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Let's suppose you are looking for a specific article. Ideally, you will have the author's name, the title of the article, the name of the periodical and the date or issue in which it was published. Here is an example:

Nisonger, Thomas E. 2007. "A Review and Analysis of Library Availability Studies." *Library Resources & Technical Services* 51, no. 1: 30-49.

This tells us the article was written by Thomas E. Nisonger and published in 2007. The title of the article is "A Review and Analysis of Library Availability Studies" It was published in a journal called *Library Resources & Technical Services*, volume 51, issue 1, pages 30 through 49.

Okay, now we know which article we're looking for...how do we find it?

Since we know which publication it was in, let's start by seeing if we have this periodical in the library collection. The best way to do this is by going to the **WKU Libraries Web site** (www.wku.edu/Library):



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