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All About Scholarly Journals



Scholarly journals provide an in-depth analysis of topics

Scholarly journals may be published by a professional organization

Author is usually an expert or specialist in the field

Articles are written the jargon of the field for scholarly readers

Articles are more structured and may include an abstract, methodology, results, conclusion and bibliography

Articles are reviewed and critically evaluated by peers or experts in the field

Bibliography and/or footnotes always provided to document research

Examples: *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *Child Abuse and Neglect*, *Gerontologist*, *Health and Social Work*


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Journals and Magazines for the Social Sciences

Look for print journals and magazines upstairs

- ADMINISTRATION IN SOCIAL WORK
- ADOLESCENCE
- AFFILIA
- AMERICAN JOURNAL OF COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY
- AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ORTHOPSYCHIATRY
- AMERICAN JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY
- AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL REVIEW
- ANALYSES OF SOCIAL ISSUES AND PUBLIC POLICY
- CARING
- CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT
- CHILD & ADOLESCENT SOCIAL WORK JOURNAL
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- CHILD WELFARE
- CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK JOURNAL
- COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH JOURNAL
- CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGY
- CORRECTIONS TODAY
- COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION
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- CRIMINOLOGY & PUBLIC POLICY
- DEATH STUDIES
- ETHNIC AND RACIAL STUDIES
- FAMILIES IN SOCIETY
- FAMILY & COMMUNITY HEALTH
- FAMILY RELATIONS
- GERONTOLOGIST
- HEALTH & SOCIAL WORK
- HISPANIC
- JOURNAL OF BACCALAUREATE SOCIAL WORK
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- JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- JOURNAL OF ETHNIC & CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN SOCIAL WORK
- JOURNAL OF FAMILY ISSUES
- JOURNAL OF GAY & LESBIAN SOCIAL SERVICES
- JOURNAL OF GERONTOLOGICAL SOCIAL WORK
- JOURNAL OF MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY
- JOURNAL OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
- JOURNAL OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING
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All About Popular Magazines



Popular magazines generally have shorter articles and provide a broad overview of the topic

Author is usually a staff writer or journalist

Written in non-technical language for the general public

Articles usually have illustrations with glossy or color photos

Articles not evaluated by experts in the field but by staff editor

Bibliography usually not provided although references may be mentioned

Examples: *Psychology Today*, *Time*, *People*, *National Geographic*

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Top 10 Reference Books

- [Encyclopedia of Crime & Justice](#)
Call Number: Reference 364.03 E56d2
- [Encyclopedia of Gangs](#)

America Beyond the Color Line

Call Number: 305.896 A5121p
 Henry Louis Gates travels to the east coast, the deep South, inner city Chicago, and Hollywood to investigate modern Black America and interview influential Americans including Colin Powell, Quincy Jones, Samuel L. Jackson, Alicia Keys, Maya Angelou, Willie Herenton and others.

Child Abuse: How to See It, How to Stop It

Call Number: 362.76 C5361b
 This video explores the four types of child abuse: neglect, physical, sexual, and emotional abuse. It describes specific signs that suggest abuse and offers expert advice on how you can recognize a child who may be abused.

Execution at Midnight: Death Row/Last Hours

Call Number: 364.66 E9624a
 Taking place at Potosi Correctional Institute, Mineral Point, Missouri, examines the death penalty issue through interviews of 7 death row inmates. Gives the viewer the experience of the last hour of a condemned inmate's life as he is taken to the holding cell and to the execution room.

Juno

Call Number: 791.43 J956t
 Juno MacGuff is sixteen years old. After a one-time sexual encounter with her best friend Paulie, she learns that she's pregnant. Paulie leaves all the decisions about the baby to Juno. During her pregnancy, which she treats with care but detachment, her relationships develop.

Just mom and me: single motherhood

Call Number: 306.856 J963f
 This film examines the lives of five mothers, whose circumstances are vastly different, who are raising children on their own: a widow raising a bi-racial daughter, a high school dropout raising her child, a lawyer balancing motherhood and a career, a middle-aged college student raising 3 young children, and a single woman who opted for artificial insemination to have a child.

Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont

Call Number: 791.43 M9397w
 Mrs. Palfrey, an elegant, genteel widow, came from Scotland to London to take up residence at the Claremont Hotel. She finds friends in unexpected places while her own family is uncaring.

My Name is Bill W.

Call Number: 362.292 W746m
 William Wilson has everything including a drinking problem. He meets Bob Smith, an Ohio surgeon, with the same problem. This is the true story of how a friendship led to the formation of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Paper Clips

Call Number: 940.5318 P2143h
 Struggling to grasp the concept of 6 million Holocaust victims, the students at Whitwell Middle School in rural Tennessee decide to collect 6 million paper clips to better understand the extent of this crime against humanity.

Thin Blue Line

Call Number: 345.73 T4433m
 Errol Morris sets out to prove that a convicted hitchhiker did not kill a Dallas policeman in 1976 - and that the lowlife that fingered him did.

Voices of Disposable People

Call Number: 326 V8896f
 More than 300 million men, women, and children are being forced to work in conditions of virtual enslavement. This program goes around the world to document the stories of disposable people.

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JOURNAL OF SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY

JOURNAL OF SOCIAL SERVICE RESEARCH

JOURNAL OF SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION

JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WELFARE

JOURNALS OF GERONTOLOGY. SERIES B, PSYCHOLOGICAL & SOCIAL SCIENCES

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RESEARCH ON SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE

SOCIAL FORCES

SOCIAL ISSUES AND POLICY REVIEW

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SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY QUARTERLY

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Encyclopedia of Social Work

Call Number: Online reference book

Encyclopedia of Sociology

Call Number: Reference 301.03 E56b2

Encyclopedia of World Cultures

Call Number: Reference 306.097 E56l

Handbook of Death and Dying

Call Number: Reference 306.9 H2362b

International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences

Call Number: Online reference book

National Directory of Children, Youth & Families Services

Call Number: Reference 362.7 N2774c

Poverty in America: an Encyclopedia

Call Number: Reference 305.569 L4256p

Who We Are Series: Asians, Blacks, Hispanics

Call Number: Check catalog for specific call numbers

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