Periodicals at the Hekman Library

What is the difference between periodicals, journals, and magazines?

**Periodical**: a publication issued frequently (e.g. daily, weekly, monthly, semi-annually) such as newspapers, journals and magazines.

**Journal**: a periodical which presents articles by authors whose work is reviewed or refereed, with the credentials of authors listed. The article usually has a bibliography at the end and references to other works will often appear in the text.

**Magazine**: a popular periodical written for the general public and often available at news stands, with articles rarely listing bibliographies or works cited.

What periodicals does the Library own?

To learn if the Hekman Library provides print or online access to a particular periodical title, search WebCat.

Results will display whether the library owns the title in print, online, or both.

Clicking on either the print or online versions of the title will display information about the title, including information on what issues we own or have online access to, and where you can locate a print copy or how to access the title online.

Where does the Library keep periodicals?

Current print periodicals are arranged alphabetically on the east wall of the 3rd floor, except for religious and Christian titles (Call # BL-BX) which are kept on the southeast wall of the 4th floor.

As with most academic libraries, once the library collects a volume of a particular title, the issues are bound with a hard cover and placed throughout the library collection according to the Library of Congress (LC) classification to which they belong as indicated in WebCat. Of course, online periodicals can be linked to through the URL provided.

Remember: Research Databases

WebCat contains records for periodical titles, however the content of each title is indexed in Research Databases. For example, psychology periodicals are indexed in PsycINFO. Ask A Librarian (via Library’s homepage) for help on choosing which database.

Quick Facts:

- Print periodical subscriptions: **2,635**
- Electronic titles: **14,464**

Print periodicals cannot be checked out, articles need to be photocopied.