How to Use: JSTOR

- Alfred C. O’Connell Library –

JSTOR offers a high-quality, interdisciplinary archive of over one thousand leading academic journals across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences, plus select books and other materials valuable for academic work.

PLEASE NOTE that JSTOR IS UNIQUE among GCC’s article databases … HOW? Its contents are generally NOT RECENT, often being at least 3 to 5 years old with some having originated as early as the 19th century. In a subject such as history, older material may be desirable, although that’s not always true. Before using JSTOR, determine any publication date requirements your research assignment may have.

To Start:
1. Go to the library web page at https://www.genesee.edu/library/
2. Click on Databases A-Z
3. Click on JSTOR

JSTOR’s default search mode is ADVANCED SEARCH.

![Advanced Search Interface]

To Search:
1. Start by placing a checkmark in the ARTICLES box. WHY? To obtain only ARTICLES and avoid BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, REVIEWS, RESEARCH REPORTS and MISCELLANEOUS.
2. Select where to search – All fields, Author, Item Title, Abstract (only about 10% of items have an abstract) or Caption (for images) – and select a search connector (AND, OR, NOT) when searching more than one term.
3. Use quotation marks to search a phrase such as “war veterans” or “gattling gun.”
4. The most useful ACCESS TYPE to choose is CONTENT I CAN ACCESS.
5. Enter author name/s as follows: “mary nash” or “james d. fearon.”
6. NARROW a search by discipline (history, philosophy etc.), topic, item type, language,or publication date.