Part I. Articles/Databases

Publication/Journal Search
At the very top of the Articles/Databases page on the Public Health libguide, find the Primo Discovery Search (everything)
Enter in quotes: “American Journal of Public Health” and hit SEARCH
Notice how many results this search returns - over 74,000 but we are looking to determine if the library has online access to this particular journal
Notice the 1st 2 results, both indicating American Journal of Public Health:

American journal of public health (New York, N.Y. : 1912)
American Public Health Association.
1912 - 1927
Available Online

American journal of public health (New York, N.Y. : 1971 : Online)
American Public Health Association.
1971
PEER REVIEWED
Available Online

Both are the same journal, but one is very old providing full text cover from 1912-1927 and the other is more recent coverage beginning at 1971

Click on the 2nd listing for this search. Doing so opens the bib record for this particular journal. Notice in purple it’s identification as being Peer-Reviewed

Search Inside - this allows you to initiate a search within this publication but it tends to be more useful to first select a particular database (as shown below):
We see a list of different databases through which AM J of Pub Health can be accessed, but not all databases provide the same extent of full text coverage and not all databases provide the same quality search interface.
Click on **EBSCOhost MEDLINE with Full Text** to access this journal through this particular database

Now you can either click on **Search Within Publication** to use this database to search exclusively within this journal
Or on the right, you can browse the journal by **year**, then drill down into particular issues, open them and browse the articles in each

**Note:** if you’re looking for potential research topics, sometimes it’s helpful to get ideas by simply reviewing the current scholarly literature that’s being published

**Search Within Publication**

Click search within publication

Notice the 1st search field is already completed:

JN "American Journal of Public Health"

Research Query: say you’re looking for articles in this journal pertaining to the cessation of cigarette smoking as it relates to a person’s socioeconomic status:

2nd search box: “smoking cessation”

3rd search box: "socioeconomic status" or SES or "social class"

Click Search - this search should return **18 results** (again all from Am J of Pub Health)
The publication date of the articles returns run from 1983 - 2014

Take a look at **#2**: Patient smoking cessation advice by health care providers: the role of ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and health.

Notice how some of our keyword search phrases matched here in the subject terms: **smoking cessation** and **social class** (good indication of relevance beyond keyword matches)

Scroll over the magnifying glass icon on the right to view article abstract (summary) to further ascertain relevance of this research:

“We assessed differences by ethnicity in ever receiving advice from providers to quit smoking. We evaluated whether socioeconomic status and health status were moderators of the association.”

Click on the title to access the full text
Notice when you open the article like this the abstract presented is even more detailed specifying the **objectives, methods, results & conclusion**
Citation Search Example:

Return to the Articles/Databases tab on our LibGuide

What if you have the following APA article citation and you want to determine if the full text is available through one of the library databases:


First, identify the title within the citation:

A discourse analysis of the social determinants of health

Using the Primo Discovery Search at the top of the Articles/Databases tab, enter the full title in quote into the search box:

“A discourse analysis of the social determinants of health”

This search should result only one article results (if quotes are used)

Click on the article title to open article record in Primo

Click on EBSCOhost Academic Search Complete to access the full text

SUGGESTED ONLINE DATABASES:

Academic Search Complete

Research Query: Let’s say we’re looking for peer-reviewed scholarly articles on the relationship between breast cancer survival rates and racial disparities

1st search box: “breast cancer”

2nd search box: "racial disparities" or "racial disparity"

3rd search box: survival

Search Options:

Select: Find all my search terms

Select: Scholarly (Peer Review) Journals

Document type: Article

Language: English

Published Date: specify range: Sep, 2009 - Sep, 2019

Click SEARCH -- should return about 36 articles
Let's take a look here at article #1: Racial Disparities in Breast Cancer Survival: The Mediating Effects of Macro-Social Context and Social Network Factors
Notice the journal this article appears in: Journal of Health Disparities Research & Practice - (Note: might be a good place to look for any issues relevant to health disparities)
See pub date: 2018 (very recent)
Subjects: BREAST cancer; HEALTH & race; SOCIAL networks; SOCIAL status; SOCIAL support; Other Individual and Family Services
    Notice here it says: “PDF Full Text”
On the right, scroll over the magnifying glass to view the pop-up with the abstract
If relevant, click on the article title and download the full text by clicking on Full Text PDF on the right
Click on title to access full text

Click the < to return to the article results

Scroll down to #2: Racial disparities in survival outcomes by breast tumor subtype among African American women in Memphis, Tennessee
    Notice here it displays below the article citation: Full Text Finder
If we click that link, it will automatically search for this full text article in another database
In this case, we find the article located in the PMC (PubMed Central) database
Click on the title to access
On left: Formats: see PDF and Citation
Similar articles in PubMed
Generates a list of articles directly related to the one we've accessed
    Ex.: Racial and Ethnic Differences in Breast Cancer Survival

Click the < to return to the article results

Scroll down to #4: Racial disparities in functional disability among older women with newly diagnosed nonmetastatic breast cancer: Racial Disparities in Disability
Notice here it also displays below the article citation: Full Text Finder
If we click that link, it will automatically search for this full text article in another database like in the previous example but in this case, the full text is not found and we are prompted to request this article through Interlibrary Loan (ILLiad)
Click on the link: Request this item through interlibrary loan
Database Search Example #2

**Academic Search Complete**

Research Query: *What kind of preventive measure are being taken in the US to address the spread of tick-borne illnesses?*

Click on **Academic Search Complete** in the suggested online database column.

Let’s set up our search:
- 1st search box: "tick-borne illness" or "tick-borne disease"
- 2nd search box: prevention
- 3rd search box: “united states”

**Search Options:**
- Select: Find all my search terms
- Select: Scholarly (Peer Review) Journals
- Document type: Article
- Language: English
- Published Date: specify range: Sep, 2004 - Sep, 2019

Click **SEARCH** -- should return about 25 articles

Let’s take a look #1: *Tick Talk: Keeping Environmental Health Up With Current Trends*

>>Notice the Subjects: ENVIRONMENTAL health; PUBLIC health; PUBLIC health surveillance; **TICK-borne diseases; PREVENTION; UNITED States;** CENTERS for Disease Control & Prevention (U.S.); Administration of Public Health Programs; Health and Welfare Funds

After carefully reviewing all the article results in our primary keyword search, we might consider utilizing some of these official subject terms and plug them into our search:
- 1st search box: tick-borne disease then switch SU - Subject Terms on the right
- 2nd search box: prevention then switch SU - Subject Terms on the right
- 3rd search box: united states then switch SU - Subject Terms on the right

Click **SEARCH** -- should return about 19 articles, however these articles will be much more relevant to our original search query
STATISTICAL RESEARCH
Statistical Abstract of the United States

Research Query: say you’re looking for statistics on Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

In the search box enter: “Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program”

In the drop down menu below, select - Previous 5 years and hit SEARCH

3 results are return but let’s look more closely

Notice in the data summary under the 1st result it mentions:
“data on public welfare programs”


Scroll down to see the highlighted sections: 593 - 595

Then scroll further down to the Tables section

Looking at Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) By State: 2000 To 2012 - click on the GIF icon to view the data chart

Read the fine details about this chart

Data source: US Dept of Agriculture, Food & Nutrition Service URL:

We could use this link to try to locate more recent and possibly detailed data on this topic

Part II. Find Books/Ebooks

Keyword Search Example:

Click on the Find Books tab on the LibGuide.

Using the embedded online catalog search in the lower middle of the page, let’s try a simple keyword search for any books available which pertain to: the social determinants of public health

In the search box enter: "public health" and “social determinants” then click Search

This search should return about 450 results which matched the words "public health" and “social determinants” somewhere in the records returned, whether in the title, subject headings, description, contents, etc

We should find here a mixture of both books in print and ebooks. Print books will indicate a call number, whereas ebooks will display the text: Available Online

Scroll down to the result:

The social determinants of health : looking upstream
Ratcliff, Kathryn Strother, 1944- author.
2017
Available Online
We can tell it's an ebook because it says Available Online and provides no call no. To access, click on the title to open the record, then scroll down to the section: View Online - Full Text Availability section: click on Ebook Central Academic Complete
Notice: Availability - Your institution has unlimited access to this book. Click READ ONLINE to open the ebook
Go over all major functionalities of the ebook: Citation, Print/PDF, searchability
Search example: “occupational health” -- 231 results
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Notice the triangles pointing to certain sections - click those open the pages on which the search phrase appears - see our search phrase highlighted