What are journals?
Journals are usually published on a regular basis, such as weekly, monthly, bimonthly, quarterly. Each issue contains a collection of articles by different authors usually reporting the latest research. The journals which we subscribe to at Swansea are usually scholarly journals (sometimes called peer-reviewed journals or refereed journals). This means that an editorial board of experts in that field will examine an article before they allow it to be published in their journal. In particular they will look at the methodology to ensure the research is robust.

Finding journals in the library
If you are interested in a particular journal you can use iFind, the library catalogue (http://ifind.swansea.ac.uk/) to see if we subscribe to that journal.

When searching for a journal use either the Books & more or Everything search options.
- Search for the journal title.
- If it does not appear towards the top of your results use the Resource Type filter to limit your results to Journals.

Some journals are available in print, some online and some in both formats. iFind will always tell you what format is available for a particular journal and which years we have access to.

If a journal is available in print, make a note of the Call Number, that will enable you to locate the journal in the Library. For example the Call Number for British Journal of Social Work is HV1.B67.
In the Singleton Park Library the most recent journal issues and the older ones will be shelved downstairs on Level 1 or Level 2 near the books on the same subject.

Click Online access to view the e-journal. To access any of our electronic journals, books or databases you will need to use your Swansea University username and password.

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Finding journal articles
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- Search for your subject. Think about the search terms or keywords that you use.

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Library Guides
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Choose your subject area. The example below shows the Library Guide for Social Work. There is a tab for Journals, articles & databases where you can view a list of the key journals in that subject.

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