

### **The Library Website: Info at Your Fingertips**

To find out all sorts of useful information, go to the Mansfield Library home page (<http://www.lib.umt.edu>). This page has links to our hours, our catalog, several electronic resources you can use from home or your dorm room, and an ask-a-librarian email form, in case you run into any obstacles.

### **Using the Library Catalog**

**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 “Europe? AND extrem?” rather than just typing in your topic or thesis. Remember to truncate with the question mark to catch all permutations of a word (extreme, extremism)

**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—right-wing, radical, etc.

### **Using Academic Search Premier**

This is a necessary skill for almost *every* class you will take at UM. Today we’ll take a look at Academic Search Premier, a good general database for lots of different topics.

1. Go to the Mansfield Library home page ([www.lib.umt.edu](http://www.lib.umt.edu)).
2. Click on the Find Articles link on the Library Home Page.
3. Click on Political Science. Select Academic Search Premier.
4. Type in one or a few words describing your topic/concept into the first box. Remember to use only one concept per box. Shorten words with an asterisk (\*) to catch different endings (separation, separate, separated can be searched with separat\* for example).
5. Click on the Search button.
6. If you aren’t finding what you expected (too many articles, too few, none!) try using different words, taking some out, adding new ones in. Or ask a librarian for assistance via phone, email or in person.

## **Using Worldwide Political Science Abstracts**

Another useful database is WPSA, which covers political science articles and books back to 1975. While it's focused on political science, it's also abstract-only (no full text).

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4. Type in one or a few words describing your topic/concept into the first box. Remember to use only one concept per box. Shorten words with an asterisk (\*) to catch different endings (separation, separate, separated can be searched with separat\* for example).
5. Click on the Search button.
6. This database allows for you to add rows to further narrow your search, or add lots of various terms on one line to describe a concept (extremism | right-wing | radical)
7. Follow the steps below to find the full text of your article if the "Linked Full Text" link is not available.

## **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. 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 into the search box near the top of the page.

For example, to locate the following article:

Rydgren, J. (2005). Is Extreme Right-Wing Populism Contagious? Explaining the Emergence of a New Party Family. *European journal of political research*, 44:3, 413-437.

Type "European journal of political research" into the search box on the Journals page, and click the Search button. Your results will look like this:

**European journal of political research** (0304-4130) [Title details from ulrichsweb.com™](http://www.ulrichsweb.com)  
from 01/01/1997 to present in [Blackwell-Synergy](#)  
from 01/01/2002 to 1 year ago in [Academic Search Premier](#)  
from 02/01/1997 to 12/01/2001 in [Springer LINK](#)

Click on the database link to find the electronic full-text version of the article, or click on the link to the "UM Print Holdings" (if there is one) to find out where the print version is in the library.

**Questions? Just ask a librarian!** Call us at 243-6866, stop by, or contact us electronically at <http://www.lib.umt.edu/contact.htm>