Using the Journal Finder Tutorial Script

There will be times during your academic career when you read a course syllabus and see that a list of journals are recommended for you to read to remain current in your field such as: The Academy of Management Journal, The American Journal of Health Promotion, Harvard Business Review or Teaching and Teacher Education.

Marymount has hundreds of databases available, so how do you know where to begin to locate these journals? You need the Journal Finder. You can access the Journal Finder inside MULibrary Search. From the library’s homepage click on MULibrary Search and then Journal Finder. To get started I recommend first signing into your account - your account was automatically created when you enrolled and your login information is the same as your login for Canvas. 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 are searching for 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 I am just going to click the title to open the full record of the journal. 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. You can choose 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 we saw 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. For example, if I had chosen the Sage database instead of the Behavioral Sciences the screen would like like this but the searching functionality is essentially the same.

Didn't find the journal you were looking for? You can also review the module “Locating journal Articles from Citation Information” to develop additional skills in locating articles. Or you can always contact the library directly for help. Librarians are available via chat, email or phone to help with all your research needs.