

Library Resources for Research: Some Basics

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Outline

- Books and subject encyclopedias
- Scholarly journal articles
- Databases
- Citation styles

Library Website.....

<http://library.concordia.ca>

Reading citations

Winseck, Dwayne (1999). “Back to the Future: Telecommunications, Online Information Services and Convergence from 1840 to 1910.” *Media History*, 5 (2): 137-157.

Jeffrey Sconce, *Haunted Media: Electronic Presence from Telegraphy to Television*, Durham, NC: Duke University Press 2000

Geoffrey Batchen, ‘Electricity Made Visible’, in *New Media, Old Media: A History and Theory Reader*, ed. Wendy Hui Kyong Chun and Thomas Keenan, New York: Routledge 2006, 27-44

Del Nevo, Maria. (2000) “Developing Gender Sensitive Communication Policies.” *Media Development*, 47 (3):3-10

- To find specific journals, use the [e-journals list](#) first. Search by the title of the journal (not the title of the article).
- If it is not in the [e-journals list](#), search [CLUES](#) by the title of the journal (not the title of the article) to see if we have it in a physical format such as in paper or on microform.

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Finding background and context

- Subject encyclopedias
- Books

Communication Studies Research Guide:

<http://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/communication-studies.html>

What is a Scholarly Journal?

- Purpose is to report original research articles
- Authors are scholars/researchers
- Audience is other scholars in the discipline
- Peer-reviewed (vetted by scholarly experts) prior to publication.

Scholarly journals	Magazines/Newspapers/Trade publications
Articles are scrutinized for quality by other scholars in the field before publication (peer review)	Editor reviews articles
Authored by scholars in the field	Authors are journalists, practicing professionals;
Information is sourced w/ bibliography aka previous research	No bibliography. Information may be sourced by some fact-checking; interviews
Purpose is to advance knowledge; report original research	Purpose is current news and entertainment

How to recognize a scholarly article

- Will always have a list of works cited and will have citations throughout the text
- Will usually provide institutional affiliation of author(s)
- Often begins with an abstract (condensed summary) of the article
- Reports original research

See also: [How do you know if a journal is peer reviewed?](#)

Finding scholarly journal articles

- From bibliographies you have on hand
- Using article databases to search by topic

Many databases.....

- Are a mix of academic and non-academic articles
- Will allow you to limit your results to academic/scholarly/peer-reviewed articles only

Choosing a database

- [Databases by Subject](#)
- Will usually need to search multiple databases
- Always search the two core communication studies databases:

Communication and Mass Media Complete
Communication Abstracts

- Supplement these with additional databases, select according to your topic, for example:


Academic Search Complete (interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary)

Historical Abstracts
America: History and Life

Gender Studies Database
Film and Television Literature Database

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- ATLA Religion Database with ATLASerials
- Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals
- Business Book Summaries
- Business Source Complete
- Canadian Literary Centre
- Cinema Image Gallery
- Communication & Mass Media Complete
- Communication Abstracts
- Computers & Applied Sciences Complete

- Historical Abstracts
- Humanities & Social Sciences Index Retrospective: 1907-1984 (H.W. Wilson)
- Humanities Abstracts (H.W. Wilson)
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- International Political Science Abstracts
- L'Année philologique
- Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts
- MEDLINE
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