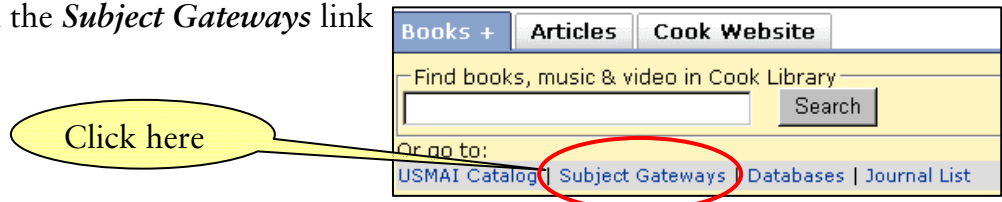


## Wozworld Quick Guide to Library Research Topic: Searching for Journal Articles

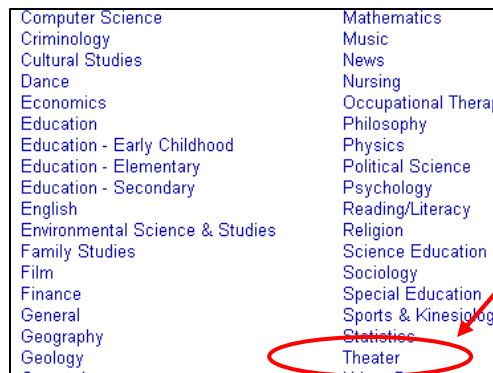
Use these instructions if you are looking for articles in journals on a topic. You will need to use a proprietary database to search by topic for journal articles. In some cases, the databases will just tell you about an article and you will have to see if the library subscribes to it, but sometimes, the database will give or link you to the full text of the article.

**Step 1.** Go to the library web page at: <http://cooklibrary.towson.edu>

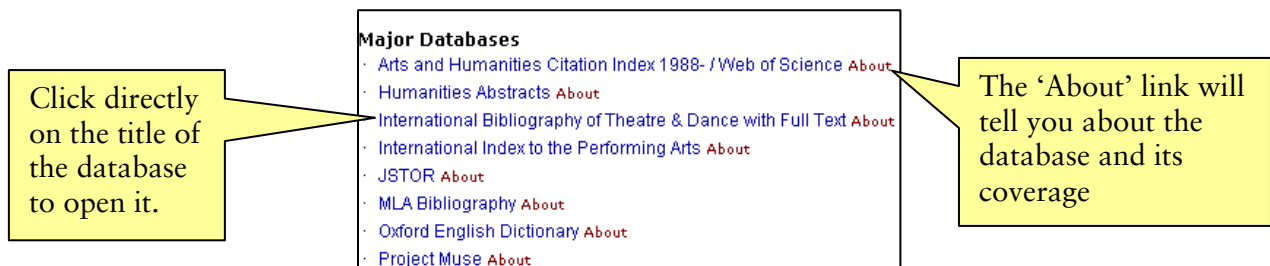
**Step 2.** Click on the *Subject Gateways* link



**Step 3.** Choose a subject category that includes your topic (dance, music, theater, etc):

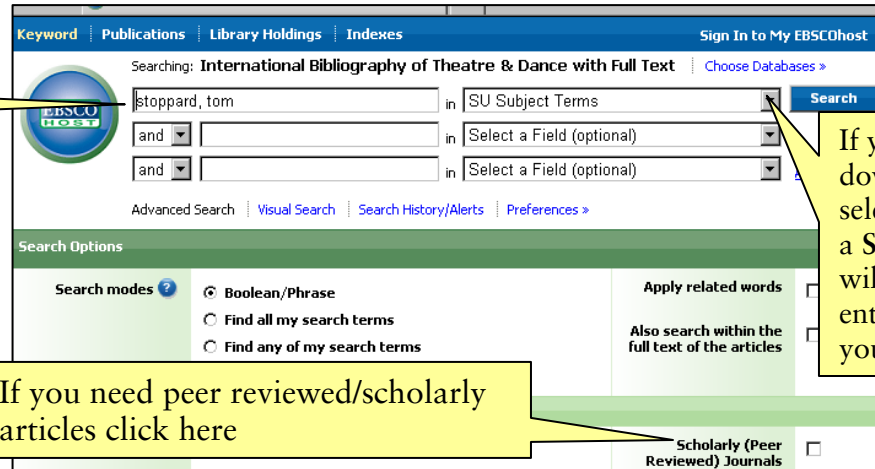


**Step 4.** From the result list of databases, select one to begin searching.



Each database looks and functions a little differently. If you are unclear how to start, check out the database's "help" or "tips" links.

**Step 5.** In the database, try to choose *Advanced Search* whenever possible and enter your search terms, then click on the “search” button.

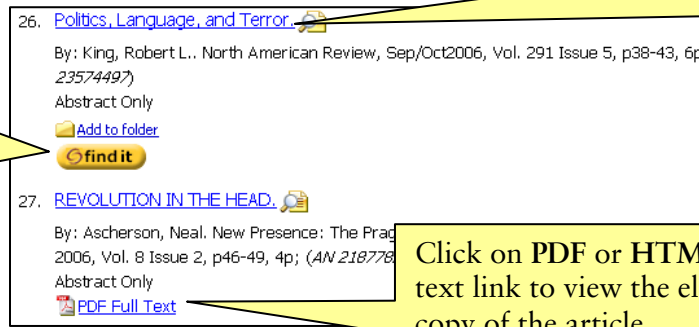


Enter topic here

If you use the drop down menu, you can select a search type – a **SUBJECT** search will mean that the entire article is about your topic

If you need peer reviewed/scholarly articles click here

**Step 6.** From the result list, select an article to view.



If the article is not available full text, click on the **Find It** link to see access options

Click on the title of the article to read an abstract (summary) of the article and to see author info, etc.

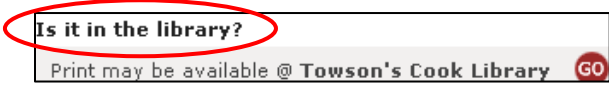
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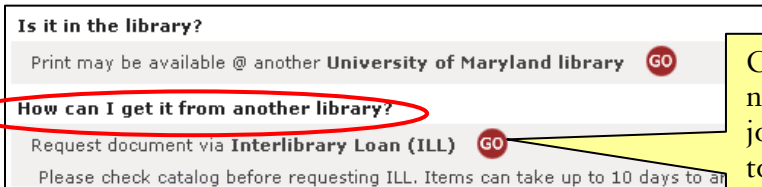


**Find It Options**



Click **GO** to see if issue is in print at Cook Library

Click **GO** to see full text in another database



Cook Library does not subscribe to journal – Click **GO** to make ILL request

*This guide is created to help you navigate the wealth of research resources available to you through the Cook Library web site. If you need further assistance, please contact me, or consult either my instructional web site or my blog for more information.*

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