

Transcript: Finding a journal in SOLO

Getting started with Oxford Libraries: Finding a journal in SOLO.

Hello and welcome to this video on using SOLO to find a journal. Often you will want to browse journals that cover your areas of interest so that you can keep up to date with the latest research. Other times you might need to find a journal because you are trying to track down an article that didn't come up in an article search as maybe it is too old; or it hasn't been indexed; or we only hold that journal in print rather than electronically. I'm going to show you how to find a particular journal on SOLO.

Here I am in SOLO. Note that I am signed in here in the top right hand corner. It is important to sign in before starting to search in SOLO as you will see more results; you'll already be authenticated with your Single Sign On when accessing electronic resources; and you'll be able to see request options for items where relevant.

Now I'm going to have a look for the journal, The School Science Review. For this, I'm going to use the Advanced Search.

Advanced Search

The Advanced Search can be found to the right of the main search box. Let's click on it here. It has some extra functions that the filtering options don't have. These can come in handy if you are looking for something specific that has rather generic keywords, which can be the case with journal titles.

In the Advanced Search, you can choose which fields of the catalogue records you want SOLO to search. You can also choose whether that field 'contains' your search terms as keywords or if SOLO should treat them as an 'exact phrase' or if the specified field 'starts with' your terms.

You can combine your search terms with the Boolean operators AND, OR, NOT for more complex searches. And you can add more lines to your search query where required. If you're familiar with database searching, this should be a similar experience.

On the right hand side there are options to limit the search by Resource Type, Language and Publication Date.

I want to search the Title field.

I'm going to choose 'with my exact phrase'.

I'm going to put in 'school science review'.

I'm now going to limit the Resource Type to Journals.

That's all I need to do. So, I will click on Search.

My results appear below. And I've done such a focussed search that we've only got two results, and the top one is the one that I want. The brief record displayed here tells us that there are 'multiple versions' of 'The School Science Review' and that SOLO has clustered them together for us. Let's click on it to unpack the cluster and see all the versions.

I just need to scroll back down. And now we see two versions.

Now both versions tell us that the journal is published by the Association for Science Education and that the journal started in 1919.

The top record has a green 'Online access' button. That's the electronic version. The second one says 'Find & Request' and that's the print version.

E-journals

To access the e-journal click the green button. This takes you to the SFX page, which details the provider that we subscribe to the journal from and the coverage of our electronic subscription. Sometimes you will see multiple providers listed here and it is important to check which years each of them cover to work out which is the best one to use for you. Here we just have full text provision from the Association for Science Education Journals, and that coverage is available from 2008 from volume 89, issue 328.

You click on the provider to reach the e-journal platform. Different e-journal platforms can look very different from each other, but they should all have some sort of an archive for browsing past issues as we see

here, and there should be a search function in order to search within the title.

Depending on our subscription, you may not be able to access all the content that you can see. If you are having difficulties with e-journals, do get in touch with us and ask.

You may have noticed that our e-journal subscription to 'The School Science Review' only went back as far as 2008. In this case, in order to see older issues, we will need to return to SOLO and look at the print version.

Print journals

Let's take a look at the second record to find out what the Libraries hold.

Click on Find & Request.

There are three libraries listed that hold print copies of this journal.

To see what a specific library holds, click on it. The little 'i' information symbol next to the library name tells you more about the library, such as its location, opening hours and policies. I'm going to try the Education Library first.

The holdings summary is written here near the top, next to 'What do we have?' It tells us that the Education Library holds the journal from volume 69, number 248 onwards. That's from March 1988.

That's 20 years earlier than we had electronically. Underneath this holdings summary, we see a long list of the individual issues held.

Depending on how many there are, you may need to scroll through and click 'Show more items' more than once in order to find the particular issue that you want.

This left hand column tells us where in the library to find the journal on the shelves. The shelfmark in this case is Journals, and they are in the Discussion Room of the Education Library.

The right hand column lists the specific issues that the library holds. It also says that they are Confined, that they cannot be borrowed from the library. This is usually the case with print journals across the Bodleian

Libraries. But each library is different, so there may be local variation on this.

We've still only found holdings going back to 1988. Let's see if there are any older volumes somewhere. If you want to see what a different library holds, scroll back up to the top, and click 'Back to locations & filters'.

We'll try the Bodleian Library. Ah. The Bodleian Library is not much help here as they are only have from 2014 onwards. Let's go back and try the last one.

Radcliffe Science Library. Let's have a look. Volume 20 through to volume 89. That's much better. And if I click 'Expand', ah, we've hit the jackpot! They've actually got volume 1 to volume 19 as well. So that's the full run from 1919 up until when the electronic journal starts.

Now, obviously, that's a lot of volumes and issues. If we look at the location column we see that these are in fact 'Stored Offsite'. They've also got the status 'Closed Stack'. So for these, you'll need to order individual issues from the Closed Stack via SOLO to one of the Bodleian Libraries' Reading Rooms. You cannot go and browse the whole run on the shelves. It is also possible to get a scan of a specific article from an individual journal issue sent directly to you using the 'OffsiteScan' button.

To recap, in this search for the journal, 'The School Science Review', we have used SOLO's Advanced Search; we've found and accessed the e-journal; we've explored the different print journal holdings; and discovered that Oxford, in one form or another holds the complete run back to 1919.

I hope that you've found this video helpful. Thank you for watching.