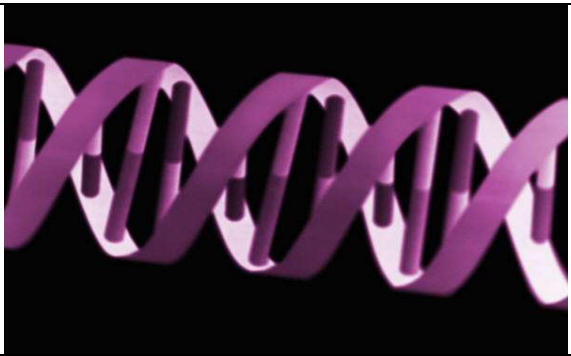


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<http://www.library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/histsci/studentpubs/index.html>

LIBRARY CATALOG -- What is it and why use it?

The JHU Libraries Catalog contains records for books, journal titles, videos, DVD's, microforms, and other materials owned by **all** of the JHU libraries. Use it as a starting point for research, or when you need background.

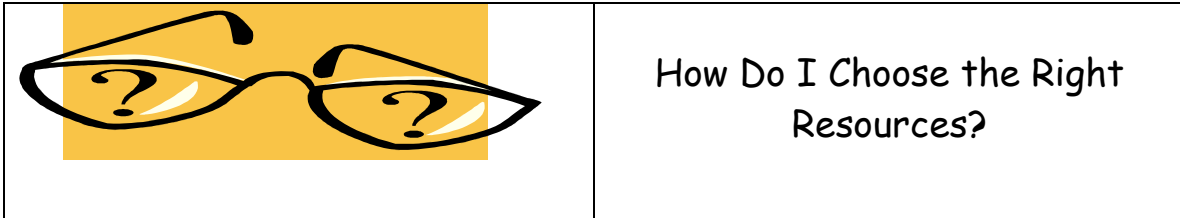
A BIG DIFFERENCE :

Catalog: lists book titles and journal *titles* (not articles)

Databases: gives journal *article* information

When using the catalog, watch out for these things:

Copy/Holding information				
Collection	Call No.	Copy	Status	
Eisenhower Stacks	R 856.15 .B56 1995	c. 1	Available	
Eisenhower Science Reference, Non-Circ		R856.I47 2005	c. 1	Available
Libraries Service Center		R856.A2 S681 1986	c. 1	Available
Eisenhower Stacks		QA303.2.S35 2003 QUARTO	c. 1	Available
Eisenhower Stacks	R 856.15 .B56 1995	c. 2	Checked out	12/01/2007
				Request Add Copy to MyList



TO START: LOOK FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION

BOOKS in the JHU Libraries catalog

Why is there a search box *and* a link to "more options"? Because the search box is only for the exact name of the title or author, *not* for topic searches.

JHU Libraries Catalog

Search by:

[More Catalog Search Options](#)

To search for topics, use the link to "More Catalog Search Options."

Search by:

and

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Refine your search (optional):

You can refine your search by selecting a [limit](#) or [sort option](#).

Limits

Location:	Language:	Material Type:
Available Online	Arabic	Text (print, electronic, microform)
ALL EISENHOWER LOCATIONS	Bengali	Archives and manuscripts
- Eisenhower Library Building	Chinese	Printed music
- Eisenhower Reference	Czech	Manuscript music
- Eisenhower Special Collections & Archives	Dutch	Printed maps

Go the catalog and choose **ADVANCED KEYWORD**, then put your word into **TITLE** or **SUBJECT** or **MEDICAL SUBJECT KEYWORD**. For example, type **isaac newton** into **TITLE KEYWORD** and you get 86 items. That's too many - add another word to the **TITLE** to narrow it down, or use one of the **LIMITS** at the bottom of the page.

Remember that once you find a book you like, others about that same topic will be in that same place, with that same main call number.

DIG DEEPER: LOOK FOR JOURNAL ARTICLES

Go to our database page:

<http://www.library.jhu.edu/eresources/databases/index.html>

Choose a subject (e.g., "Biological Sciences")

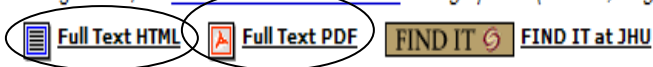
OR, simultaneously search several subject databases using JHsearch:



TO GET THE ARTICLES THEMSELVES

Step 1: Look for icons. If there's a PDF or HTML, use it.

10 Honigsbaum, M. [In search of the fever tree](#). *Geographical* (London, England: 1997) v. 73 no. 11 (November 2001) p. 38-44



Step 2: If the only icon is FIND IT, use it.

1. [THINGS TO COME: THE 1939 NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR](#). McIlvaine, Bill.; *American History Illustrated* 1989 24(4): 32-47 16p. Historical Period: 1939-40 (AN: A000304238.01)



IF we have THIS journal, for THIS year, ONLINE, you'll get a link(s) to it.

If we DO NOT have this year of this journal online, you'll see this:

Article Title: THINGS TO COME: THE 1939 NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR.
Author: McIlvaine, Bill
Journal Title: American History Illustrated
ISSN: 1076-8866
Published: 1989 Jan 01 Volume: 24 Issue: 4 Page: 32

Electronic Version via:
Not Available

Request a copy from Inter-Library Loan
[for MSE Borrowers](#)
[for SAIS Borrowers](#)

Copies In Library
[2 possible matches in JH Libraries Catalog](#)

Abstract and Table of Contents
Table of Contents
[EBSCOhost Military and Government Collection](#)

Abstract
[Wilson OmniFile FT Mega Edition](#)

Click the link that says "2 possible matches," and search the catalog for the journal's TITLE, *American History Illustrated*. The record will tell you all the years that we own, where they are, and the call number.



Recommended Sources for Articles and Other Information

Remember, you're looking for trustworthy sources, not just stuff you find on the open web. So you want to start with the library's sources and with web sites from dependable organizations, such as those ending in .gov, etc.

Here are some suggestions for where to start:

Multidisciplinary Databases

General Science Full-Text (1983+)

This database contains citations from English-language periodicals published in the U.S. and Great Britain, plus some full text. Coverage includes popular science magazines, professional journals, and *The New York Times Science Section* (published every Tuesday).

Tip: This vendor makes it possible for you to search several of their databases at the same time. When you open this database, click on "**Open Database Selection Area**" on the top left, and check off any other databases that you'd like to search, including "Biography Index."

Google Scholar -- if you must any kind of Google, use Google Scholar!

<http://scholar.google.com>

JHU now has much of our full text linked up. To find out more, go to <http://www.library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/googlescholar.html>.

Tip: Because this search engine covers so much, use many terms and be sure to use phrases.

Encyclopedia

Encyclopedia of Bioethics -- This gives excellent background on topics such as

- Animal Research
- Deep Brain Stimulation
- Health Policy in the United States
- Race and Racism

The URL is horrendous; use the search box in the library's home page to find it.

Medical and Related Database

PubMed (mid-1950s+)

PubMed contains article citations and abstracts from journals in medicine, nursing, bioethics, and biomedical topics.

To limit your search to the articles in the history of medicine, choose LIMITS, then select those two subsets.

Tip: To get more full text, use the link from the library database page, NOT "pubmed.gov"!

PsycINFO (1887+)

PsycINFO has two million+ citations and abstracts of journal articles, book chapters, books, and dissertations. This is the major index for psychology and related fields.

A Few Government Sites

Department of Energy
Food and Drug Agency (FDA)
National Institutes of Health

www.doe.gov

www.fda.gov

www.nih.gov

ALL OF THEM

Go to the box on the bottom right:

www.firstgov.gov



NEWS, POLICY, and COMMENTARY

Where are the most intelligent and most trustworthy sources for the latest news about science or medicine?

Newspapers - The papers with the best coverage of science news and policy issues are the **New York Times**, **Wall Street Journal**, and **Washington Post**.

Most newspapers will not allow you to see more than one day's articles unless you have a subscription. JHU has subscriptions to many newspapers, listed on our newspaper page at <http://library.jhu.edu/eresources/newspapers.html> [scroll down and look under "E-Texts."]

Lexis/Nexis - Has a lot of newspaper coverage but can be tricky to search.

News page at NIH - <http://www.nih.gov/news/> . This is a list of press releases that usually give links to the Institute that did the study so that you can get more information.

PubMed - Use LIMITS to choose a "Publication Type" of "editorials" or "letters."



JAMA (Journal of the American Medical Association) and **New England Journal of Medicine** are two of the most respected medical journals.

JAMA (<http://jama.ama-assn.org/>) has letters and editorials in each issue; click "Current Issue" at the top left. **JAMA** also lists their "theme issues" (<http://jama.ama-assn.org/misc/themeissues.dtl>), such as women's health, obesity research, new technologies in medicine, alternative medicine, and many more.

NEJM (<http://content.nejm.org>) has editorials and a "Perspective" section. It also has a "collections" section (<http://content.nejm.org/collections/>), including medical ethics, AIDS, and many more.

Science and **Nature** are two of the world's best-known science journals and cover almost all areas of science and technology.

- **Nature**: "Daily Updates from News @ Nature.com." <http://www.nature.com/>
- **Science**: Click on the NEWS link at <http://www.sciencemag.org/>
- **Both journals** -- Sections entitled "Letters to the Editor" or "Commentary."
- **Science**: One of their "Subject Collections" is "Science and Policy." (You can search just this collection using the search box on the left.)
http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/collection/sci_policy

How do I evaluate the information that I've found?

(I don't want to make a fool of myself by only citing sources I found using "Google" or "Wikipedia.")

Scholarly Sources - Most of your sources should come from "scholarly" sources or trustworthy web sites, such as peer-reviewed journals, sites ending in .gov, primary sources, or other trustworthy sources.

TIP: Many databases will sort your search results into groups that are "peer-reviewed" or not. The library's blog just had a note about this:

<http://blogs.library.jhu.edu/wordpress/?p=205#more-205>

What kinds of things are *not* "scholarly sources"? For examples, see the list on the page entitled "Is This Item Peer-reviewed?"

<http://www.library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/histsci/studentpubspeer.html> .

Evaluating Pages from the Open Web - *Anyone* can publish on the web!

- Be smart about which pages you choose to depend on for information.
- On Firefox, use **TOOLS, PAGE INFO, DATE** to check the date on which the page was last revised. Today's date won't tell you anything -- a page may have an automatic modifier -- but a non-current date is a tip-off.

And How Do I CITE All of These Different Kinds of Things ??

The "Citing Sources" page has the names and locations of the major style manuals, as well as some examples.

<http://library.jhu.edu/researchhelp/general/citing/index.html>

HOWEVER, for examples on how to cite online sources, go to Columbia's Guide to Online Style" at

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/help/howto/citing_er.html

Also, the Chicago Manual of Style is online and easy to search:

<http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html>