

# Bromfield Library

## What is a Journal? What is a Magazine?

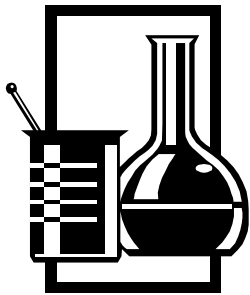
### Some definitions:

#### Magazines:

Magazines are usually focused on a popular topic like dating and relationships, games, home maintenance, etc. They're not authoritative, rarely cite their references and are not recommended for academic use.

#### Journals:

Journals are usually focused on an academic field such as psychiatry, childcare or education. They almost always cite their resources and are very good for academic purposes.



#### Scholarly Journals:

These are also called “Peer-Reviewed” journals or “Refereed” journals. These will probably be the most authoritative journals you’ll find, and cover specific academic topics like gerontological nursing or developmental education. These journals use professionals in their field to decide if articles are of high enough quality to be published in their journal.

### How to find journals in the library:

There are two good ways to find print journals in the library.

1. Look at the “Bromfield Library’s Periodical Holdings List”. It’s a blue book found near the periodicals stacks or on top of the computers. It indexes all of our print journals by subject and title, and tells you which issues we own.
2. In the OSCAR Catalog, click on the “Find Journals” link on the bottom left of the screen. It’s easy to search by title or keyword to find a good journal to use.

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