Welcome to the Mundt Library at Dakota State University.

This video will explain how to use Journal Finder to determine if the library has full text access to an article. The learning objective that will be addressed includes being able to use the Journal Finder service to find the full text of an article.

There are times when you have the citation to an article but not the full text. The citation may have come from several sources, an article your professor wants you to read, a library database that did not contain the full text of the article, or the bibliography of another article. The question you now have is how do I get the full article. The library offers a technology that will allow you to quickly determine if the article will be available to you. This service is called Journal Finder.

To use Journal Finder, you will need the name of the publication your article is in. This is the name of the newspaper, magazine, or journal. And you will also need the date of the publication. In our example we will be looking for an article from an issue in the “Journal of Education for Business” from 2012.

To use Journal Finder, you must first go to the library’s homepage at library.dsu.edu. In the center column, there is a link to Journal Finder. In the search box, type in the name of our publication “Journal of Education for Business”. Our search brought back one result. The hyperlinks show where and for what dates that publication is available. Our article was from 2012 so we will be able to access it from several points. Where it says Dakota State University’s Print Holdings, this means that the periodical is available at the library physically. The other database names refer to electronic databases you will be able to access online. When you click on these hyperlinks, you will not be taken directly to the article but rather to the database from which you will be able to search for the article.

Journal Finder is an important tool to aid you in gaining access to the articles you need for your research. If you have any questions on Journal Finder or any other aspect of the library, feel free to ask a librarian.

In this video, you learned how using Journal Finder can aid you as you conduct your research.