Using Library Tools to Determine Full-text Access to a Journal Located in an Index Database

Introduction (5 minutes)
This session teaches students how to determine if the library has access to a journal located in a database. While you will find that the library can sometimes provide immediate access to full text, sometimes an article you need is not immediately available.

Demonstration of Technique (10 minutes)
The librarian models the process of determining an article’s availability, by showing both HillSearch and eJournals in the “Library Search” box and in Academic Search Complete. The demonstration highlights the following:
- Library homepage
- Library Search box
- HillSearch categories
- eJournals categories
- Electronic Resources webpage
- Academic Search Complete
- How to interpret your results, including the meaning of an “embargo” on recent publications

Applying the Technique (5 minutes)
- Each group is assigned a journal title
- Each group uses both HillSearch and eJournals to find holdings information for their title
- Each group displays their findings on their screen

Comparing Results (5 minutes)
- Each group points out how their journal’s holdings differ from the other journals’ holdings
- The librarian projects each group’s screen to the class as a whole, and points to features and information to notice when determining availability

Debrief
- Any questions?

Closing
Ask all student to take the brief classroom survey.

Sample Journal Titles for Group Exercise
Journal of Youth and Adolescence (paper and electronic holdings, embargo)
JAMA (no electronic holdings, physical only)
Econometrica (electronic only, no physical holdings)
BusinessWeek (electronic and physical, no embargo)