel," and the source information "Fortune 157.11 (May 26, 2008): p.37. (1210 words) Reading Level (Lexile): 1060. From General OneFile." Labels with arrows point to the following elements: "Title of the Article" points to the article title; "Author" points to the author's name; "Date of magazine" points to the date and page information; "Name of the Database" points to "General OneFile"; "Full-text" points to the article title; "volume" points to "157.11"; and "issue" points to "May 26, 2008".

## 2. Sample of a FULL DISPLAY:

The screenshot shows a full database display for the article "Finding Cracks in Facebook." At the top, it says "Results for Advanced Search (ke (social networking))LIMITS:( full text)". Below this are several buttons for different database categories: "Magazines (3883)", "Academic Journals (182)", "Books (1)", "News (7636)", "Multimedia (37)", and "Additional Databases". The "Results" section shows a search bar with a "Mark" checkbox and navigation buttons "Previous" and "Next". The article details are as follows: Title: "Finding Cracks in Facebook.(TECHNOLOGY: DISCOVER - DECIPHER - DISRUPT)."; Author(s): "Jessi Hempel."; Source: "Fortune 157.11 (May 26, 2008): p.37. (1210 words) Reading Level (Lexile): 1060. From General OneFile."; Document Type: "Magazine/Journal"; Bookmark: "Bookmark this Document"; Library Links: "Full Text :COPYRIGHT 2008 Time, Inc."; Byline: "Jessi Hempel"; The article text begins: "The social-networking supersite is taking flak from users, developers, and advertisers. Right about now a young CEO like Mark Zuckerberg usually steps aside quietly. Not this time. LATE LAST YEAR Mark Zuckerberg, the 24-year-old CEO of social-networking phenomenon Facebook, got onstage before a Madison Avenue crowd and declared that he was leading a once-in-a-century media revolution. Long story short: The". On the right side, there is a "Tools" panel with options: "Print Preview", "E-mail", "Download", "Citation Tools", a language dropdown menu set to "Spanish", and a "Translate" button.

## Periodical Holdings List

This alphabetical list of periodical titles that the CCSF Libraries have (“holdings”) is on the Library’s website <http://www.ccsf.edu/Library> and printed in large-ring binders located at Reference and Periodicals Desks. The binders also list periodical titles grouped by broad subject areas.