Finding the perfect article for your research, only to get blocked by a paywall, or to only find the abstract is beyond frustrating. Follow these steps to get what you need.

Articles the Library Owns (Online)

1. Search for the article (by article title) in the ISU Library’s version of Google Scholar: https://scholar-google-com.libpublic3.library.isu.edu/ If you see a PDF, HTML, or a ‘Find it @ ISU’ link, you should be able to find the full article.

2. Google Scholar isn’t always able to find what the library has access to. If you aren’t able to find the article there, try looking in the ISU Library’s ‘Journals by Title’ list. This is located on the library’s homepage (http://www.isu.edu/library/) under the ‘Journals by Title’ tab:

3. Type in the name of the journal (ex: Journal of the American Medical Association). A list of journals will come up which match the title you typed in. If no journals are found, we don’t have access. You can still request it via interlibrary loan.

4. You can search within the publication- just copy/paste the article title into the search box.

5. The ‘Full Text Access’ list indicates where our holdings are (online/print) and for how long. Many publications have several sources listed, some with differing coverage.
   a. If the end date states ‘present’ we have current access to the journal
   b. If it says ‘Full Text Delay’ we don’t have access to the most recent month, 6 months, or whatever the stated delay
   c. If it says ‘Library Catalog’ we have/had access to this journal in print. This is the case with many older issues
Articles the Library Owns (in Print)

If the journal issue you need shows up in the ‘Library Catalog’ listing, you can request that the library scan a copy and email it to you. This is only available for students/faculty not local to Pocatello.

1. Before making the request, make sure the year/issue you need is one the library owns. Click on the Library Catalog link from the ‘Journals by Title’ list.

   This is the information for JAMA. The library has access to Jan 1966 – Dec. 2011 in print in the library. We also have access back to 1960, but these older issues are in storage.

2. If the library has the issue you need, you can place a request. From the library’s main page go to the ‘My Library Account’ tab, and select ‘Interlibrary Loan Account’. If you have not filled in information for an ILLiad account, you can do so now. Once logged in, place an article request by filling in all the required fields.

Articles the Library Doesn’t Own

Never, ever, ever, ever pay for an article! When you get to a page that asks you to pay for an article, double-check that the ISU Library doesn’t have access through the steps above. If not, then you can use our interlibrary loan service called ILLiad to request the article from another library. There is a separate handout and video on how to use this service.

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