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.)

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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).
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.

2. Sample of a FULL DISPLAY:

   **Finding Cracks in Facebook.** *(TECHNOLOGY: DISCOVER - DECIPHER - DISRUPT)*

   **Author:** Jessi Hempel


   **Document Type:** Magazine/Journal

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   **Full Text:** COPYRIGHT 2008 Time, Inc.

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   The social-networking superate 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

**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](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.