

UB Library Resources Explained



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The UB Library website has a plethora of information, resources, and support available to you for any of your academic or professional needs. This presentation explores and explains some of the key facets of this resource.

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Databases Decoded

What databases would be best to use for my research topic?
What are the most comprehensive databases?



Databases Decoded

Multi-Discipline Databases:

- Ebsco Host - Hosts research databases, e-journals, magazine subscriptions, ebooks and discovery services across multiple subject areas. A great general search tool and useful in researching across different databases or subjects. Academic Search Complete is a useful database for a comprehensive view of scholarly articles.
- Gale - Network of online databases across many disciplines. A great option for general searches or beginning your research. This can also be useful if you are researching across disciplines. Academic One File is a great database for multidisciplinary research.
- Google Scholar- A great starting point for research; user friendly; comprehensive across a wide range of topics

Databases Decoded

Specialized Databases:

- Jstor - digital library featuring academic journals, books and other primary sources in the humanities and social sciences. Useful to Arts/Humanities or Social Science majors.
- PubMed - Search engine accessing primarily the MEDLINE database of references and abstracts on life sciences and biomedical topics. Great resource for students in the Sciences or Medical majors.

Understanding the Most Effective Search Bar Practices

How do I narrow my search words and phrases to view articles that are related to my topic?



UB Library Search Bar: Most Effective Practices

The screenshot shows the University of Buffalo Library website. The search bar is highlighted with a yellow box. The search bar contains the text "Search" and "Everything UB + SUNY". Below the search bar, there are tabs for "Everything", "Catalog", "Journals", "Reserve", and "Databases". The search results page shows a list of books, including "Joe Rosenblatt : essays on his works / edited by Linda Rogers." and "Making toast : a family story".

- If you are just beginning your research, the UB Library 'Everything' search box may be a great place to begin. This will provide a plethora of results that can be refined through the check boxes on the side panel
- When using the search bar, spend a few minutes considering what the keywords are for your project. These words should be related to the subject matter only and have great relevance to the topic at hand.
- You may have a few words or phrases you want to search for. For phrases, enclose them with quotations marks.
- For multiple keywords and phrases used in one search, use "AND"/"OR" to connect them in the search results
- Example: I am working on a project regarding the effects of social media. I would use the key words 'social media' AND 'mental health'
- Link to additional video resources on the library website:
<https://research.lib.buffalo.edu/onestopguide>

Understanding How to Refine Search Results

How do I narrow results to fit my needs?
How do I sort the results of my search?



Sort by Relevance ▾

Availability ^

- Available online
- Peer-reviewed Journals
- Open Access
- Held by library

Content Type ▾

Journal/Newspaper Title ▾

Publication Date ▾

Subject ▾

Language ▾

UB Library ▾

UB Location/Collection ▾

SUNY Campus ▾

Collection/Database ▾

Data Source ▾

Recently Added ▾

Red Check Box

allows you to exclude chapters

Subject

This allows you to narrow your search to specific subject that pertain to your research

Availability

This category allows you to refine your search based on access. You can refine your search to works in the library, online, or open access online (meaning you do not need a license to access the database). Additionally, this category allows you to refine your search to *only* peer-reviewed journals.

Publication Date

This allows you to refine your results based on the date. Many professors encourage newer works to be used for research. For some history assignments, refining the results to earlier years would be effective

Collection/Database

This category allows you to view results from specific databases or collections. Ex: I am searching for a work from the 18th century. I would limit my search to the EEBO database.

Sort by Relevance

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Journal/Newspaper Title v

Publication Date v

Subject v

Language v

UB Library v

UB Location/Collection v

SUNY Campus v

Collection/Database v

Data Source v

Recently Added v

Journal/Newspaper Title

Allows you to refine your search to specific Journals and Newspapers

Sort by

This category allows you to sort your search results based on relevance, publication date (oldest-Newest or newest-oldest), author, or title.

Language

This allows you to refine your results based on the language.

UB Location/Collection

Some works are not yet available online, and they reside in one of UB's many library collections. You can refine your search based on the specific collection you need. Ex: the Law Multimedia Collection

SUNY Campus

While the UB library has a plethora of information, many other works are located in other SUNY campuses. The good news is that you have access to them by indicating which campuses to include or exclude from your search

Reliability and Relevance of Sources

How do you identify what works for your paper?

What are key things to look for?



Reliability and Relevance of Sources

- How do you identify what works for your paper?
 - Identify keywords based on thesis or main ideas - command F to find in article
 - Read the abstracts/tags of article of possible sources to identify if they are usable
 - Skim articles for particular info or points necessary to your paper (do not have to read entire article)
 - CRAP test - Currency, Reliability, Authority, Purpose
 - Read each subheading to get the lay of the paper and what they will discuss/where

- What are key things to look for?
 - Journal articles/scholarly source/peer-reviewed - higher chance of credibility
 - Date - more modern sources will be more reliable/updated
 - Look to the author/publisher - What are their credentials/qualifications? What is their area of expertise?
 - the reference page of the article - find similar/reliable sources on given topic

Reading and Gathering Materials

How can I skim articles to determine if they are useful to my research?
How can I navigate digital textbooks?



Tips for Skimming Materials

- Skimming Articles

- Hold off on an in-depth reading until you are sure the article will be useful
- Scan or skim read abstract/introduction/conclusion
- Know when to move on if article does not have what you need: spend no more than 15 minutes per article at this stage in the research process

- Navigating Online Books

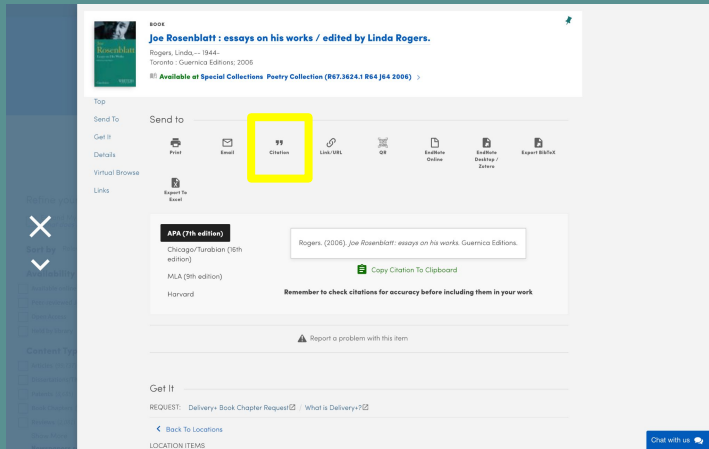
- Read through the introduction to the book; this will indicate the topics that will be discussed
- Use the table of contents to scan for relevant topics; many times, the database will offer summaries of the chapters.
- Scan the cited works for other sources.
- Spend no more than 20-30 minutes while scanning a book

Finding Citation References for materials found on the UB Library Website

How do you locate the work's reference?
How do I ensure the citation is correct?



Finding Citations from the UB Library



Online sources/texts, found through the UB Library website, will provide the bibliography reference for each text in the most common formats (i.e. APA, MLA, and Chicago)

- By clicking on a work, one can access the reference citation by clicking on the citation tab (indicated by the yellow box).
- From there, you can copy the reference citation (in the format of your choosing) directly into your references page.
- Be sure to check that the citation given is correct. The following bullet points offer a generalized correct format for journal article reference citations:
 - **MLA:** Article Author's Last Name, First name. "Title of Article." *Title of Journal*, vol. number, issue no., date published, page range. *Title of Website*, DOI or URL.
 - **APA:** Author's last name, Author's first initial. Author's middle initial. (Year, Month Date published). Article title. *Journal Name*, *Volume*(Issue), page number(s). <https://doi.org/>— (if available)
 - **Chicago:** Last name, First name. "Article Title." *Journal Title* volume number, issue number (Month year of publication): Page-page. DOI or URL.
 - A link to a great grammar and citations resource: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html

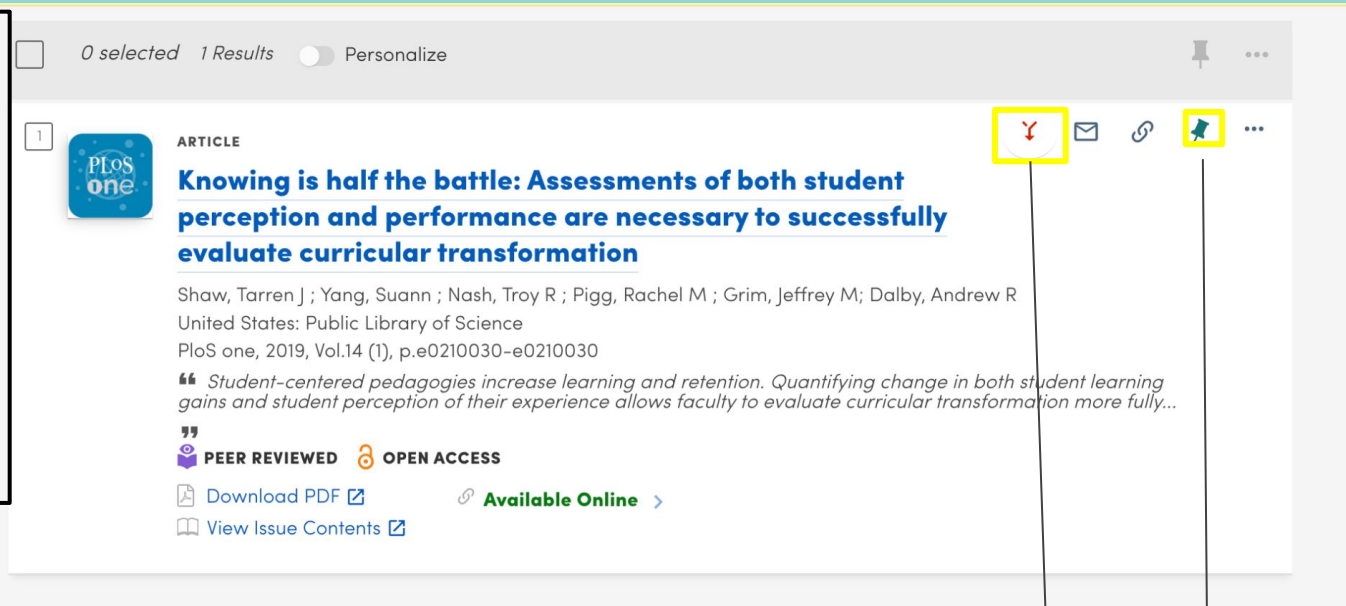
Finding Related Sources

I found one great source, so how do I find others that are related to it?



Finding Related Sources

If you find a source that is at another campus or is only inprint, you can email your librarian to scan and email you a copy.



The screenshot shows a search results page for a PLoS One article. At the top, it says "0 selected 1 Results" and has a "Personalize" toggle. The article title is "Knowing is half the battle: Assessments of both student perception and performance are necessary to successfully evaluate curricular transformation". The authors listed are Shaw, Tarren J; Yang, Suann; Nash, Troy R; Pigg, Rachel M; Grim, Jeffrey M; Dalby, Andrew R. The article is from PLoS one, 2019, Vol.14 (1), p.e0210030-e0210030. A quote from the article reads: "Student-centered pedagogies increase learning and retention. Quantifying change in both student learning gains and student perception of their experience allows faculty to evaluate curricular transformation more fully...". The article is marked as "PEER REVIEWED" and "OPEN ACCESS". There are three buttons: "Download PDF", "View Issue Contents", and "Available Online". In the top right corner of the article card, there are four icons: a yellow box around a red and white joining arrows icon, an email icon, a link icon, and a blue thumbtack icon. A yellow box also highlights the article's title. Arrows point from these icons to explanatory text boxes at the bottom of the slide.

The conjoining arrows button allows you to find any of the sources that were cited in the work.

For sources that you could see potentially being used, you can use the thumbtack icon to save the work for later viewing

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Title

Joe Rosenblatt : essays on his works

Statement of Responsibility

/ edited by Linda Rogers.

Publisher

Toronto : Guernica Editions

Creation Date

2006

Format

157 p. ; 18 cm.

Series

[Writers series ; 15](#) >

[Writers series \(Toronto, Ont.\) ; 15.](#) >

Contents

Paradigm lost / Linda Rogers -- Joe Rosenblatt reader and a tentacled mother / Susan Musgrave -- larval clothes of Jose Rosenblatt / Diane Keating -- Blatt meets his muse / Barry Callaghan -- Joe / Milan Safarik -- Cuppa Joe / Linda Rogers -- darkroom of my mind / Joe Rosenblatt -- Phantasmagoric visions of fish and bees / Sharon Abron Drache -- Poet in the watery maze / Alfredo Rizzardi -- Canadian 1-ching / Ada Donati -- Getting to know Joe / David Berry -- How Rosenblatt came to Gabriola / Myllis Reeve -- From python to parrot / Faye Smith -- Abject oceans / Catherine Owem -- mythopoetic victim / Joe Rosenblatt -- Joe Rosenblatt : Dionysian Taoist / Jean Greenberg -- Man in God's image versus the zoo image / Joe Rosenblatt -- Animals in the zoo of my muse / Joe Rosenblatt -- body of Rosenblatt's poetry / Italo Evangelisti.

Local Notes

Paperbound in green and yellow; printed in white and yellow.

Subject

[Rosenblatt, Joe, 1933-2019 -- Criticism and interpretation](#) >

Contributor

[Rogers, Linda, -- 1944-](#) >

Additional Contributor

[Rogers, Linda, -- 1944-](#) >

Related titles

Available in other form: Online version: Joe Rosenblatt. Toronto : Guernica Editions, 2006
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Once you've identified a possible source, look at it individually, scrolling down to details to gain more information. In clicking on the subject you can find more similar articles/works.



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Subject Area	Librarian Name
African & African-American Studies	Poremski, Molly
American Studies	Poremski, Molly



Other UB Library Services

- Panopto
 - video/streaming service offering films/documentaries/performances
 - Can be useful for course content access/entertainment
- Streaming Media
 - Useful for film assignments or leisure
 - Performance recordings for majors in the arts
- Newspaper Subscriptions
 - Access to major newspapers that usually have a paywall
 - Can be used for sources
 - Useful for current events and assignments related to world events

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