How to find Articles

The Library subscribes to many journals and magazines for your use, both in paper as well as electronically. This brief guide is intended to answer some of the most commonly asked questions about articles.

How can I get the latest issue of *Time*?

The latest edition of many print periodicals are on display near the entrance of the library. The Periodicals Desk, located on the main level of the library, has current and back issues of some magazines, journals and newspapers. Check the title in the "Periodical Holdings List" or ask at the Reference Desk.

How do I find journal articles on this topic?

For this task, your best choice is to start with electronic journals. Here are the steps:
1) Start from the SWC Library **Articles and Databases** (http://www.swccd.edu/librarydatabases)
2) Click on the first database, *EBSCOhost: Academic Search Premier*
3) In the search box, type in your term(s) (hint: include the word *and* between terms)
4) You will get a list of articles. If the article is available electronically, under the name of the article, you will see a note stating *HTML full text* and/or *PDF full text*. Click on either one of those.

     a) If the article is not available electronically, it might be available in paper at the library. There will be a note indicating that the Library has this journal. Go to the Periodicals Desk with full citation (journal name, date, volume, page numbers) written down.

     b) If there is no note indicating full text availability or that the journal is at the Library, this article is not easily available to you. You may come to the reference desk to find out your options or visit our Inter-Library Loan page http://www.swccd.edu/index.aspx?page=2980

What's EBSCOhost? Do I have other choices for journal or news paper articles?

EBSCOhost: Academic Search Premier is a scholarly, multi-disciplinary database containing full text for nearly 4,600 scholarly publications, including more than 3,500 peer-reviewed publications (see back of this handout to learn how to limit your search to only these journals). In addition to the full text, this database offers indexing and abstracts for over 8,000 (some of which are available in print at the Library). This scholarly collection offers information in nearly every area of academic study including: social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, engineering, language and linguistics, arts & literature, and many more.
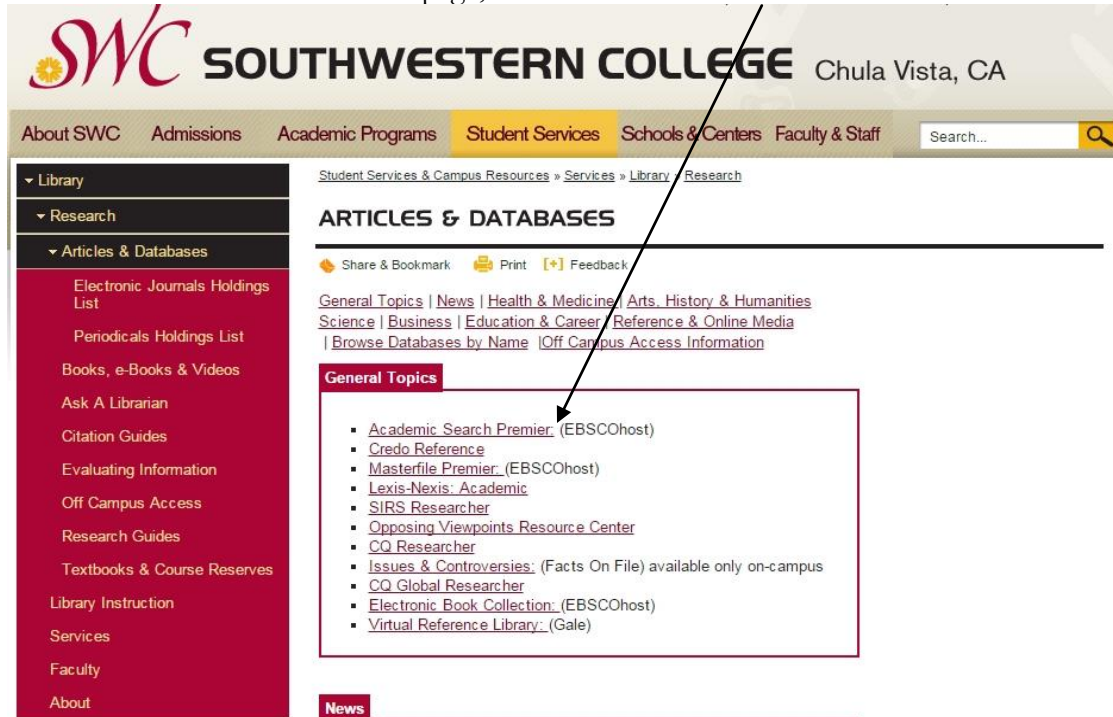
How do I do this from home?

When accessing the research databases and other e-resources from off campus, you will be prompted for your WebAdvisor User ID and birthdate by the SWC off campus access system.
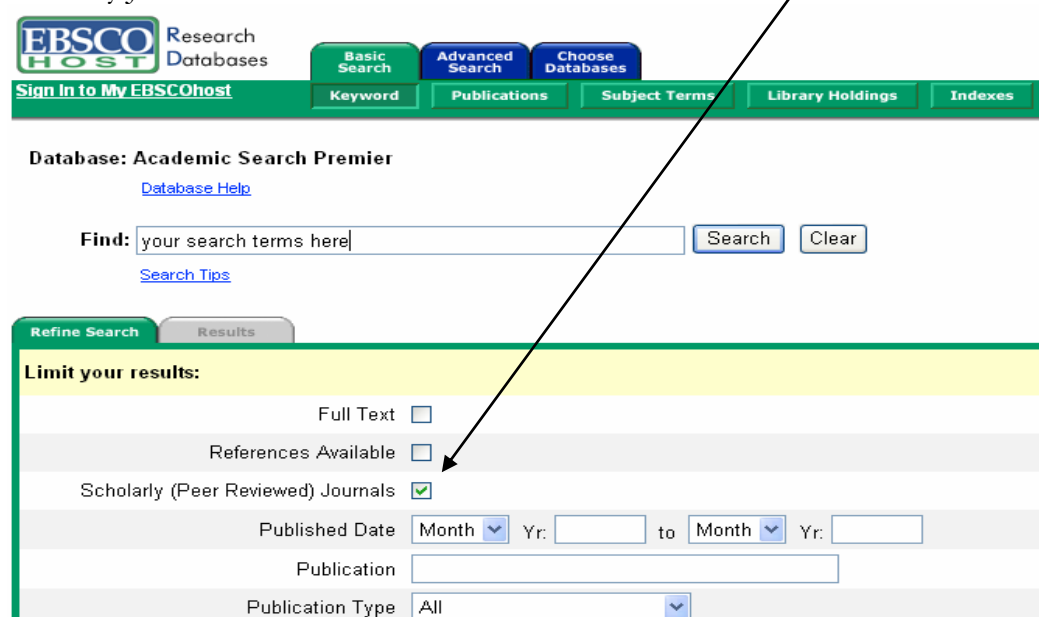
What if I need more help?
Librarians are ready to help you! See a reference librarian (first counter on the right as you enter the building) to assist you in searching the databases, making your search strategy more effective, etc.

From the Articles and Databases page, select EBSCOhost Academic Search Premier

From the EBSCOhost search page, make sure you check off this box to limit your search to Scholarly Journals