Quick-Start Guide to Library Research

Library Home Page
http://go.middlebury.edu/lib (go/lib)

Key Finding Aids

1. Summon: Start here to search just about everything: Books, newspaper and journal articles, electronic resources, and more.
2. Catalogs: Click here for MIDCAT, our online catalog. You can also access Interlibrary Loan / NExpress resources.
3. Journals: Find our journal holdings in every format (electronic, print, and microfilm). It is the easiest way to locate entire journals, magazines and newspapers.
4. Databases: Search specific online databases (such as Academic Onefile) that contain scholarly journal articles, popular magazine articles, and more.
5. Reserves: Find print and e-reserves and “For Faculty” instructions.
6. Research Guides: When you don't know where to begin, use these!
7. Ask a Librarian, in person, by e-mail, by phone, or texting ----->

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Steps for Finding a Journal Article

1. Search one of the research databases – *Academic OneFile*, *Scopus*, *PsycINFO* etc..
2. Look for a link to the article (Middlebury Links, Find at Middlebury, Link to Fulltext, etc.)
3. If not fulltext or if “direct linking not available”, continue to step 4.
4. Capture the bibliographic information (i.e., citation), as shown below.
5. Check the “Journals A-Z” list (in “Library Quick Search”) to see if we have the journal at Middlebury. IMPORTANT: you must search the journals list for the journal title!
6. If it’s not available at Middlebury, request it through Inter-Library Loan (ILL).

How to Interpret a Journal Citation

Look at the following citation and notice the bibliographic information given: author, title, journal name, volume, issue, date, pages:


Full-Text vs. Citation only

Some databases provide the full-text of the articles, while others only provide a citation (i.e. bibliographic information) and/or abstract (article summary). For the latter, you will need to determine whether Middlebury subscribes to the journal, then retrieve it.

In the example below, you have searched Academic OneFile and found a citation. You clicked the “Link to full-text outside this database” link. The Library server pops up with the direct access services we offer to get you to the article. In this case: (1) online through the ProQuest Biology or ProQuest Science, (2) MIDCAT (which takes you to print, microform, and/or a book chapter, (3) interlibrary loan.

Tip:
To get this popup, look for links or buttons labeled:
- Middlebury Links
- Find at Middlebury
- Link to fulltext etc.