How to check for a full text article using SFX:

What is SFX?

Sometimes when searching for a magazine or journal article your search results only give a citation or abstract when you want to read the entire article. SFX provides a way for you to see if the article is available online elsewhere in its entirety. If you click on “Check SFX for full text” you will either be able to hyperlink to the entire article via another online resource or you will have the option to order the article from another library via the interlibrary loan department.

How do I check SFX for the full text of an article?

When your search results display an SFX button, like the one shown below, you can click on it to see whether the full text is available online in a different resource, or how to obtain it through interlibrary loan.

Below is an example of an article which is not available in the resource being searched but is available in four other places. By clicking on a “Go” button you will be taken to the entire article.
If the full article is not available online can I request it from another library?

Below is a different example where the article is not readily available online. In this case you may order it from another library using the library’s interlibrary loan department. By clicking on the “Go” button next to “Local Document Delivery System” a request form will appear so that you can request the article from another library. Once your form is submitted it may take a week or more to process.

Here is an example of the interlibrary loan form you will fill out after you click on the “Go” button for “Local Document Delivery System”.

![Interlibrary Loan Request Form](image-url)
Is there another way to search for full text articles without using SFX?

If you don’t want to worry about using SFX and would rather keep your searches simple you can always limit your search to “full-text results”, which means that the complete article is available in the online resource you are currently searching.

Still need more help with SFX?

If you still need help with SFX, and determining how to locate the information you need, please contact Jacobs Library using the contact information listed below. We look forward to helping you find the information and resources you are looking for!

Phone the library: Call Jacobs Library with your questions at 1-815-224-0306.

Text the library: Text 1-815-605-0482 with simple, quick questions that can be answered in brief responses (up to 160 characters).

The service is private and secure for your questions as well as convenient. Jacobs Library does not charge for texting service, but charges from your cell phone provider may apply. These charges vary among plans and among telephone providers. The library does not take responsibility for any such charges you may be assessed.

Email the library: Email your questions to the library at: jacobs_library@ivcc.edu. Your questions will be answered as soon as possible, normally within 24 hours on days when the library is open.

Chat with the library: Select the tab ‘Ask a Question’ from any of our library web pages or guides. Then, type your question in the box to chat with a librarian.

Visit the library: Stop in the library (A-201 on the main campus) and a librarian will answer your questions or assist you with research.