I’ve Got The Citation—How Do I Find The Article?

There are three approaches to finding an article from a citation:

1. Citation Linker
2. Google Scholar Search
3. Journals Search

First, let’s look at the anatomy of a citation so you know which parts to use:

- authors: last name, initials
- date
- Title of the article
- title of the journal in which the article appears
- volume no., issue no.
- page numbers
- Digital Object Identifier
1. **Citation Linker Tool**: This tool is available on the library website:


Fill in the information requested and click Go. If you don’t get any results, try Google Scholar next.

2. **Google Scholar Search**: This search is available on the library website:

http://library.sjsu.edu/

Look for the *Google Scholar* tab above the search box. Enter the *article title* in quotes (for example, “Economies of scale in the library world”). Click Search. If the article appears, follow the *FindIt@SJSU* link to the full text. You’ll see these links to the right of your results.

Also check under the double-arrow (▷) for *GetIt@SJSU*, which may also take you to the full text.

No luck? Try the Journals search.

3. **Journals Search**: This search is available on the library website:

http://library.sjsu.edu/

Look for the *Journals* tab above the search box. Enter in the *journal title* from your citation. If we have access to that title online, it will appear along with the databases that carry articles from that journal. **Check the dates!** We might have the title you need, but not the issue you want. Once you’re in the database, search on your article title.

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