Tutorial: Finding Articles . . . when you know exactly which article you want.

Journals at LNDL are available online or in print. Naturally, some journals are available in both formats, but the years that are available online may be different from what we have in print.

When you have the citation for an article that you’d like to get, you’ll want to search and see if we have a subscription to the journal it’s from. Let’s say you were trying to find this article:


- Start on the library homepage. Click on the tab to get the “Journals” box.

- This is where you can check our electronic and print journal subscriptions. Use the title of the journal, not the article: here, it would be “Commonwealth & Comparative Politics.” Do a search for the journal.

- On the next page, we’ll see the search results: a listing of research databases where you can find articles from the journal, with the date ranges covered. Make sure that you pick a database that includes coverage for the year that your article is from.

- Click on the database name. You’ll see a screen with information about the journal, and a way to use the year, volume and issue number to find your article. This will show you all of the articles from that issue, and you can scroll down to the one you want.

- Sometimes a journal isn’t available electronically. Our print journals can be found under ‘Journals’ as well. From the homepage, enter the title of the journal, and then pick “Journal Title” and ‘begins’ from the menus. That will make sure you get exactly the results you want. When you spot the journal you want in the list, click on the title. First, make sure that you see LNDL listed. Then take a look at the volumes we have. Grab the citation and head to the stacks – you’ll find recent issues on the main level, across from the circulation desk. Back issues are up on the third floor. In both locations, the journals are arranged alphabetically by title. You can’t check these out, but you can read them here or make a copy.
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