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## Tools for Finding Books

### Library Catalog

Includes information about books, government documents, journals, magazines, and newspapers in the Library.

*Note:* To locate appropriate Library of Congress Subject Headings, start with a keyword search and then browse records.

Relevant subject headings include:

- Ethnology China
- Social change China
- Social change China 21<sup>st</sup> century
- China Social conditions
- China Social life and customs
- Family China
- Family China history
- Marriage China
- Marriage China history
- Intergenerational relations China
- Courtship China
- Communism and family China
- Only child China
- Parent child China
- Rural-urban migration China
- Consumer behavior China

To locate works about a person, do a subject search for the person's name (last name first).

To locate bibliographies on a person or topic, do a keyword search and add the following: su bibliography.

#### **Search Syntax**

*Truncation:* use a dollar sign \$.

*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks "".

*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.

### WorldCat

Indexes books, periodicals, and other materials held by libraries around the world.

Search *WorldCat* to identify additional books on your topic and then order the books on [interlibrary loan](#).

*Note:* It can be helpful to identify relevant Library of Congress Subject Headings in the Library Catalog first; you can then do a subject search in *WorldCat* to find additional items with these subject headings.

#### **Search Syntax:**

*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.

*Phrase Searching:* insert a "w" between the words in a phrase (for example, "cold w war").

*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.

# Tools for Finding Articles

## Starting Points Databases

- [Academic Search Premier](#)  
(1975 to present) Indexes popular and scholarly articles in a broad range of subject areas; also includes citations to book reviews and citations to articles in several national newspapers.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.
- [LexisNexis Academic](#)  
(Approx. 1980 to present) Includes the full text of articles from local, national, and international newspapers, magazines, and trade journals as well as the text of newswires, patents, legal documents, and transcripts of radio and television broadcasts.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* use an exclamation point !.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
*Wildcard:* use an asterisk \*.
- [OmniFile Full Text Mega](#)  
(1982 to present) Indexes articles from over 3,000 scholarly and popular periodicals in the humanities, social sciences, and sciences; also includes the full text of selected articles from over 1,650 of these periodicals.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* unnecessary when using “All-Smart Search”; otherwise, use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
*Wildcard:* do not use with “All-Smart Search”; otherwise, use a question mark ?.

## Core Databases for Anthropology

- [Annual Review of Anthropology](#)  
(1972 to present) Contains the full text of review and overview articles on important topics in anthropology.  
**Search Syntax**  
*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.
- [Anthropology Plus](#)  
(Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century to present) Includes citations to journal articles, reports, edited works, and commentaries in the fields of biological, cultural, linguistic, physical, and social anthropology as well as archaeology, ethnology, folklore, and material culture. Combines *Anthropological Literature* and *Anthropological Index* from the Royal Anthropological Institute in London.

### **Search Syntax**

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- [AnthroSource](#)  
(1880 to present) Provides current issues of 15 American Anthropological Association (AAA) journals, including *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, and *Cultural Anthropology*, as well as an archive of selected back issues, with links to JSTOR where appropriate.

#### **Search Syntax**

*Truncation:* automatic.

*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.

- [Web of Knowledge](#)  
(c. 1900 to present) A multidisciplinary resource that provides citations to articles in thousands of journals in the social sciences, humanities, and sciences.

*Truncation:* use an asterisk \*.

*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.

*Wildcard:* use a question mark ?.

## **Other Indexes and Databases**

- [Bibliography of Asian Studies Online](#)  
(1971 to present) Indexes articles, essays in edited collections, conference proceedings, and other materials on all subjects related to East, Southeast, and South Asia. Also lists books published between 1971 and 1992. International in scope; most citations are to works written in Western languages.

#### **Search Syntax**

*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.

*Wildcard:* use asterisk \*.

- [Humanities Abstracts](#)  
(1907 to present) Indexes articles in over 500 English-language journals in the fields of archaeology, art, classics, communication, film, folklore, history, languages and literatures, music, philosophy, religion, and theatre. Also includes citations for book, theatre, and film reviews as well as interviews, obituaries, and some original creative works. Includes the full text of selected articles from 1995 to the present.

#### **Search Syntax**

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*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.

*Wildcard:* do not use with “All-Smart Search”; otherwise, use a question mark ?.

- [JSTOR](#)  
Includes pdf copies of scholarly articles from a core collection of journals; also includes book review. *Note:* JSTOR does not contain articles from the most recent 3-5 years.

#### **Search Syntax**

*Truncation:* use a plus sign +.

*Phrase Searching:* automatic.

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- [MLA International Bibliography](#)  
(1926 to present) Indexes articles, books, and dissertations in the areas of English, American, European, Asian, African, and Latin American linguistics, modern languages and literatures, film studies, and folklore.  
**Search Syntax:**  
*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
*Wildcard:* use an asterisk \*.
- [Project Muse](#)  
Includes pdf and HTML copies of journal articles published by university and scholarly presses.  
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*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.
- [Social Services Abstracts](#)  
(1980 to present) Covers the fields of social work and human services, including social welfare, social policy, and community development. Includes citations and abstracts for articles in over 1,400 periodicals; also indexes dissertations and book reviews.  
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*Phrase Searching:* use double quotation marks “ ”.  
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- [Sociological Abstracts](#)  
(1963 to present) Provides indexing and abstracting for articles in 1,500 journals and serial publications in the field of sociology and related disciplines in the social and behavioral sciences. Also provides coverage of reviews, monographs, and conference reports in these areas.  
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## Tips & Further Help

For additional assistance in the research process, you may wish to see one of the following guides:

- [How to Narrow or Broaden Your Search](#)
- [How to Identify a Scholarly Article](#)
- [How to Find Book Reviews](#)

- [How to Search the Web: Tools & Tips](#)
- [How to Evaluate Web Resources](#)
- [Research Planner \(pdf document\)](#)
- [Research Log \(pdf document\)](#)