ACTIONS TAKEN

Collections

Positive-3

“I like the library but it sometimes does not have the books I need also some of the journal articles I look up are not available right away...” DPT Physical Therapy

Response:

Rapid Interlibrary Loan for journal articles typically takes one day. Articles are delivered electronically to your desk top. There is no charge for any Interlibrary Loan. Through PALCI E-Z Borrow, books usually take 4 days to reach the Weinberg Memorial Library. Filling in the information on the item you need fully and completely speeds the process.

Negative -6

“I get frustrated at how many articles accessed through the library’s online sources are not instantly available. Sometimes it’s hard to figure out how to get them.” Senior Social Sciences/Psychology

Response:

Unfortunately, there is no uniform way in which databases indicate linking to fulltext content in another database. Here are some general tips on using linking:

How to Get Fulltext Articles from Your Citations

1. Here is an example from an EBSCO database with a link to a full text PDF of the article.

   ![Methodological considerations for studying social processes](image)

   Subjects: LONGITUDINAL method; RESEARCH -- Methodology; PARTICIPANT observation; SYMBOLIC interactionism; TIME series analysis; QUALITATIVE research; QUANTITATIVE research.
   Database: Academic Search Elite
   
   ![PDF Full Text](image)

2. This article is not available full text in EBSCO. Article Linker indicates if the article is available in another one of the databases, in print or on microfilm. Clicking on Article Linker indicates that the article is available in Sage Premier 2012.
Note: The linking button is different in various databases, for example, this how it looks in ProQuest databases.

Search criteria:

Article: Age and the effects of news media attention and social media use on political interest and participation: Do social media function as leveller?
Author: Holt, Kristoffer
Journal: European Journal of Communication (London)
ISSN: 0267-3231 Date: 02/01/2013
Volume: 28 Issue: 1 Page: 19

Step 1 - Article is Available Online Here:

Coverage Range: 03/01/1999 - present
Links to Content Resource:
Article Journal SAGE Premier 2013
Journal Library's Print Holdings

3. This article is not available online in any sources to which the Library has a subscription.
4. To “Place an ILL request” enter your My.Scranton login information. If it is the first time you used ILLiad Interlibrary Loan, you will be prompted to create an account.
The article information is pulled into the ILLiad form. There is no charge for Interlibrary Loan. Articles are delivered to your desk top. When you get an email notification that your article is available, the arrow below shows where to click to see the article. This service typically takes 24 hours.

5. In this example, the Library has the journal on microfilm and in print.

**EXAMINATION OF THE PASSIVE FACIAL FEEDBACK HYPOTHESIS USING AN IMPLICIT MEASURE: WITH A FURROWED BROW, NEUTRAL OBJECTS WITH PLEASANT PRIMES LOOK LESS APPEALING.**


Subjects: ANALYSIS of variance; BIOMETRY; COLLEGE students; EMOTIONS (Psychology)

Database: Academic Search Elite
6. This article is in several different databases and also in print. Notice the date ranges are different in the various databases.
"I have just found that a lot of the books, especially dealing with counseling, are very outdated and not new." Sophomore CHS/HAHR

Response:

The Counseling Department selects a substantial number of new books for purchase each year. The SpringerLink collection and ebrary electronic book collection also have a large number of books in counseling. To see which books are new, type new books and the department name or abbreviation, for example: new books coun. This information is updated monthly. To see if there are new books on a more narrow topic, you can search for the topic and limit by copyright date. Any time you can’t find what you need, please come to or contact the Reference desk. 570-941-4000.
“There should be a higher quantity of currently used textbooks.” Junior Physics/EE; Computing Sciences

Response:

There are some textbooks in the library’s collection but it is not the Library’s policy to purchase a copy of all texts that are required for classes. The Library’s collection supports research and reading, supplementing required texts. Textbooks are regularly revised so that a collection of texts would become outdated. The loan period is one month. If someone else wanted the book, it could not be renewed. Many students use PALCI to borrow textbooks from other libraries.

“I wish there were options for leisure reading as well.” –Junior Social Sciences/Psychology

Response:

Fiction is classified by the Library of Congress scheme so the best way to find leisure reading would be to look up your favorite author. However, since books are selected by academic faculty, authors tend to match those who are course related. Some fiction that is donated to the book sale is added to the collection. There are current paperbacks for 50 cents in the book sale area. The Weinberg Library has a reciprocal agreement with the Scranton Public Library which is located at the intersection of Vine and Washington, a few blocks from campus. The SPL has a wide selection of current fiction, non-fiction, music and video.

Response:

The Library does not collect text books. Donated texts are placed in the Book Sale. Students can use PALCI E-Z Borrow to borrow texts from other libraries.