How to use the Journal Finder Tutorial Script

If you want to know if MU has a specific journal you can easily check using the Journal Finder tool within MULibrary Search. From the library’s homepage select MULibrary Search and then Journal Finder in the top level navigation. To get started I recommend first signing into your account using the same credentials used to access Canvas and your MU email account. Now just type the title of journal you are looking for in the search bar. For this example we will search for the Journal of Education. If we have access to the journal you it will be listed in the results.

For this example you can see there are many journals that contain the phrase Journal of Education so be sure to locate the correct journal. We are looking for this first result so you can just click on the title to open the full record. Now you can see there are two databases listed that have this journal. You will want to note the coverage dates. Here the Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection has coverage starting in 1995 and Sage has coverage starting 1999. Be sure to choose the database with the coverage that best meets your needs. I’m going to select the first option and you can see the database opens and you have some options for how to search. You can chose to search within the publication - this will allow you to search for a keyword and only get results from the Journal of Education or you can choose to see all the articles published in a specific volume of the journal. Now this initial search screen will look slightly different depending on what database you select so don’t be surprised if you don’t see this exact screen when are searching.

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