

### **Literature Reviews**

A literature review is a summary of what has been published on a research topic, along with analysis of the publications. For a great description of what a literature review is and how to do one, check out <http://www.utoronto.ca/writing/litrev.html>

### **Using The Library Catalog**

Books are an important component for literature reviews—here’s how to track down what we own.

**Go to the Mansfield Library home page** ([www.lib.umt.edu](http://www.lib.umt.edu)). Click on the “Catalog” link on the top left side of the page. This is how you search for books, videos, sound recordings, government documents and theses owned by this library.

**Select the “Advanced Search” tab.** This gives you more flexibility in your search, since you can combine concepts. Type in one or a few words describing your topic/concept into the first box.

**Start off broad, then narrow down your search.** Books tend to be broader discussions of research than articles. Begin by looking for “japan AND immigra?” rather than just typing in your topic or thesis. Remember to truncate with the question mark to catch all permutations of a word (immigrant, immigrants, immigration)

**Keep an eye out for keywords** that describe your topic in words other than the ones you’re using. If you don’t have many results on your first search, go broader and think of other terms you can use.

### **WorldCat**

In order to find books, videos, documents and other materials owned by libraries outside the University of Montana, you will need to use WorldCat. Here’s how:

**Go to the Mansfield Library home page** ([www.lib.umt.edu](http://www.lib.umt.edu)). Click on “Find Articles” and find the subject area for Economics. WorldCat is the last resource listed on the page.

**Search WorldCat like you would the Mansfield Library Catalog (above).** Advanced Search is probably the best place to start, and it’s good to start out broad and narrow down. Keep track of keywords that you have used and that may be useful in future searches. Truncate words in this and other databases with an asterisk (\*).

**Get materials via Interlibrary Loan.** Click on the title of the item you want, then click on “Send Request to ILLiad” or the yellow ILLiad button to request an interlibrary loan of the item. You can also use the “Get Materials We Don’t Own (ILL)” link on the Mansfield Library website.

## **Using Electronic Databases to Find Articles**

The library subscribes to a number of online collections of articles from newspapers, magazines, academic journals and encyclopedias. To reach these, go to the Mansfield Library home page ([www.lib.umt.edu](http://www.lib.umt.edu)). Click on the Find Articles Link, and then on the Economics topic in the subject grid.

**Academic Search Premier** is one of the largest scholarly, multi-disciplinary full text databases. It contains full text for nearly 4000 scholarly publications, including more than 3100 peer-reviewed publications.

**EconLit** looks a lot like Academic Search Premier, but it contains more than 630,000 records from 1969 to the present. EconLit covers virtually every area related to economics and is the world's foremost source of references to economic literature.

**Web of Knowledge** is an excellent tool for finding out where that perfect article was cited, leading to further articles for you to examine for your thesis.

## **Online Resources**

Here's a selection of free web resources for Economics. To find more, click on "Subject Guides" on the library homepage, then find "Economics" on the list.

**Resources for Economists on the Internet** (<http://rfe.org>) lists more than 1,600 resources available online, and has an easy to use search of its contents.

**World Economic Outlook** (<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/weo/2005/02/index.htm>), along with other publications by the IMF available on this site, outline world economic affairs and issues.

**American Fact Finder** (<http://factfinder.census.gov>) is an excellent statistical resource for U.S. topics, with data supplied by the Census Bureau.

## **Locating Electronic and Print Journals in the Mansfield Library**

If you have a citation to an article and need the full text, use the UM-M Journals list to find out how to get the article. This page shows both what we have in print in the library, and also what we can get online. Go to the Mansfield Library home page ([www.lib.umt.edu](http://www.lib.umt.edu)) and click on the Journals link. Enter the title of the journal into the search box near the top of the page.

For example, to locate the following article:

Tsuda, Takeyuki. "The Motivation to Migrate: The Ethnic and Sociocultural Constitution of the Japanese-Brazilian Return-Migration System." *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 48 (Oct. 1999): 1-31.

Type *Economic Development and Cultural Change* into the search box on the Journals page, and click the Search button. Your results will look something like this:

**Economic Development and Cultural Change** (0013-0079) [Title details from ulrichsweb.com™](#)  
in [The University of Montana's Print Holdings](#)  
from 01/01/1997 to present in [Expanded Academic ASAP](#)  
from 01/01/1998 to present in [Business & Company ProFile ASAP](#)  
from 10/10/1964 to 8 months ago in [Business Source Premier](#)

Click on the link to the database to pull up the electronic full-text version of the article, or click on the link to the "University of Montana's Print Holdings," if there is one, to find out where the print version is in the library.