

## Finding Journals and E-Journals at Ehrman Library

The journals that the Library owns are listed in MEDCat, the Library online catalog, and in the E-Resources section of the Library homepage. It is often necessary to check both places to locate complete information for journal holdings available to you via Ehrman Medical Library. The journals listed as well as the information available about each journal will vary depending on the tool that you choose to use to locate a journal title.

### Finding E-Journals

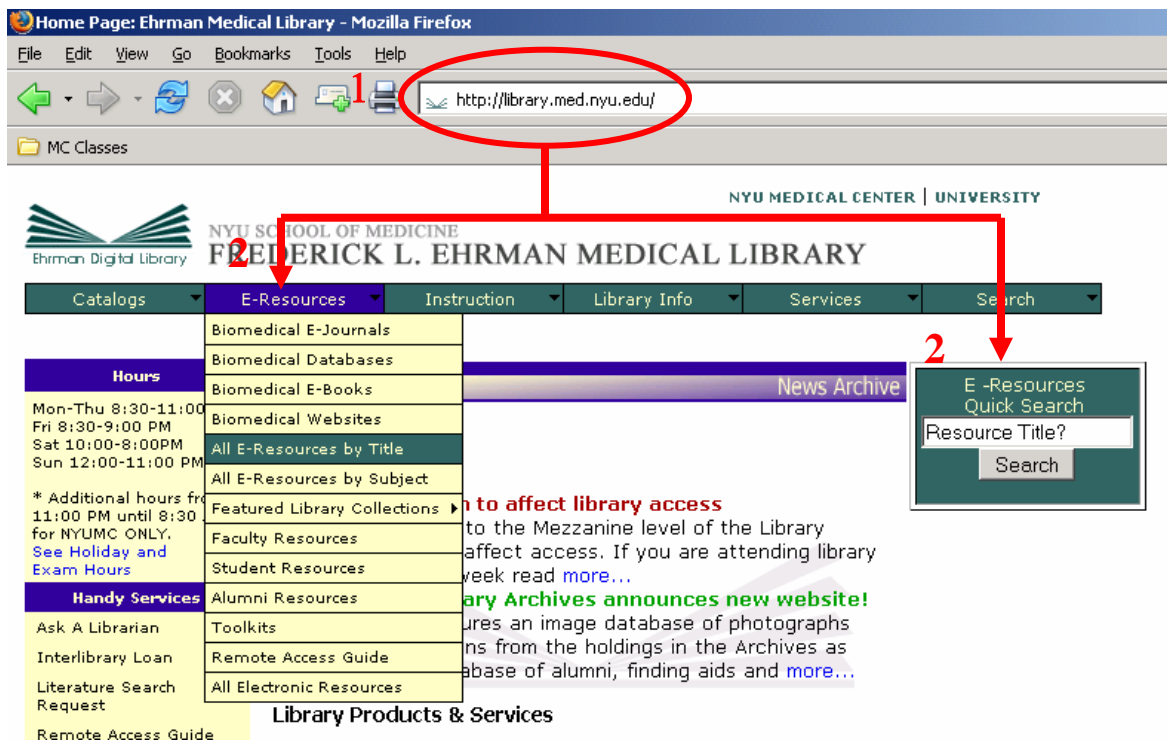
#### MEDCat

MEDCat is the primary source for the Ehrman Medical Library collection of electronic journals that support the School of Medicine curriculum and Medical Center activities. Use the online catalog the same way you would to search for journals in print. If an online version of a journal is available, and the Library subscribes to it, the catalog record will include a [“Connect to the electronic version of:...”](#) link to the online version.

**MEDCat does not include all of the online journal connections that are available to the NYU SOM/MC community.**

#### E-Resources

In addition to the core of journals found in MEDCat, connections to other online journals available to the NYU SOM/MC community are available via the Library home page at **(1) library.med.nyu.edu** under the heading **(2) E-Resources → All E-Resources by Title** in the main navigation bar at the top of the page. OR search for the journal using the **(2) E-Resources Quick Search**.



The screenshot shows the browser address bar with the URL <http://library.med.nyu.edu/> circled in red and labeled '1'. Below the browser, the website header includes the NYU School of Medicine logo and the text 'NYU MEDICAL CENTER | UNIVERSITY'. The main navigation bar contains 'Catalogs', 'E-Resources', 'Instruction', 'Library Info', 'Services', and 'Search'. The 'E-Resources' dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'Biomedical E-Journals', 'Biomedical Databases', 'Biomedical E-Books', 'News Archive', 'Biomedical Websites', 'All E-Resources by Title', 'All E-Resources by Subject', 'Featured Library Collections', 'Faculty Resources', 'Student Resources', 'Alumni Resources', 'Toolkits', 'Remote Access Guide', and 'All Electronic Resources'. A red arrow labeled '2' points from the 'E-Resources' menu to a search box titled 'E-Resources Quick Search' which contains the text 'Resource Title?' and a 'Search' button.

The first page of e-journals will display giving you the option to browse the collection alphabetically by title, or search for a specific title using the search box in the left side bar. Once you have located the title you wish to view, simply click on the title to go to the online version.

**Note:** Electronic versions of journals may correspond exactly to the print version with the addition of search functionality. Other electronic journals may provide “enhanced” versions of articles, either by adding special features to the online version, or updating online content between editions of the print version. Some journals are only published online. It is a good idea to read the “About” or other introductory/overview sections of e-journal sites to discern exactly what you are dealing with when using an online text.

## For journals in print

Information about the Library's print journal holdings is only available in MEDCat, the Library's Online Catalog. Use MEDCat, online at <http://medcat.med.nyu.edu>, to search by journal title or title abbreviation for journal holdings in print. Once you have located the journal record, find the listing for the date and volume that you need, and then make a note of the **Location**. To find more recent issues, click on the *Latest Received* link in the holdings box for "NYU Medical Library" in the top part of the catalog record.

### Now what?

Print issues of journals may be in several locations in the Library. Understanding the location correctly is the first step to finding the journal you are looking for.

### Journal Locations

MEDCat Says...	It means...
<b>Latest Received</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The journal issue has not yet been bound, and is on the shelves in the <b>Current Periodicals</b> room.</li><li>Proceed to the Current Periodicals room located at the back of the main Reading Room. Journals are shelved <b>alphabetically by title</b>.</li><li>For the one hundred most requested journals, the most recent issue is shelved in a separate alphabetical run in the <b>Top 100</b> section.</li><li><b>Current unbound journals may not be removed from the Library.</b></li></ul>
<b>MED Journal Stacks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The journal has been bound and is in the main collection located on the <b>Basement (Stacks) Level</b> of the Library.</li><li><b>Only journal issues from 1985 to the present are housed in the Library stacks.</b> (See below for information on pre-1985 holdings.)</li><li>Proceed downstairs with your journal citation to retrieve the item. Journals are shelved alphabetically by title.</li><li>Bound journals may be checked out for <b>2-hours</b>.</li></ul>
<b>MED Offsite Storage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The journal is kept at a storage facility in Upstate New York. This applies to journals issues published prior to 1985.</li><li>Use the <b>Interlibrary Loan (ILL)</b> form under <b>Handy Services</b> on the Library Homepage (<a href="http://library.med.nyu.edu">library.med.nyu.edu</a>) to request these items.</li><li>Nearly half of all requests made are delivered within 3 business days, and all requests are delivered within 7-10 days.</li><li>There is a \$5 charge per request for rush delivery within 48 hours.</li></ul>

### Anatomy of a Journal Citation

In order to facilitate the location and retrieval of journal articles, it is important to use a journal citation that is as complete as possible. The article author and title are usually easy to distinguish. Understanding the rest of the citation will ensure that you locate the correct item. Citation formats may vary from resource to resource, or based on the age of the resource used.

Here is typical journal citation with translation.

Can J Neurol Sci.	2000 Nov;	27	(4)	:354
<b>Journal Title*</b>	<b>Date of publication</b>	<b>Volume</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Page(s)</b>

\* Medical journal titles are often abbreviated in databases and indexes. Journals are shelved, however, using the full form of the title. Most users are able to guess the correct form of the full title. For some of the trickier titles, refer to:

- NLM's Journals Database - <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=journals>;
- [List of Serials Indexed for Online Users](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/serials/lsiou.html), current edition online at <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/tsd/serials/lsiou.html>; OR
- [Periodical Title Abbreviations](#), MED Reference – Z6945.A2 P47 + year.