

Portail bnu : The How-To Series

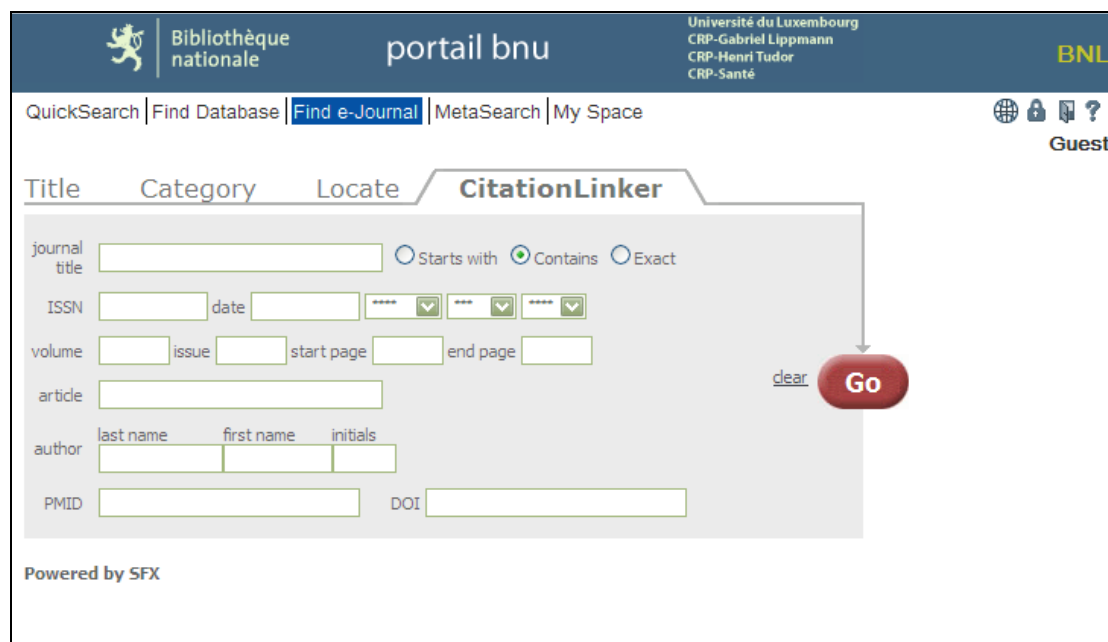
Episode 10: What information do I need to find an article and how do I search for it?

In the course of your research, you may come across an article which you would like to find via the portal. This last episode looks at what information you need to find an article and how you do it.

First of all, the more information you have about the article the better. The following is a complete list of information that will help you to easily locate the article:

- Journal Title - as exactly as possible including words like “the” and “journal”.
- ISSN - a standardized international code which allows the identification of any journal publication, including electronic journals.
- Date - the date of publication. At a minimum, at least the year in which the article was published.
- Volume and Issue - the volume and issue (if any) in which the article was published.
- Start Page and End Page - the start page and end page of the article. These two pieces of information are not so important.
- Article Title - as exactly as possible in order to have a precise search.
- Author - at least their last name.
- DOI - The Digital Object Identifier (DOI) System is used to identify content objects in a digital environment. DOI names are assigned to any entity for use on digital networks and are used to provide current information, including where they (or information about them) can be found on the Internet.

Now, how do you use this information to find your article? Start by connecting to Consortium Luxembourg’s electronic documentation portal at www.portail.bnu.lu. Click on “Find e-journal” and then the “CitationLinker” tab.



The screenshot shows the BNU portal interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the BNU logo, the text 'Bibliothèque nationale portail bnu', and the university name 'Université du Luxembourg' along with its research centers: 'CRP-Gabriel Lippmann', 'CRP-Henri Tudor', and 'CRP-Santé'. The user is logged in as 'Guest'. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'QuickSearch', 'Find Database', 'Find e-Journal' (which is selected), 'MetaSearch', and 'My Space'. The 'CitationLinker' tab is active, showing a search form with the following fields: 'journal title' with radio buttons for 'Starts with', 'Contains' (selected), and 'Exact'; 'ISSN' and 'date' (with dropdown menus for year, month, and day); 'volume', 'issue', 'start page', and 'end page'; 'article' title; 'author' (with sub-fields for 'last name', 'first name', and 'initials'); 'PMID'; and 'DOI'. A 'clear' link and a red 'Go' button are also visible. At the bottom left, it says 'Powered by SFX'.

A citation refers to the act of quoting a book or author in support of a fact. The “CitationLinker” allows one to use the details of a citation to find the source document.

Enter the information that you have collected about the article you would like to find and click on the “Go” button.

For example, here is a citation that I would like to find:

R. Todd Vandembark, Tending a Wild Garden: Library Web Design for Persons with Disabilities". *Information Technology in Libraries* 3 (2010): 23-29.

Here is the data I entered into the CitationLinker window.

The screenshot shows the 'CitationLinker' search interface on the BNU portal. The search criteria entered are:

- journal title: Information Technology in Libraries
- date: 2010
- start page: 23
- article: Tending a Wild Garden: Library Web D
- author last name: Vandembark

The interface also includes a 'Go' button and a 'clear' link. The portal header includes 'Bibliothèque nationale', 'portail bnu', and 'Université du Luxembourg'.

You can see that I used only the following information for my search:

- Journal Title
- Year of Publication
- Start Page
- Article Title
- Author Last Name

You may be wondering why I didn't use everything. Here's why:

1. Volume or Issue = 3 - I wasn't sure what the 3 really meant after the journal title so I decided it would be best to leave it out.
2. End Page - quite often I don't use the end page number as I don't think it really adds any value in the search. If we have the start page, that should be sufficient.
3. Author First Name and Initials - the author's name in this case is "R. Todd Vandembark". It is difficult to know if his first name is "R." or "Todd". In order to avoid any confusion, I decided to leave it out.

Once I ran my search, I had two results:

The screenshot shows the 'find it!' search interface. At the top, it says 'Bibliothèque nationale' and 'find it!'. The language is set to 'English'. It indicates 'Found 2 records.' and 'Display 10 records per page. Showing 1 - 2 of 2 records.' Below this, two records are listed:

- Record 1:**
 - Title: Information Technology and Libraries (Full text)
 - ISSN: 0730-9295
 - CODEN: ITLBDC
 - Publisher: American Library Association
 - Place of publication: Chicago, IL
- Record 2:**
 - Title: Libraries, information centers and databases in science and technology
 - ISSN: 0176-7593
 - Publisher: K.G. Saur
 - Place of publication: München

At the bottom, it says '© 2011 SFX by Ex Libris, Inc.'

As the first one matches the name of my journal, I clicked on that one and received the following details of where I can find my article:

The screenshot shows the article details page. The title is 'Tending a Wild Garden: Library Web Design for Persons with Disabilities' and the source is 'Information Technology and Libraries [0730-9295] Vandenbark yr:2010 pg:23'. It lists 'Full text available via EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier' and 'Available from 2004'. Below this, there is a section 'Users interested in this article also expressed an interest in the following:' with a list of five related articles, each with a checkbox and a 'find it!' button. At the bottom, there are links for 'Abstract available in Elsevier Scopus' (available from 1996), 'Table of contents from EBSCOhost Business Source Premier' (available from 1993), and 'Check for articles by this author in Web of Science ISI'. There is also a search box for the author's name, with 'Vandenbark' entered. Other options include 'Save reference' and 'Ask a BnL librarian via Feedback Form'. At the bottom, it says '© 2011 SFX by Ex Libris Inc. CrossRef enabled'.

Let's try again with all the information I have:

Bibliothèque nationale **portail bnu** Université du Luxembourg
 CRP-Gabriel Lippmann CRP-Henri Tudor CRP-Santé **BNL**

QuickSearch | Find Database | **Find e-Journal** | MetaSearch | My Space Guest

Title Category Locate **CitationLinker**

journal title: Information Technology in Libraries Starts with Contains Exact
 ISSN: [] date: 2010 [] [] [] []
 volume: 3 issue: [] start page: 23 end page: 29
 article: Tending a Wild Garden: Library Web D
 author: last name: Vandenbark first name: R. Todd initials: []
 PMID: [] DOI: []

clear **Go**

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And in fact, there was no change in my results!

Bibliothèque nationale **find it!** Language: English

Found 2 records. [Close](#)
 Display 10 records per page. Showing 1 - 2 of 2 records. Go to page: 1

Title: Information Technology and Libraries (Full text)
ISSN: 0730-9295
CODEN: ITLBDC
Publisher: American Library Association
Place of publication: Chicago, IL

Title: Libraries, information centers and databases in science and technology
ISSN: 0176-7593
Publisher: K.G. Saur
Place of publication: München

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Title: Tending a Wild Garden: Library Web Design for Persons with Disabilities
Source: Information Technology and Libraries [0730-9295] Vandembark yr:2010 vol:3 pg:23 -29

Full text available via EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier
 Available from 2004

Users interested in this article also expressed an interest in the following:

- Xie, Hong Iris, H. "Users' evaluation of digital libraries (DLs): Their uses, their criteria, and their assessment." Information processing & management 44.3 (2008): 1346-1373.
- Mayr, P. "An exploratory study of Google Scholar." Online Information Review 31.6 (2007): 814-830.
- Jurkowski, O. "The library as a support system for students." Intervention in school and clinic 42.2 (2006): 78-83.
- GJ VAN TONDER, G.J. J. "VISUAL PERCEPTION IN JAPANESE ROCK GARDEN DESIGN." Axiomathes 15.3 (2005): 353-371.
- Tinerella, P. "Academic reference service for the visually impaired." College & research libraries news 66.1 (2005): 29-.

Abstract available in Elsevier Scopus
 Available from 1996

Table of contents from EBSCOhost Business Source Premier
 Available from 1993

Check for articles by this author in Web of Science **ISI**

author: Vandembark, R T Vandembark R T

Save reference
Ask a BnL librarian via Feedback Form

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Lastly, let's look at what the DOI can do for us. I have the following article that I would like to find:

Rolnik, Zac(2009) 'Big Deal = Good Deal?', *The Serials Librarian*, 57: 3, 194 – 198. DOI: 10.1080/03615260902913087

I will search for my article using only the DOI.

QuickSearch | Find Database | **Find e-Journal** | MetaSearch | My Space

CitationLinker

journal title Starts with Contains Exact

ISSN date

volume issue start page end page

article

author last name first name initials

PMID DOI

clear **Go**

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As the DOI is unique for each article, we are directly given links to that particular article.



The screenshot shows the 'find it!' search results page for the article 'The Serials Librarian [0361-526X] Rolnik yr:2009 vol:57 iss:3 pg:194'. The page includes the Bibliothèque nationale logo and a language dropdown menu set to English. The source information is displayed at the top. Below this, there are several links with icons: 'Full text available via Taylor & Francis Journals Complete' (with availability from 1996), 'Full text available via Taylor & Francis Library & Information Science Collection' (with availability from 1997), 'Print copy in Catalogue bibnet.lu', 'Table of contents from EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier' (available from 1993), and 'Check for articles by this author in Web of Science ISI'. There is also a 'Save reference' button and a link to 'Ask a BnL librarian via Feedback Form'. At the bottom, the copyright notice reads '© 2011 SFX by Ex Libris Inc. CrossRef enabled'. An author search box is visible with 'Rolnik' entered in the 'last name' field.

Source: The Serials Librarian [0361-526X] Rolnik yr:2009 vol:57 iss:3 pg:194

[Full text available via](#) Taylor & Francis Journals Complete
Available from 1996 volume: 30 issue:2

[Full text available via](#) Taylor & Francis Library & Information Science Collection
Available from 1997 volume: 30 issue:2

[Print copy in](#) Catalogue bibnet.lu

[Table of contents from](#) EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier
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Therefore, if you have the DOI, try it first. However, ensure you keep all the citation details just in case the DOI has a problem (sometimes they are formatted incorrectly) so that you can still find your article the old-fashioned way!

Well, that's the last in our series. We hope you have found these lessons easy to follow and, above all, helpful. If you have any questions, please post them on our blog or contact us at consortium [at] bnl [dot] etat [dot] lu.