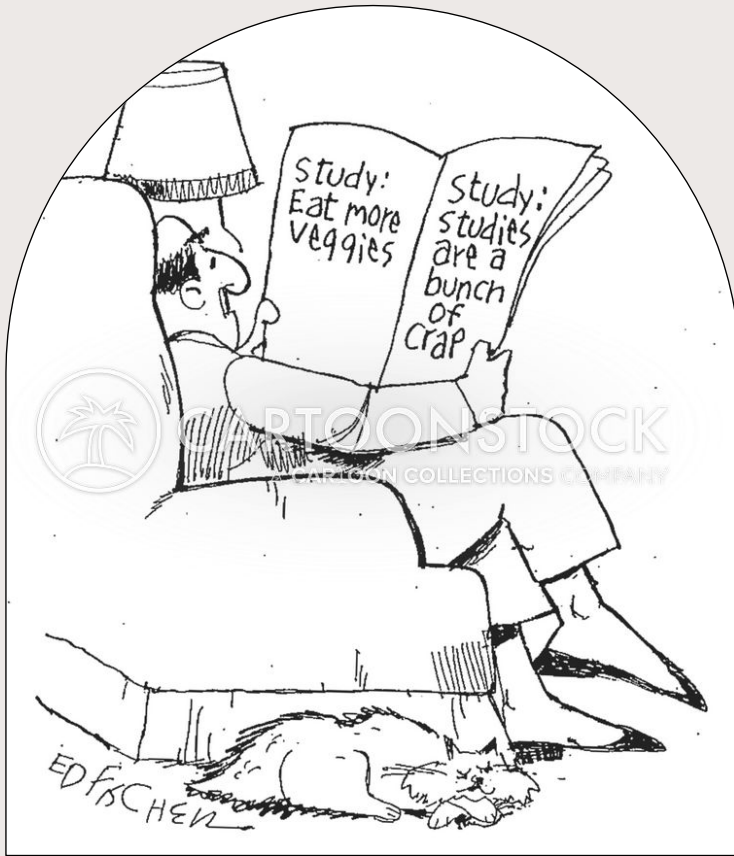


Guiding Students Toward Publication and Presentation

FALL 2026

Session 2: Talking about Journals..



WRITING FOR
IMPACT

AGENDA

1. Checking in
2. Journals, publications & librarians
4. Experiences
5. Closure

JOURNALS

By review:

Peer-reviewed: neither authors nor reviewers know each other's identities (single-blind; double-blind)

Editorially reviewed: editors assess submissions without external peer review

By audience:

Academic or research journals: for scholars and researchers; original studies and theoretical work

Professional journals: for practitioners, such as librarians, teachers, or healthcare professionals; applied knowledge

Trade journals: for particular industry or occupation; focus on news, trends, and professional developments

Policy journals: target policymakers, administrators, and researchers; connect scholarship with decision-making

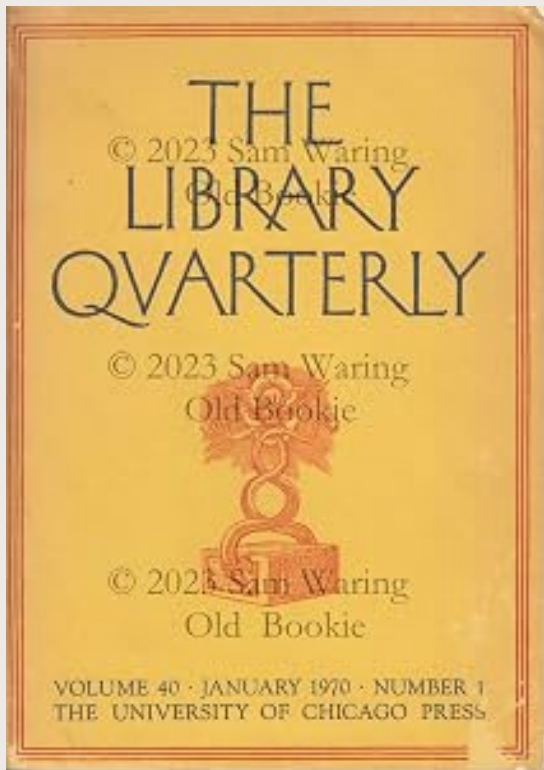
Combined criteria:

Student or graduate journals: publish work by students and early-career researchers

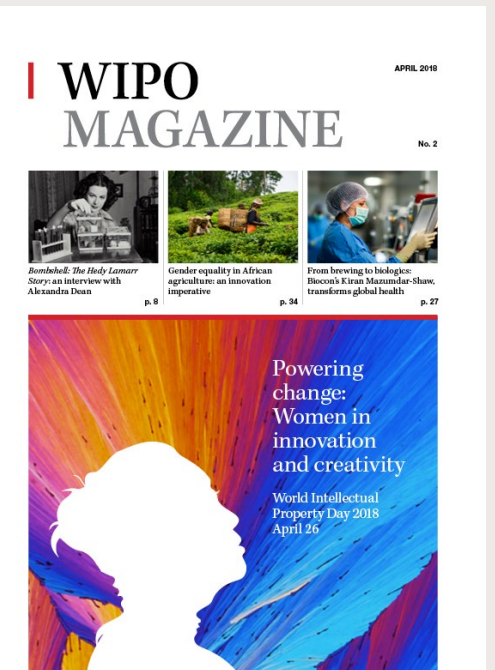
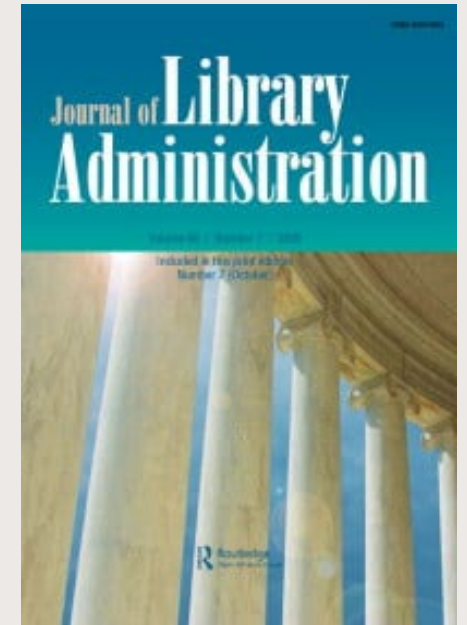
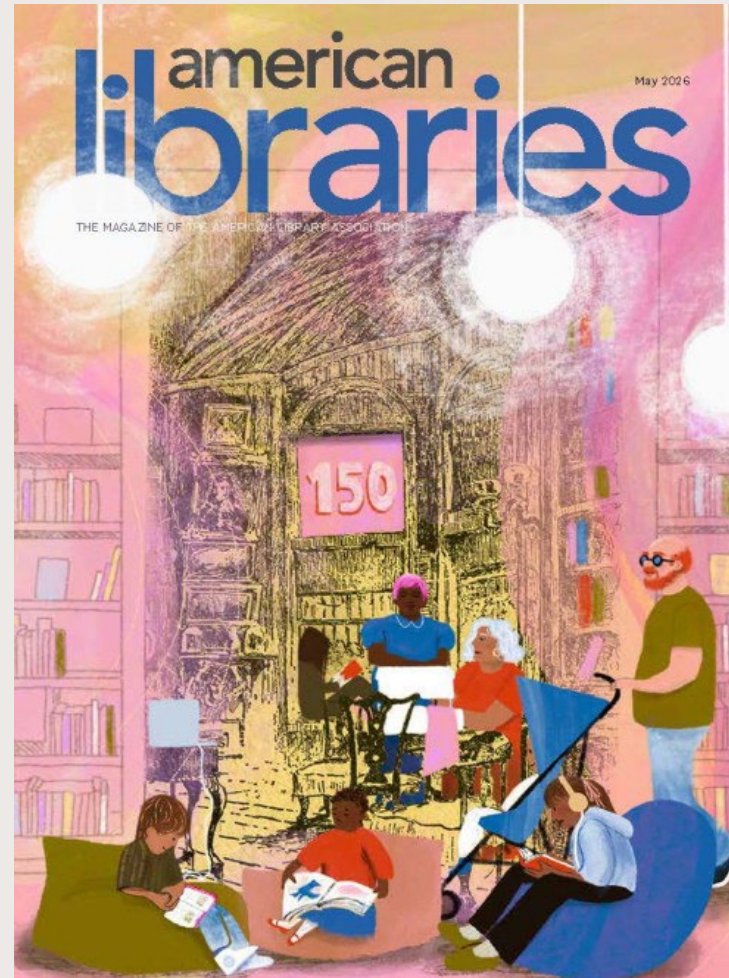
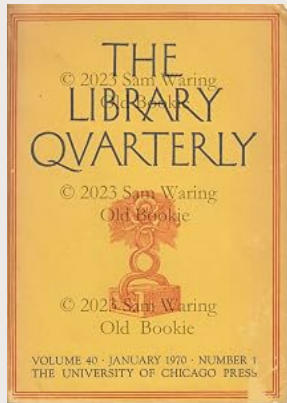
Interdisciplinary journals: address readers from multiple academic fields

Public-facing or popular scholarly journals: translate research for educated general audiences.

LIS JOURNALS: PEER VS EDITOR



LIS PUBLICATIONS: AUDIENCE



LIS JOURNALS



RANKING

Acceptance rate and reputation – informal indicators, but not standardized rankings

Journal Impact Factor (JIF)* – average citations per article (by *Journal Citation Reports*; find it in *Web of Science*)

$$\text{JIF} = \frac{\text{Citations in the current year to articles published in the journal over the past 2 years}}{\text{Total number of citable articles published in the journal over the past 2 years}}$$

Deficiencies:**

- A) citation distributions within journals are highly skewed;
- B) the properties of the Journal Impact Factor are field-specific: it is a composite of multiple, highly diverse article types, including primary research papers and reviews;
- C) Journal Impact Factors can be manipulated (or “gamed”) by editorial policy;
- D) data used to calculate the Journal Impact Factors are neither transparent nor openly available to the public.

CiteScore – citation metric from Scopus

SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) – weighs citations according to the prestige of the citing journals

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Q/A

What factors do you consider when selecting a journal for publication?

Which journals do you introduce to students, and why?

What advice would you give students who are publishing for the first time?

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SJSU LIBRARY JOURNAL SEARCH



Go to the SJSU library page, use OneSearch journals tab



Begin the search with “humanities”; “social sciences” (or specific discipline)



Use the left-side limiters to: (a) switch from sort by relevance to sort by title (complete list); (b) see which journals the library provides access to; (c) sort the journals by categories

EXERCISES: SEARCH

Undergraduate Research (all disciplines):

Council on Undergraduate Research list of journals: <https://www.cur.org/resources-publications/student-resources/student-journals/undergraduate-research-journal-listing/>

Stanford journals listing: <https://pwr.stanford.edu/student-resources/next-steps-your-pwr-project/publish-or-present-your-pwr-project/non-stanford-0>

Graduate Research (Humanities and Social Sciences):

Graduate Students Guide to Identify & Evaluate Journals (links to journals' directories):
<https://guides.library.cornell.edu/olingrad/journals>

Princeton Journals Reviews: <https://journalreviews.princeton.edu/journal-disciplines/>

SJSU's ScholarWorks: includes graduate publications across disciplines: <https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/etd/>

Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, - an encyclopedia for periodicals that will tell you all about a publication

Journal Citation Reports - tracks a journals impact factor of articles cited

SCImago weighs citations according to the prestige of the citing journals

RESOURCES

Croud sourcing document:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ueiWWC18_vRnt-Yv-Dnt94_OHJqGYLaoksVoc9TcJZY/edit?tab=t.0

Journals search:

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Princeton Journals Reviews: <https://journalreviews.princeton.edu/journal-disciplines/>

SJSU's ScholarWorks: includes graduate publications across disciplines: <https://scholarworks.sjsu.edu/etd/>