

Magazine and Journal Articles

LOCATING ARTICLES

Use an index to find magazine and journal articles on a particular topic. Some indexes are general in nature while others cover specialized subject areas. Indexes are available in print and electronic formats and there are many to choose from in the Main and branch libraries. Those with abstracts not only identify articles, but also give brief summaries of them. There are also indexes containing full text of the articles. Note: Indexes are sometimes referred to as databases, and some databases contain more than just indexes. To see a list of indexes, go to the Libraries' website (<http://www.lib.uiowa.edu>) and click on "Databases" under the "Search Resources" category. There you will find an alphabetical list of indexes, both general and specialized.

Ask a librarian for help in selecting and using an appropriate index.

LOCATING A MAGAZINE or JOURNAL IN THE MAIN LIBRARY

Bound volumes and recent unbound issues in the Main Library are in an alphabetical sequence on open shelves on the third floor, east. In addition, microfiche and microfilm copies of many of the most heavily used magazines are available in Media Services on the first floor, west.

Use the library catalog ("title beginning with" search) to learn whether a particular periodical is in the University Libraries, whether it is housed in the Main Library or in one of the branch libraries, and which years of the magazine or journal are owned. Doing a title search in the catalog will also tell you if there is electronic access to the magazine/journal. The URL for the library catalog is <http://infohawk.uiowa.edu>.

A set of three bound volumes, *Serial Publications in the University of Iowa Libraries*, is located at the Reference and Information Desk. This is sometimes useful for locating library holdings of magazines that have ceased publication.

If a magazine is not on the shelf, ask for assistance at the Information Desk.

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