OT Search
Important Things to Know

• Because this is a paid subscription, if you are searching from anywhere off-campus, you will need your NetID username & password available to log into OT Search through the Halle Library’s main web page (http://www.emich.edu/library/)

• This is a bibliographic database covering the literature of occupational therapy and related subject areas

• It is jointly supported by The American Occupational Foundation (AOTF) and the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
• How to run a basic keyword search

• The following searching skills will be explained:
  • Keyword searching
  • Using a wildcard or truncation mark
  • Using quotation marks to search for a phrase
  • Narrowing a search

• How to locate the full-text of the articles you find
Accessing OT Search from the Halle Library’s Homepage

Go to the Halle Library’s web page at http://www.emich.edu/library/ and click on the Databases tab.
Accessing OT Search from the Halle Library’s Homepage

Click on the letter O from the alphabetic list at the top of the page.
Finding OT Search on the List of Databases

Select OT Search from the list of databases. If you are off-campus, you will be prompted to enter your NetID username and password.
Accessing OT Search

Click on the OT Search tile.
Accessing OT Search

Click on the **Power Search** link.
OT Search
Main Search Screen
Searching with Keywords & Using Truncation/Wildcard Marks

Type your topic into the first search box. The $ is a truncation/wildcard mark placed after a word root to retrieve all forms of that word root.

In this case, the computer will retrieve *autism* and *autistic*.

This box is set to search *words or phrases*. This means the computer will look for the occurrence of this word or phrase anywhere in the citation.
Narrowing a Search

Step #1 – Change the drop-down box from author to words or phrase.

Step #2 – Type in the other word or phrase you want to include in your search.

The word AND to the right of the search box will intersect the ideas and retrieve citations that contain both terms or phrases.
Using Quotation Marks to Search for a Phrase

Placing quotation marks around a string of words or a phrase, tells the computer to **find these words in exactly this order**, in other words, phrase searching.

In this case, the computer will retrieve the phrase “activities of daily living”.

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- words or phrase: "activities of daily living"
- and: And
Limiting to Journal Articles

This database contains citations to many resources that discuss occupational therapy including book chapters, master’s theses, doctoral dissertations, etc. So, it’s important to limit the search by the type of format.

To limit to a specific format such as a journal article, click on the drop-down menu under the Type category, and highlight Journal Article.
Applying the Language Limit

To limit to articles in the English language, click on the drop-down menu Language category, then highlight English.
Running the Search

Click on the blue Search button
Understanding the Results of the Search

The result of the search is a list of journal article citations.

First, evaluate the article based on the article title.

Next, view the summary, or abstract, of the article clicking on the article title which is a blue hyperlink.
Viewing the Brief Citation Record

Click on the Catalog Record link to view the more Detailed record.

Ignore this information!

This information pertains only to AOTA’s Wilma West Library, NOT the Halle Library!
Evaluating the Article Citation

Evaluate the article based on the article title, the abstract, and the subject terms located further down the record.

**Article Title**

**Abstract**

**Subject Terms**

which describe the article’s content.
Does the Halle Library Own This Article?
Option #1

Click on the Item Information hyperlink

If the URL hyperlink is available, click on it, and look for the full-text link on the journal’s home page
The location of full-text article links varies depending on the company through which it has been purchased.

Because full text access to articles is available only by paid subscription, access is only available to members of the EMU community or if you come into the Halle Library.

HTML full-text link

PDF link (Adobe)
Does the Halle Library Own This Article?
Option #2

Click on the green E Find Text+ icon, then follow the information on the screen provided.

Still confused as to whether or not the Halle Library owns a journal article?

Follow these links for further help or view the next slide:
http://www.emich.edu/library/help/findtext.php
http://www.emich.edu/library/help/articles.php
Full-text Article Access – Helpful Links

• Using FindText+ -
  http://www.emich.edu/library/help/findtext.php

• Finding Articles Using Esearch -
  http://www.emich.edu/library/help/articles.php

• Finding Known Articles using the "Journals by Title" Tab -
  http://www.emich.edu/library/help/knownarticles.php