

Forsyth Library's

Communication Studies Research Guide

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Resources in Communication



Databases

[Communication Studies: Sage Full-Text Journals](#)

Full text articles for communication which go back as far as 23 years

“Databases” on the Library Website

[General OneFile](#) 1980-

Full text news and periodical articles more popular in nature

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Academic OneFile](#) 1980-

Full text news and periodical articles more scholarly in nature

“Databases” on the Library Website

[CQ Researcher](#) 1991-

Full text reports on issues in the news

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Eric](#) 1966-

References to journal articles and ERIC documents

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Communication & Mass Media](#)

Some full text articles, etc. for all subjects in the communication and mass media disciplines

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Mental Measurements Yearbook](#)

Contains full text information and reviews of English-language standardized tests

“Databases” on the Library Website

[FirstSearch Database](#) 1861-

Ask for help with [Dissertations Abstracts Online](#) in order to find masters theses and dissertations

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Issues and Controversies](#) 1995-

Full text articles on current issues

“Databases” on the Library Website

[Wilson OmniFile Full Text, Mega](#) 1982-

Abstracts and full text articles from Education Full Text, Social Sciences Full Text, and other databases

“Databases” on the Library Website

Paper Indexes

Communication Abstracts 1979-
Citations and abstracts for communication
related publications
Reference P87 .C58

Dissertation Abstracts International: Set A
Humanities and Social Science abstracts
of doctoral dissertations
Index Z5055 .U5 A532



Topicator 1966-
Citations for communication, advertising,
and marketing publications
Reference P87 .T66

Masters Abstracts International
Abstracts of masters theses, Education
Specialist materials, and other projects
Index Z5055 .U5 A54



Electronic Journals

[Click here to browse full-text
communication journals available in
Forsyth Library's Databases](#)

[Click here to browse full-text articles from
scholarly journals in media and
communication](#)

Type *Communication* or journal title in the
Find Box

Major Journals for Communication

Communication Monographs
MF 808.505 .S742

Communication Quarterly
PN4071 .T6

Communication Research
MF 001.51072 .C734

**Journal of Applied Communication
Research: JACR**
MF 301.14072 .J86

**Journalism and Mass Communication
Educator**
PN4788 .J63

Communication Studies
MF PN4001 .C45

Journal of Communication
P87 .J6

Theatre Journal
PN3171 .E38

**Journalism and Mass Communication
Quarterly**
MF PN4700 .J7

PAJ: A Journal of Performance and Art
PN2000 .P47

Finding Books

If you would like to browse for books,
try looking in these areas in the General Collection on the 2nd floor:

General Communication.....	P87 - 89
Nonverbal Communication.....	BF637
Small Group Communication.....	HM 133
Mass Media.....	P90
Theatre.....	PN1560 - 3307
Journalism.....	PN 4699 - 5650
Business Communication.....	HF 5718 - 5735
Public Relations.....	HF 5801 - 6182

How to use the [Online Catalog](#) to search for books

To access the catalog, click on the link above, or go to the library's homepage at www.fhsu.edu/forsyth_lib. Next, click on "Online Catalog", on the left hand side under *Quick Links*.

Type in your topic in the "Find this" box. Type in just the key (most important) words, and leave out "the", "and", "an", etc.

Next, choose what type of search you want to do: keyword, title keyword, journal title, etc. This tells the computer where you want it to look for your search terms:

Keyword Search: Searches for your term in every area, including title, descriptions, publisher, author, etc. This search will yield many results, but many will be irrelevant because your term is just mentioned briefly, and is not necessarily a focus of the book.

Title Keyword: This finds only those items that have your search terms in the title. It is a good way to find really relevant items on your topic. You can also use this search if you are looking for a specific book but are unsure of the exact title.

Left Anchored Title: Use this if you know the exact title of an item, or the first few words.

Author Browse: Find all works (owned by Forsyth Library) by a particular author. Enter the name last name first, followed by the first name, or an initial, if you know it.

Journal Title Keyword: search for a full or partial journal, newspaper or magazine title. Click on the title to see the call number and what years/issues of this periodical the library owns.

Once you've found a title you like, note the **location, call number, and status** (if it is checked out or not).

Title: *The anatomy of hope: how people prevail in the face of illness.*

Location: General Collection: Top Floor **Call Number:** R726.5 G76 **Status:** Available

NOTE: These searches are explained further in the "Tips for Simple Search" box underneath the gray & black search area.

Reference and Other Print Sources for Communication

American Journalists

Reference PN4871 .R58 1997

Broadcasting & Cable Yearbook

Reference HE8689 .B77 2006

Contemporary Dramatists

Reference PE737 .C57 1982

Encyclopedia of Leadership

Reference HD57.7 .E53 2004 (4 vols.)

Encyclopedia of Public Relations

Reference HD59 .E48 2005 (2 vols.)

Film Encyclopedia (Katz)

Reference PN1993.45 .K34 2005

The Writers Handbook

Reference PN137 .W73 2001

Contemporary Theatre, Film, & Television

Reference PN2285 .C58 (71 vols.)

Dictionary of Media and Communication Studies

Reference P87.5 .W38 2003

Encyclopedia of Communication and Information

Reference P87.5 .E53 2002 (3 vols.)

Mass Communications Research Resources: An Annotated Guide

Reference HE7631 .M37 1998

Biographical Dictionary of American Journalism

Reference PN4871 .B56 1989

World Press Encyclopedia

Reference PN4728 Q53 2003 (2 vols.)

Cambridge Guide to American Theatre

Reference PN2221 .C36 1996

International Dictionary of Theatre

Reference PN2000 .I474 1992 (3 vols.)

Halliwel's Film, Video, and DVD Guide

Reference PN1993.45 .H27 2006

Literary Market Place

Reference PN161 .L5 2007 (2 vols.)

NTC's Mass Media Dictionary

Reference P87.5 .E45 1990

Play Index

Reference Z5781 .P43

The Writers Directory

Reference PN101 .W727 2007

The Writers Market

Reference PN161 .W83 2007

Gale Directory of Publications and Broadcast Media

Reference PN4867 .G34 2004 (5 vols.)

International Encyclopedia of Communications

Reference P87.5 .I5 1989 (4 vols.)

McGraw Hill Encyclopedia of World Drama

PN1625 .M3 1983 (5 vols.)

The Best Plays of...

General Collection PN2266 .A2 B4 (1909-2005)

Working Press of the Nation

Reference PN4875 .W6 1999 (3 vols.)



Sources for Tests and Measurements

Test Critiques

Reference BF176 .T419 (11 vols.)

Mental Measurements Yearbook (1949 to date)

Reference BF176 .M46

Tests: A Comprehensive Reference for Assessments in Psychology, Education, and Business (1983 to date)

Reference BF176 .T43 2003

Tests in Print (1961 to date)

Reference BF176 .T44 2004

Tests on Microfiche (several sets)

Reference LB3051 .T45

Educational Testing Service

<http://www.ets.org>

Click on "Tests Directory," "Test Link," and then "Find a Test"

Directory of Unpublished Experimental Mental Measures

Reference BF431 .G625 (several volumes)



Additional Databases

Britannica Online

Click on "Encyclopedia Britannica" for an online encyclopedia and "Merriam-Webster Dictionary & Thesaurus" for an online dictionary and thesaurus

NetLibrary

Electronic books for all topics including communication

Websites of Interest

Communication Web Sites

Google Scholar

Some scholarly information

Websites by Subjects

Google Books

Search for books, then click ***Find in a Library*** to see if Forsyth Library has the book you need.

Citing Your Sources

Style Guides

Online: [Duke University's Citation Guide](#) (the basics)

Print: Style manuals can be found at the Reference Desk, and in the following areas:

- **GC:** General Collection on the 2nd Floor. These can be checked out.
- **RES:** Reserve Desk on the 1st floor: 3 hour check-out.
- **REF:** Reference Area on the 1st floor. For use in the library. No check-out.

If you are unsure about which style manual to use, consult your professor.

American Psychological Association (APA) and APA Style Guide to Electronic Resources: [BF76.7 .P82 \(and suppl 1 2008\)](#) **GC, RES, REF**
[APA Format and Style Guide](#) by *Purdue Writing Lab*

Modern Language Association (MLA): [LB2369.G53](#) **GC, RES, REF**
[MLA Format and Style Guide](#) *Purdue Writing Lab*

Chicago Manual of Style: [Z253.U69](#) **GC, REF**
[Chicago Format & Style Guide](#) *Ohio State University*

Turabian Manual for Writers: [LB2369.T8](#) **GC, RES, REF**
[Turabian Format & Style Guide](#) *Ohio State University*

For additional writing assistance, visit or contact the
[FHSU Writing Center](#)
628-4106, Forsyth Library Rm. 20

HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Evenings: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Finding Full-Text Articles Flowchart

Search for your topic in a database (see p. 2) and choose an article. Is there a link to the full-text located underneath the article title/citation ?

NO

YES

Click on it to see the entire article.

- HTML = text only
- PDF = looks like a photo of the printed page, including graphics. Photos might not appear due to copyright restrictions.

Is there:

- a link for LinkSource
- a link that says "Get Article"
- a circular blue & green icon



NO

YES

Click on the link or icon. **If you are off campus, call 785-628-5283 or e-mail refserv@fhsu.edu to get the LinkSource username and password**

This will activate a search of other databases for the article. **If it is found, it will appear in a new window.**

If not, you'll see:

"There were no results to display".

If the article was not found

Are you on-campus, or are you a Hays-area student?

NO

YES

You can request the article through:

[Distance Services](#)

Be sure to allow adequate time for your article to arrive.

Search the [Online Catalog](#) for a print or microform copy of the article.

Type in the name of the JOURNAL in which the article appears, and click "journal title keyword". If it is found, click on the title, and check the dates for the year you need.

Note the **call number** and find the journal in the Periodicals section (1994 or later), the basement (pre-1994), or on Microfilm (MF call #), in the filing cabinets in the Periodicals section. **Library staff members are glad to help you use the Microform readers and printers, if needed.**

You can request the article through:

[Interlibrary Loan](#)

Click on Services on the Library's homepage.

Be sure to allow adequate time for your article to arrive.