

# Finding Research Studies in Peer-Reviewed Journals

## I. Finding Journals the Library Owns

In the Library Catalog, do a keyword search, keying in these terms: **peer reviewed journal [your topic]**.

Example: *peer reviewed journal psychology*

The resulting list will be journals (paper copies) *in* the library (not all will be current subscriptions, however).

## II. Finding Peer-Reviewed Research Studies in Library Databases

The Library's periodical databases relating to education or psychology can be limited to peer-reviewed journals only. See tips for specific databases below.

All databases can be found by using the **Databases/Find Articles** link on the Murray Library home page.

Database	Limit to Peer-Reviewed Research Studies
Education Research Complete	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check box for: <b>Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals</b></li><li>2. In one search box, key in: "this study"</li><li>3. Key your topic in another search box</li></ol>
ERIC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check box for: <b>Peer reviewed.</b></li><li>2. Scroll down to <b>Journal or Document</b>; select <b>Journal Articles</b></li><li>3. Scroll down to <b>Publication Type</b>; select <b>Reports – Research.</b> <i>Most</i> results will be research studies.</li></ol>
PsycINFO	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Check box for: Peer reviewed.</li><li>2. Scroll down to: <b>Methodology</b> select <b>Empirical Study.</b></li></ol>

**GENERAL TIP:** A quick way to limit to research studies in most databases is to add the phrase, "this study," to your search.