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The latest news from Gorham, Lewiston-Auburn & Portland

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Annotated Bibliographies so many of your instructors assign? What, no?

Noodle Tools will help you create them easily. See page 2.

New At USM Libraries!



JSTOR Arts and Science Collections I, II and VII have been added. These collections provide access to complete electronic back files of 426 journals in 21 disciplines. These collections join two smaller, previously acquired JSTOR collections: Mathematical and Statistics Collection and Music Collection.

Access to our JSTOR holdings is provided from the USM Libraries website under **Quicklinks** or by clicking on **J** in the alphabet at the top left of the library homepage.

The Libraries were able to add JSTOR this fiscal year thanks to President Botman and Provost Forhan's dedication to supporting the USM Libraries. Over time, the goal is to not only acquire all of the other JSTOR collections, but to also transition nearly all current journal subscriptions to electronic format.

This is one cornerstone of our commitment to student success, as the Libraries move from print journals to electronic journals, giving students and faculty increased access from home, work, and on campus.

And don't forget that Project Muse works in tandem with JSTOR to provide the current issues of many titles. When searching Project Muse check the box titles "Include JSTOR back issues."

In addition to JSTOR, the library recently added Lexis-Nexis Academic, American Periodicals Series, and CQ Global Researcher. See more about all three on page 3.

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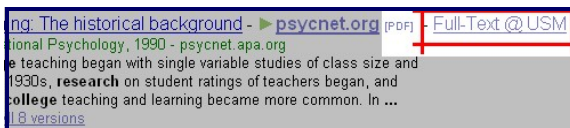
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Don't use Google, try Google Scholar



Google has come up with a tool that focuses on scholarly literature. Google Scholar **does not** replace databases such as Academic Search Premier, Medline, Proquest, JSTOR, etc. but it does work with them to show you which databases hold certain articles.

So when you search "Beijing Olympics" you get articles from journals like *Atmospheric Environment* and *International Journal of the History of Sport* instead of *NBC.com* and *FOXsports.com*.



The search results will have a **Full-Text @ USM** link if the article is available.

New Citation Tools

Noodle Tools, Zotero and Citation Machine are all available to help you organize your citations.



NoodleTools

Each tool has a user guide on the library website. Click **Databases and More** at the top left then **Citing Your Articles** at the bottom right for more information.



Do the USM Libraries Subscribe to Your Favorite Journal?

The answer to this question may well be "Yes," because we subscribe to tens of thousands of journals online....so the real question becomes "Do you know how to get to it?" Here's how...

When people search for up-to-date articles on a topic they often go into one of our databases, such as Academic Search Premier, Business & Company Resource Center or MLA. But this is not the path one follows to determine if the USM Libraries have a subscription to a particular journal.

Instead:

- Go to the library's website
- Click on Find Journals by Title
- Enter the publication title, such as Nurse Practitioner.

- See both print holdings or databases that contain certain years of the publication online.
- Click on the database link and locate your article by volume or year.

By the way, if you are doing this from off-campus you'll be asked for your last name and bar code number (usually begins with 25022...) which can be found on your USM picture identification card.

Good luck and remember, if you have any problems finding articles the reference librarians would be glad to help you.

Gorham reference: 780-5344

Portland reference: 780-4272

Lewiston reference: 753-6541



Sage Advice from *Dear Crabby...*

Dear Crabby,
I am so annoyed! I went to the library yesterday to get sources for my paper about the effects of procrastination on student achievement, and there was hardly anything.



How am I supposed to finish this paper by tomorrow if I can't find books and articles? My roommate, who's in the same class, got a ton of sources! She said she even got articles from other libraries – great for her, but I'm not going to drive all over the state photocopying things!
Fed Up in Falmouth

Dear Fed Up,
You started it – you compared yourself to your roommate. I bet your roommate started her paper early and asked the librarians for help before she was running out of time. That way her ideas could percolate a bit (like the free coffee the libraries serve on Mondays) and she could go back and search for missing information after her topic started taking shape, and she could request items from other libraries if she needed to. Remember, Rome wasn't built in a day, and a decent research paper isn't either!
Crabby

New Research Databases!



USM is always adding new databases to its online collection. This past year there were some very exciting additions.

LexisNexis Academic is one of the most heavily used databases in higher education. It provides access to a wide range of news, business, legal, medical, and reference information from nearly 6,000 sources, most of them available in full text.

The service covers newspapers, magazines, wire services, federal and state court opinions, federal and state statutes, federal regulations, and SEC filings. News information is updated daily and wire services several times daily.



CQ Global Researcher provides students with definitive, in-depth coverage of global affairs from a number of international viewpoints.

Available exclusively online, CQ Global Researcher offers focused, readable, single-topic reports on vital world issues.

Written by seasoned journalists with years of international experience, each report details the current situation, pro-con viewpoints, and a new feature called voices from abroad.



Located alphabetically under [Find Articles](#) on the library website.



APS Online provides full-text (PDF) articles, advertisements, illustrations, editorial cartoons, obituaries, letters to the editor, etc., from more than 1,100 American magazines and journals. Publication dates range from 1741, when Benjamin Franklin's General Magazine first appeared, to 1941. Popular, special interest and general magazines; literary and professional journals; children's and women's magazines; and many other historically significant periodicals are included. Titles range from America's first scientific journal, Medical Repository, to popular magazines like Vanity Fair (1859-1863), Puck (1877-1918), Ohio Farmer (1856-1906) and The Anti-Slavery Examiner (1836-1845).

APS Online is a great resource for historical research!



Check Out a Film or Documentary

The USM Libraries and ITMS have a large collection of videos that are used in the classroom and in instruction. We also have a smaller, but growing, collection of videos and DVDs that can be borrowed by any holder of a USM library card.

Ranging from foreign and domestic classics to documentaries, the collection is located on the 2nd floor of Glickman Library (Portland) and films can be requested from any location using the online catalog, URSUS.

We want this to be a varied student-use collection, so the library welcomes input from students and faculty on titles for future purchase.

Smart Starts @ the Library

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**Instructional Technology
& Media Services**

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Gorham
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Book Reviews

Abigail Adams, by Woody Holton

The recent biography, *Abigail Adams* by Woody Holton, brings a new perspective to a familiar character in American history. The rich correspondence between John and Abigail Adams, admittedly one of the greatest American romances, is the most direct source on their remarkable life and times. Holton in turn uses Abigail Adams's financial papers as the central sources and this is what makes Holton's work so novel. And yet because these financial decisions are an extension of Adams exerting her equality despite her gender in another arena, she remains the loincloth of women's rights, education, and property we know her to be. It is a rare talent to draw a story from seemingly dry accounts, but Holton delivers Adams on her own terms and with her usual gravitas.

Reviewed by Sophia Mendoza, Librarian, USM Portland

Cat Deck the Halls: A Joe Grey mystery, by Rousseau Murphy

Joe Grey, Dulcie, and Kit are detectives in Molena Point, California. They also happen to be cats—cats with the power of human speech. When a body is found beneath a Christmas tree, they must find the murderer before he or she finds the only witness, a little girl.

Murphy balances funny feline antics with a serious mystery story. She also blends in the Holiday story of a family reunited. For more about this series go to <http://www.joegrey.com/>

Reviewed by Maureen Perry, Librarian, USM Lewiston

Spring 2010 Library Hours

Portland

Sunday	10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	7:45 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Gorham

Sunday	12:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Monday-Thursday	7:45 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Lewiston-Auburn Library

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Exceptions

See our online postings or check signs posted close to the time of spring vacations and finals.
<http://library.usm.maine.edu/about/hours.php>