

How do I find an article?

Links on the library web page will help you determine which electronic resources are likely to have information or articles on your topic:

The image shows a screenshot of a library website. On the left, there is a sidebar with links: '- hours', '- Staff directory', '- Location & directions', '- Virtual Library Tour', and a 'Virtual Library Club' badge. Below that is a 'Photo of the Month' section. The main content area has a 'Find articles' section with a dropdown menu for 'Popular databases:'. The dropdown is open, showing a list of databases: Academic Search Premier, Business Source Elite, ERIC, Health Source: Nursing/Academic, Hoover's, LexisNexis Academic, ProQuest Newsstand, PsycARTICLES / PsycINFO, Sage Premier, and WilsonSelectPlus. Below this list are links for 'EBSCOhost - all databases' and 'FirstSearch - all databases'. There are two callout boxes. The first, on the left, says: 'You can also browse through the list of popular databases on the library home page.' The second, on the right, says: 'Use the **Links to electronic resources by subject** to help you locate online resources to support your research.'

If you are unsure about which database to search, ask the Reference Librarian on the main (2nd) floor of the library (if you are off campus, call the Reference Desk at 630-829-6057 or e-mail libref@ben.edu).

Search the database you've chosen for articles on your topic

Procedures for searching will vary with each database. Most databases have "help" or tutorials to assist you with your searching, or ask the Reference Librarian for assistance. Usually a "keyword" or "default" search will obtain good results.

Locate the full text of the article

Many databases contain the full text of the article within them -- look for links similar to "HTML Full Text" or "PDF Full Text." If there aren't any links to the full text of the article in the database, Look for a **Find it @ BU** button or "Find it @ BU" link on the results page of your search on the detailed record page for a specific article. This button will bring you to a menu where you can locate the full text of the article in other databases, or to other services such as interlibrary loan forms.

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