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Article Linker

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This video will illustrate how to locate full-text articles when using the library databases.

Full-text articles are available through the library databases. Because the library has many different types of databases, however, the full-text links may vary in how they look on the page.

When there is no full-text link, click on Article Linker. Article Linker will search other library resources to try and locate the full-text of an article.

Let's look at four common scenarios that can occur after clicking on Article Linker.

In scenario #1, Article Linker will go straight to the full-text article, or to a page with a link to the full-text.

In scenario #2, Article Linker will not go straight to the article, but rather to this page, which provides a citation to the article. Make note of the article's volume, issue, and publication date. This information will be needed later. Then go to step 1, to see if an electronic copy of the article is available. In some cases, there will be a link straight to the article. In others, Article Linker will link to the issue. Or, as in this example, a link to the journal is provided. After clicking on the journal link, the journal website will open. Because not all journal websites look the same, you will need to scan the page for a list of volumes or issues. This is why you must make note of the article's volume, issue, and publication date. In this example, we need volume 18, issue 2, published in June 2013. After locating the correct issue, the full-text of the article should be available.

In scenario #3, there are no options for Step 1, which means the electronic version of the full-text article is not available through the library. However, there may be a print copy available. Make note of the article's volume, issue, and publication date and go to Step 2. Search by Journal or Magazine Title. There are copies of this journal located on the 4th floor of RBD Library. You must also check the publication date. The article that we need was published in 2012, which the library does own. The call number is necessary in order to find the journal on the shelf.

In the last scenario, Article Linker shows that the library does not have access to an electronic version of the article. A Journal Title search reveals that the library does not have a print version of this journal either. Although Step 1 and Step 2 did not provide the article, it may still be available through Interlibrary Loan. Or you can always ask a librarian.

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