Finding articles in Museum Studies

WORKSHEET UTL website: onesearch.library.utoronto.ca

SUMMON SEARCH FOR ARTICLES

Use the ARTICLE search (Summon search engine) from the UTL homepage.

1. Quick search:
   Museum professionals

2. Refining a search
   Repatriation – look at results then add
   Museums – look at results then add
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3. Advanced search: scholarly journals AND full text online
   All fields = digital or virtual AND
   All fields = museums AND
   All fields = exhibitions or displays

4. Advanced search: scholarly journals
   All fields = “intangible heritage” AND
   All fields = museums

JOURNALS

5. Getting to a paper journal through a CATALOGUE search
   Find “Museum Management & Curatorship”
   Find “Journal of Education in Museums”

6. Finding out if a journal is peer-reviewed
   Catalogue search: Title = “Ulrichs Periodicals Directory”
   > Follow the links to get to the online version of Ulrich’s
   > Choose ADVANCED SEARCH
   > Look for Ti= Museum Management and Curatorship
   > Look at the individual record for the online version of this journal

ARTICLE DATABASES

7. Finding popular databases
   Use the POPULAR DATABASE link from the UTL homepage to see a small selection of databases, including JSTOR, Project Muse, and interdisciplinary databases like Scopus.
8. Finding subject-focused databases: Anthropology
Use the SUBJECTS A–Z link from the UTL homepage to see a list of subject areas.
Choose the area of Anthropology
Pick the database Anthropology Plus
Demo: KW = “human remains” AND KW = museums AND KW = collections

9. Finding subject-focused databases: Art
Use the SUBJECTS A–Z link from the UTL homepage to see a list of subject areas.
Choose the area of Art
Pick the database Art Full Text
Demo: SO(Journal name) = “museum international”

PRACTICE IN ART FULL TEXT
10. Practice: Look for articles on the following topics.
Write down one that you think is useful in a collections management sense.
For each topic, write down some subject terms used by this database.

10a. Sacred objects

10b. Digital collections and museums

10c. Ethical issues in museum collections work.

MORE ABOUT SUBJECTS

11. USING A THESAURUS
> Look up the term museums
> Look up the term museum collections
> Look up the term conservation

12. USING A LIST OF SUBJECT TERMS
> Look up the term museums
> Look up the term intangible heritage

13. ADDING ANOTHER DATABASE TO THE SEARCH
> In Art Full Text search for TI = holocaust museums
> Add Index to Jewish Periodicals through the CHOOSE DATABASES feature
> Do TI = holocaust museums again

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