The goal of today’s session is to become acquainted with the professional and academic periodical collection available from the WSU libraries. Specifically, you will:

- Identify a *specialized database* for searching a topic or issue of interest to a specific discipline
- **Browse** a journal’s table of contents (TOC) to identify trends or issues in the discipline/profession
- Identify a journal and/or trade publication in your field that is accessible through the WSU Library System and access the it electronically

**Strategy #1: Searching with Library Research Guides & Databases by Subject**

Use **Research Guides** (linked from library.wayne.edu under the Quicksearch box) to find direct links to online journals and **specialized databases** for disciplinary research. Look for guide sections labeled “Databases,” “Articles,” etc., for lists.

**Use the Article Databases list (“By Subject Area”) to identify a specialized database for searching. After identifying a database for your discipline, you can search for articles by topic.**
Strategy #2: The E-Journals List

For identifying issues or trends in the discipline/profession, try browsing the table of contents (TOC) for a few recent issues of a journal. The e-Journals list, available from the library.wayne.edu page (just beneath the QuickSearch box, can help you find a listing of journals by subject area.

From within that broad category you can select a more specialized area to view a list of publications.

Here is one example:
Browse online by using the link into a database; be sure to pick a title that is currently accessible (look for the words “to present”)

Journal Information
Through the database you will be able to link to an information page about the journal. You can use this page to access the table of contents (TOC) for many issues. On many of the journal information pages you will be able to find details about the publisher, and peer-review status of the journal.
Refresher: Linking to Article Full Text

If the full article is not provided use the “360 Link to Full Text” icon to connect to the full text of an article:

Full Text not Available? Request the article

Sorry, this item is not immediately available. Request via Interlibrary Loan.

Request Full Text

May take several days

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