



Retrieving Articles in Paper Format

You are looking for a specific article, but the library doesn't have the electronic version...

While many—if not most—periodicals and journals are currently available in an electronic format, some are only available in paper, or the electronic version is prohibitively expensive. Therefore it is still occasionally necessary to find a paper copy of an article. So, let's assume you have a specific article in mind—you should have the author, the title, the year of publication and the journal in which it was published. An example is shown below.

Martin, Craig. 2010. "The Ends of Weather: Teleology in Renaissance Meteorology."
Journal of the History of Philosophy 48, no. 3: 30-49.

This tells us the article was written by Craig Martin and published in 2010. The title of the article is "The Ends of Weather: Teleology in Renaissance Meteorology." It was published in the *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, volume 48, issue 3, pages 30 through 49.

In this example, we will further assume you have checked for the electronic version of this article and found that it is not available. Since we know which publication we're looking for, let's check to see if the library has it in a paper version. To find paper, we must, oddly enough, go online. We will look up the journal on the **WKU Libraries Web site** (www.wku.edu/Library):

Click the **Journal Title** tab on the TOPCAT search box .

Then enter the name of the journal you're looking for, and click the **Search** button....

Below are the results of our search in **TOPCAT**. We do have this periodical in paper.

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Titles

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352 results found
Title (Keyword in Title)(history of philosophy)
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226 Arab philosophy of his... selections from the Prolegomena of Ibn Khaldun of Tunis. Translated by Ibn Khaldun, 1332-1406. 1963 Multiple holdings available

230 Journal of the history of philosophy. 1963 No call number No item information, Periodicals (Non-Circulating)

We browse through the results on TOPCAT and find our periodical...

Now I know we have a paper copy of the periodical...where do I find it?

Well, it depends. Periodicals and journals may be in any of several locations:

- They are quite likely in the periodicals room on the second (top) floor of Helm Library.
- The periodicals are shelved alphabetically by title
- Recent issues are on shelves at the south end, closest to Cravens Library
- Older, bound copies are also shelved alphabetically, but issues before 1980 are shelved in the basement of Helm (ask periodicals staff for assistance)
- The most current issues of some popular periodicals are kept in Helm 100, the large reading room just off the reference area.

This does not solve my problem...I need more help!

Feel free to contact the Library for more help!

- Come to the Reference Desk in person, on the main floor of Helm Library
- Call the Reference Desk at (270) 745- 6125
- Call the Periodicals Desk at (270) 745-6116
- Send an email to web.reference@wku.edu
- Visit the Library Web Site at www.wku.edu/Library/