Finding an article from an abstract

If you find an article you like, but the database only provides the abstract or says the “library does not subscribe to this title in print”, you should check to see if another database has the article or if we have it in print. Fortunately there is an easy to find out.

1. In the abstract you will need to locate the important information. On a piece of paper, write down the journal name, date, volume and issue number, page number, and the title of the article.

2. Another View

The legacy of persistent organic pollutants in Azerbaijan: an assessment of past use and current contamination.

Authors: Aliyeva G; Halsal C; Alasgarova K; Avazova M; Ibrahimov Y; Aghayeva R

Author Address: Lancaster Env; Lancaster University, Lancaster, LA1 4YQ, UK.


Publication Type: Journal; Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't; Review

Language: English


3. The easy way to find out where in SAU Library a journal in held is to check on the online periodical holding list. From the library’s homepage (www.sau.edu/library), click on the Resources link.

On the left hand side of the screen click on Periodical Holding List.

Click on the Online Journals link.

Periodical Holding List

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The online journals listing allows you to view and search an index, title and subject listing for SAU online journals.

View the SAU Library list of print journals

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4. In the search box of the Online Periodical Holding List, type the name of the journal and hit search.
5. From the search result list, scroll down and locate the precise journal. If the journal is available in another database, you will see link(s) that you can click on. If the journal is available in the library, you will see:

Microfilm available in the library v.226, 1972 - v.267, 1992
Print available in the library v.180, 1949 - v.301, 2009

Whether the journal can be found online or physically in the library, you will want to check the date holdings and compare it to the article information.

6. If you click on a link that leads you to a database, you will generally be led to the journal’s page in a database (which will look similar to what is shown below). From the information you’ve gathered from the article abstract, find the correct year and click on it.

Click on the date range of the journal article you are looking for.
7. From the expanded list, find your specific year and click on the link.

8. From the expanded list, find your volume and issue number and click on the link.

9. From the result list, you will see all the articles published in that journal issue. Find your specific article.

10. If you don’t find your article or only find another abstract and there were no other links located in the Online Periodical Holding List, place an Interlibrary Loan (ILL) request. See the Interlibrary Loan document for further information.