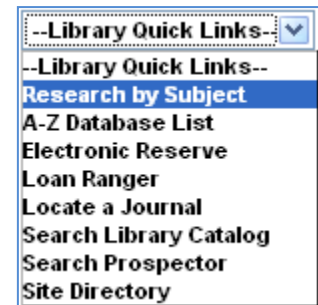


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A few reference books to get you started:

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Encyclopedia of Homelessness

call number: REF HV4493 .E53 2004 (DML 2nd Floor)

Encyclopedia of Race and Racism, 2008

available electronically through Lumen or Gale Virtual Reference

Immigration and Illegal Aliens: Burden or Blessing? , 2008

available electronically through Lumen or Gale Virtual Reference

International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences

call number: REF H40.A2 I5 2008 (DML 2nd Floor)

also available electronically through Lumen or Gale Virtual Reference

Handbook of Aging and the Social Sciences, 2006

available electronically through Lumen or Credo Reference

Key Sociological Thinkers

call number: REF HM51 .K43 2008 (DML 2nd Floor)

Multiculturalism in the United States

call number: REF E184.A1 M85 2005 (DML 2nd Floor)

also available electronically through Lumen or Gale Virtual Reference

UXL encyclopedia of Native American tribes, 2008

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The * symbol is used to find variations of a word. For example, *Homeless** retrieves the word *Homeless* or *Homelessness*.

Use the dropdown menu to choose from a list of fields to search. Unless you have a specific author, title, or descriptor, a “keyword” or “anywhere” search is a good bet.

Check to be sure that CSA Illumina is searching the correct database, Sociological Abstracts.

Soc Abstracts searches two or more words in the same box as a phrase. For example, if we typed *Homeless Children* in one of the search boxes, we would retrieve all articles containing that exact phrase, but not articles containing the phrase *Homeless Youth*.

Sociological Abstracts Search Screen.

Once you’ve completed your search, notice that you can further limit your results using the tabs at the top of the screen. If you are required to use scholarly articles click the green, peer-reviewed journals tab.

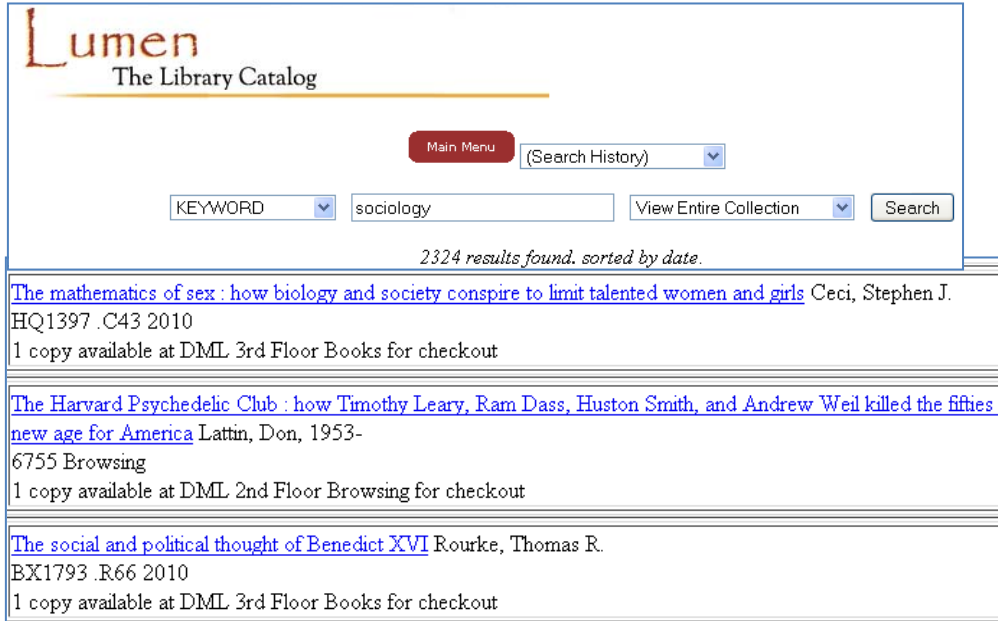
Find the full text of an article by clicking the “Check for full text” link at the bottom of each search result.

Notice that for each of your results there is a list of descriptors. Click on a term to find all articles assigned that descriptor.

Sociological Abstracts Results Screen.

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1 copy available at DML 3rd Floor Books for checkout
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1 copy available at DML 2nd Floor Browsing for checkout
- [The social and political thought of Benedict XVI](#) Rourke, Thomas R. BX1793 .R66 2010
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Lumen search and results screens.

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