Peer Reviewed Articles: What Are They? How Do I find them?

Definition

Peer Reviewed articles are published in a journal, which requires reviewing by the editor but also by a group of experts on the subject. Sometimes, more than one group of experts in addition to the editor will review the article.

How do I find them?

The easiest way to find a Peer Reviewed article is by using a database such as Academic Search Complete or CINAHL. These databases have a check box option on the left hand side that will only retrieve Peer-Reviewed articles.
Or, if you prefer searching Still One Search, you can select the Peer Reviewed option in the second set of check boxes on the front page of the library homepage.

If using the small Still One Search box, enter a search term and click search, then click on the Advanced Search link to select Peer Reviewed.

**What if the Database does not have an option to select for Peer Reviewed?**

This makes your life a bit more challenging. In these situations, you have three options to verify whether or not the journal is Peer-Reviewed:

1) Go directly to the website of the Journal in question! To ensure it is the correct journal, make sure the article under consideration is listed in it.

2) Click on the Author Guidelines page. This is usually listed separately or you could click on the Submit an Article link.
3) Read the guidelines and specifically look for “reviewed by peers” or “review process.”

This does take a bit of extra time, but it will ensure that source quoted is one of quality.

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