

Library and Information Resources for Researching Contemporary Health Topics

Access Information:

1. All databases listed in this guide are available within all of the KU Libraries and via the KU Libraries Web site: <http://www.lib.ku.edu>
2. From the Libraries' Web site, click on the **Information Gateway** link and select the broad subject area for your topic or choose the letter that begins the title of the database you need, and scroll down the list of databases that begin with that letter until you find the title. If you are using a non-KU Internet service such as *America Online*, you will be prompted to provide your KU login name and password used for KU email.

Resources for general topics that are national in scope:

Lexis-Nexis Academic

Lexis-Nexis is a large database offering news, business, and legal information. Almost all sources are provided in full-text. Most files date back to the early 1980's. To search for general articles on your topic, choose the **Quick News Search** and choose the time period you wish to search under the **Date** pull-down menu. On the left side of the screen, you can also choose to search **News, Business, Legal Research, Medical, or Reference**. The **Reference** link has links to polls and surveys, biographical information, country and state profiles, and a world almanac.

Wilson Omnifile Full-Text Select

Offers access to the full-text of more than 1300 journals on a broad range of topics.

Expanded Academic ASAP

Offers access to 1600+ popular magazines, newspapers, and scholarly journals. The full-text of some sources is provided online.

Factiva

Indexes the full-text of major news and business publications, including the *Wall Street Journal*.

Proquest Research Library

indexes and abstracts general interest magazines and scholarly journals, trade publications, magazines and newspapers in the social sciences, humanities and sciences. The database includes more than 3820 titles -- over 2550 in full text

PolicyFile

Allows you to search for papers and briefings from public policy research institutes and think tanks such as American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, the Urban Institute, and the Brookings Institute.

Statistical Abstract of the United States

Location: Watson and Anschutz Reference desks

Call number: HA 202 .S7x

A great resource for finding statistical information. Data is drawn from numerous government reports.

Resources for Health topics:

Health and Wellness Resource Center

Provides citations, abstracts, and full-text material on topic in health and medicine, medications, and wellness. Sources include encyclopedias, directories, medical dictionaries, magazines, journals, and newspapers.

Sport Discus

Contains information on the following: sports medicine, exercise physiology, biomechanics, psychology, training techniques, coaching, physical education, physical fitness, etc.

PubMed

Includes over 15 million citations for biomedical articles back to the 1950's. Includes links to many sites providing full-text articles and other related resources.

Proquest Nursing and Allied Health

A full-text collection of nursing and allied health periodicals.

Resources for general topics that are local (KU, Lawrence, Kansas) in scope:

University Daily Kansan <http://www.ukd.com>

Printed copies of the *UDK* are kept in the Watson Periodicals Department and in the Spencer Research Library. Current issues of the paper are also available online, along with a keyword-searchable archive.

America's Newspapers

Full-text coverage of the *Lawrence Journal World* dating back to 1990 and regional newspapers are included in this database, including the *Kansas City Star* and the *Topeka Capital Journal*. Covers regional newspapers from other states.

Google Scholar scholar.google.com—enables you to search specifically for scholarly literature, including peer reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts, and technical reports from all areas of research. Use the KU Link to see if the Libraries provides access to the full-text.

Looking up topics and sources in the KU Library Catalog and using KU Link to link to full text:

The Library Catalog lists the books, journals, and other materials available via the KU Libraries. It is available from the Libraries' Web site: <http://www.lib.ku.edu>. From the KU Web site, on the left side of the screen, click on **Library Catalog**.

- You may use the Online Catalog to determine what books or other materials concerning your topic may be available in the KU Libraries. From the search screen, choose **Keyword** from the **Search By:** menu and type in a word or words describing your topic. **Remember! Articles from journals are not indexed in the Library Catalog!**

Using the KU Link to Find the Location of Journals

- Not all articles are available in full text through library databases. In some cases, you will need to know how to find a printed copy of the journal in order to locate and photocopy the article you need. Sometimes you will be able to link to a full-text article located in another database or available through an online subscription. In most databases, you will click on the **KU Link** to check for electronic full-text.
- On the computer, look at the citations for the articles. Click on "**KU Link**" which is located above or under the citation.
- A new window will open. If the article is available in full-text, a link will appear that should lead you directly to another link to the full-text article.
- If the message "**Sorry, no direct link to full-text was found**" appears, you will need to click on the "**Search the KU Library Catalog.**" by ISSN/ISBN or by title. This will open the **Library Catalog** and automatically search the unique number or title of the journal. If the journal is not available in print, the catalog will retrieve no records.
- If the journal is available in print, you will need to look at the record(s) to see if the KU Libraries owns the volume and issue number you need.
 - Please note: Occasionally the Library Catalog may have a record for an electronic version of the journal that did not appear on the KU Link screen.
- Remember, you also have the option of ordering print journal articles the Libraries own and have them delivered to your desktop electronically. When you find the journal in the Library Catalog, be sure to make a note of the call number.