

# Guide to Using ProQuest Databases

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# What are databases?



- Library databases are **collections** of digital documents or records
- These collections can be searched for reliable information in writing papers, preparing for presentations, and other assignments

# Article Databases



- Collections of articles from periodicals: magazines, newspapers, scholarly journals, etc.
- The **results from searching** the databases will show references to and abstracts (or summaries) of articles from periodicals
- **NOTE:** The **full-text of the articles** may or may **not** be available (depending on copyright restrictions, date/time restrictions, etc.)

# Searching Online Databases: Tips

- Unlike Google, library databases all require using combinations of **keywords** or terms to get results...They do **NOT** work with natural language questions.
  - For example, a user **cannot** type in “show me research studies on the dangers of vaping” and expect a good result.
- If you are searching a topic you don't know much about, take the time to do **background research** to gather some **relevant key words**.
  - Use an encyclopedia article or dictionary to determine possible terms
  - Use keywords like vaping, "e-cigarettes", "electronic cigarettes" etc.

# Using Keywords Tutorial



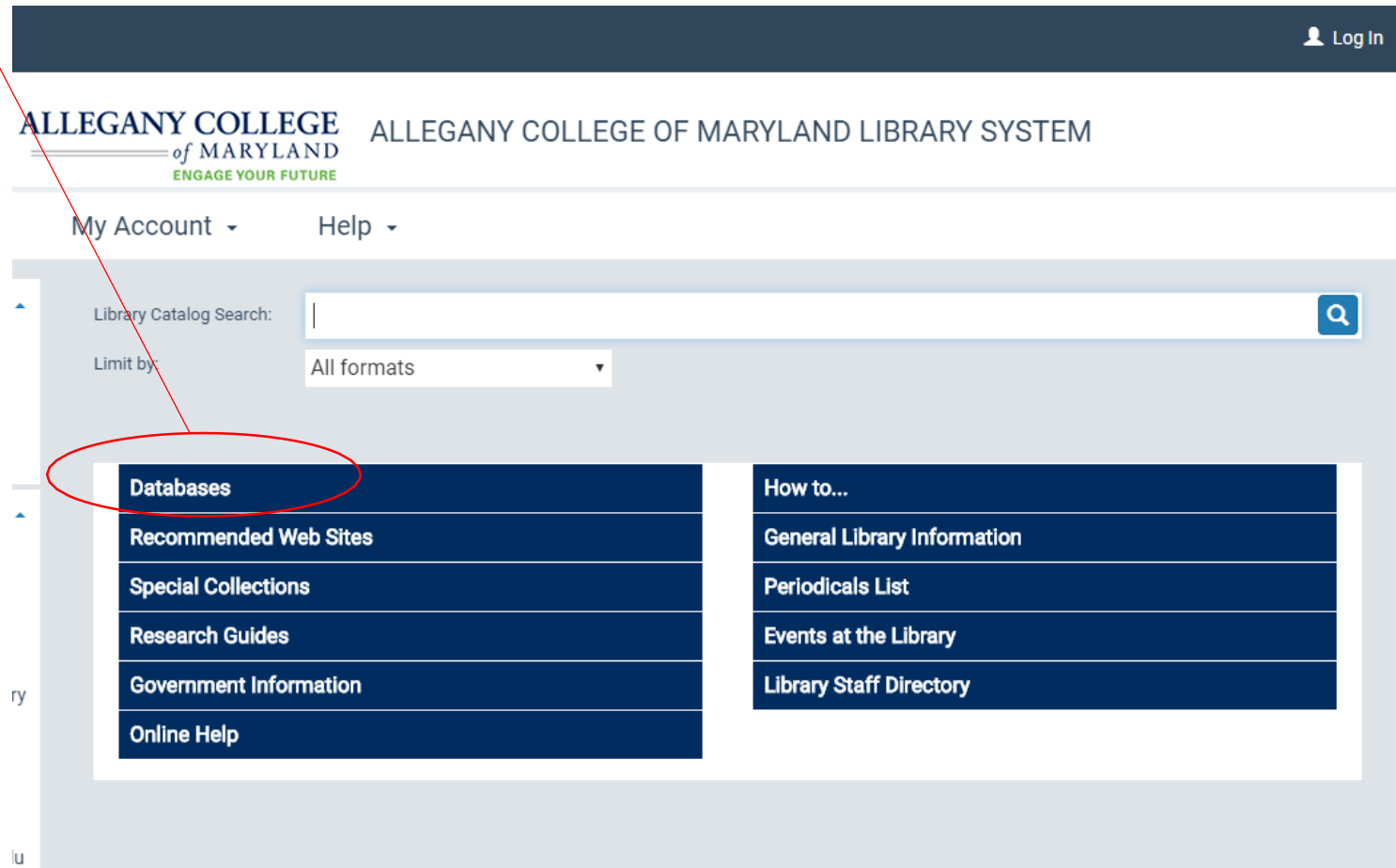
- Here is a [tutorial on choosing and using key words](#) for a database search, from Credo Instruct.

\* The tutorial may ask you to complete an online quiz, or request your name and email address. You don't need to complete any of that.

# How to find Library databases?

- To access the databases that the ACM Library subscribes to, follow this direct link to an [alphabetical list](#) of databases.
- **NOTE:** If you access a library database from off campus you might need to authenticate your status as an ACM student by logging in with the ACM credentials that you use for Self-Service or Brightspace.

Or, look for a link on the ACM Library web page



# Database Instruction



- Library databases are produced by several different companies.
- Criminal Justice Periodicals, Education Journals, Literature Online, News & Newspapers, Psychology Journals, and Sociology Journals are all from the same company: **ProQuest**. Screen shots from a ProQuest database, illustrating some features, are on the next few slides.
- Explanatory video clips are listed later on and offer further assistance if you need it.



# Begin a Search

Type your search words into the search box.

Click on the magnifying glass to see your results.

## News & Newspapers

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Enter search terms...

☐ Full text



Want to Learn More?

Try one of these options:

- Search the online [Help](#).
- [Discover](#) answers to common questions at ProQuest's Product Support Center.
- [Contact Support](#) if you need further assistance.

### Search tip

By default, we will look for documents with all the terms entered.

Use "quotation marks" to search for exact phrases.  
Separate terms with OR to find any of the words entered.

### Search databases (5)

Baltimore Sun [Search >](#)



This publication's detailed indexing helps users quickly find the news information they need. Each issue is indexed thoroughly, so they have access to not only top news stories but also the information contained on the various sections of the paper. The indexing covers not only complete bibliographic information but also companies, people, products, etc.

The Christian Science Monitor [Search >](#)



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New York Times [Search >](#)



This is considered the official U.S. newspaper because it publishes the complete text of important documents, speeches and presidential press conferences. The paper's reporters have won scores of Pulitzer Prizes throughout the publication's 150-year history.

The Wall Street Journal [Search >](#)



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# Example: Result List

This is the first page of results from a search on Vaping in the News & Newspapers database

User's search word

Note number of results (items matching "vaping")

The screenshot shows the ProQuest News & Newspapers search results page. The search term "vaping" is entered in the search bar, and the results are sorted by Relevance. The number of results, 2,687, is circled in red. The results list shows three items, each with a newspaper icon and a brief description. The first item is titled "Vaping-Related Lung Injuries Rise to 1,080, With 19 Deaths; CDC recommends people stay away from vaping while investigation continues" and is from the Wall Street Journal (Online). The second item is titled "Vaping Crisis Hits Cannabis Stocks; Shares of the companies have slid as the health scare over vaping has worsened" and is from the Wall Street Journal (Online). The third item is titled "Vaping-Related Lung Illnesses Rise 52%, CDC Says; Health authorities continue to urge people to stop using electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices" and is from the Wall Street Journal (Online). Each item has a "Full Text" link and a "Show More" link.

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Show search term spelling suggestion >

2,687 results

Modify :

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Sorted by

Relevance

Limit to

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Source type

- Audio & Video Works (2)
- Newspapers (1,466)
- Magazines (17)
- Blogs, Podcasts, & Websites (1,202)
- More >

Database

Publication date

2009 - 2020 (years)

Select 1-20

1

Newspapers

Vaping-Related Lung Injuries Rise to 1,080, With 19 Deaths; CDC recommends people stay away from vaping while investigation continues

Full Text

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...and probable cases of vaping-associated lung illness...

...that people stay away from vaping altogether while the investigation is...

...products specifically, as 78% of patients who self-reported their vaping...

Details Full text Show More

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Full Text

Osipovich, Alexander. Wall Street Journal (Online); New York, N.Y. [New York, N.Y.]07 Oct 2019.

...vaping crisis is punishing investors in cannabis companies...

...wave of lung illnesses. The CDC has since linked the illnesses to vaping...

...vaping. There have been more than 1,000 confirmed and probable cases of...

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Newspapers

Vaping-Related Lung Illnesses Rise 52%, CDC Says; Health authorities continue to urge people to stop using electronic cigarettes and other vaping devices

Full Text

Chin, Kimberly. Wall Street Journal (Online); New York, N.Y. [New York, N.Y.]26 Sep 2019.

...number of confirmed or probable cases of vaping-related...

...vaping devices while it investigates a rash of illnesses and deaths linked to...

...for the Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital confirmed the first vaping-associated...

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# Limiting Search Results

Selecting the options to limit results to only Full Text and Newspapers will focus the number of articles in your results.

There are 1,466 articles in these results, compared to 2,687 in the previous slide without the checked boxes.

Adding more words to the search box will reduce the number of articles even more.

A search for Vaping and College students would result in just 76 articles – a more manageable number to read through.

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1,466 results

Applied filters  
Clear all filters  
Newspapers x

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Sorted by  
Relevance

Limit to  
☒ Full text

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4 **Life & Arts: Teens Voice New Fears on Vaping — Inside a Minnesota high school, teens who once ignored warnings about vaping are now listening** Petersen, Andrea. *Wall Street Journal, Eastern edition*; New York, N.Y. [New York, N.Y.]08 Oct 2019: A.11. ...many students were defiant about vaping. Now, some of them are starting to get... ...Concerns about the health consequences of vaping are hitting the epicenter of...

# Full-text Availability

- If you choose not to limit your search to full text articles... some results will not show you the actual article. They include only the reference and a brief summary (an “abstract” of the article).
- If the full text is not available in the database, you will need to take additional steps to obtain it.

Complete an interlibrary loan request form for **articles**, available [here](#) on the ACM library web site

# Additional Database Search Tips

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Full Text | Newspapers

Safe or Deadly: College Students Debate Vaping; Is the controversy all smoke or is there fire?

Wall Street Journal (Online); New York, N.Y. [New York, N.Y.]17 Sep 2019.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Full text Details Hide highlighting

Full Text

Translate

Turn on search term navigation

Editor's note: This Future View is about the rise of **vaping** and e-cigarettes. Next week we'll turn to California's attempt to let NCAA athletes profit from endorsements. We'll ask, "Should **college** athletes be paid? If so, how?" **Students** should click here to submit opinions of fewer than 250 words before Sept. 24. The best responses will be published that night.

Don't Buy the Hype

It's past time to smoke out the hysteria surrounding e-cigarettes. The numbers don't lie. While seven unfortunate deaths related to e-cigarettes have recently made the headlines, about 150,000 Americans died last year of lung cancer—with tobacco as the major culprit.

To vape is to choose the much lesser of two evils. One randomized trial from the U.K. found that **vaping** was twice as effective as nicotine patches and gum at getting smokers to quit their habit successfully. Even if **vaping** is somewhat detrimental to lung health—mostly due to modified or illegal cartridges—we allow people to harm their bodies in all kinds of ways. That's part of the American vision of freedom.

Cigarette smoking is dangerous not only to smokers but also to everyone around them. The heat generated at the end of the cigarette releases small, unstable pollutants into the air which have been implicated in some 40,000 annual U.S. deaths. E-cigarettes, which don't reach nearly the same temperatures, spare the rest of us from inhaling these pollutants.

The antivaping hysteria is so much smoke. But where's the fire?

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Search this subject area...

Related items

Using the Ecological Model to understand influences on college student vaping  
Cheney, Marshall K, PhD; Gowin, Mary, MPH, PhD; Clawson, Ashley H, PhD.  
**Journal of American College Health; Washington** Vol. 66, Iss. 7, (Oct 2018): 597-607.

Taking Play Seriously: Low-Level Smoking Among College Students  
Stromberg, Peter; Nichter, Mark; Nichter, Mimi.  
**Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry; New York** Vol. 31, Iss. 1, (Mar 2007): 1-24.

Opinion: The vape ban is a smokescreen for the real issue  
Downing, Peyton.  
**University Wire; Carlsbad** [Carlsbad]22 Sep 2019.

Sample article from a search on Vaping

Use Tools to print, email, cite, etc. – see next slide

Saves to your computer, or opens the article in a new tab or reader

Cite tool – explained on the next slide

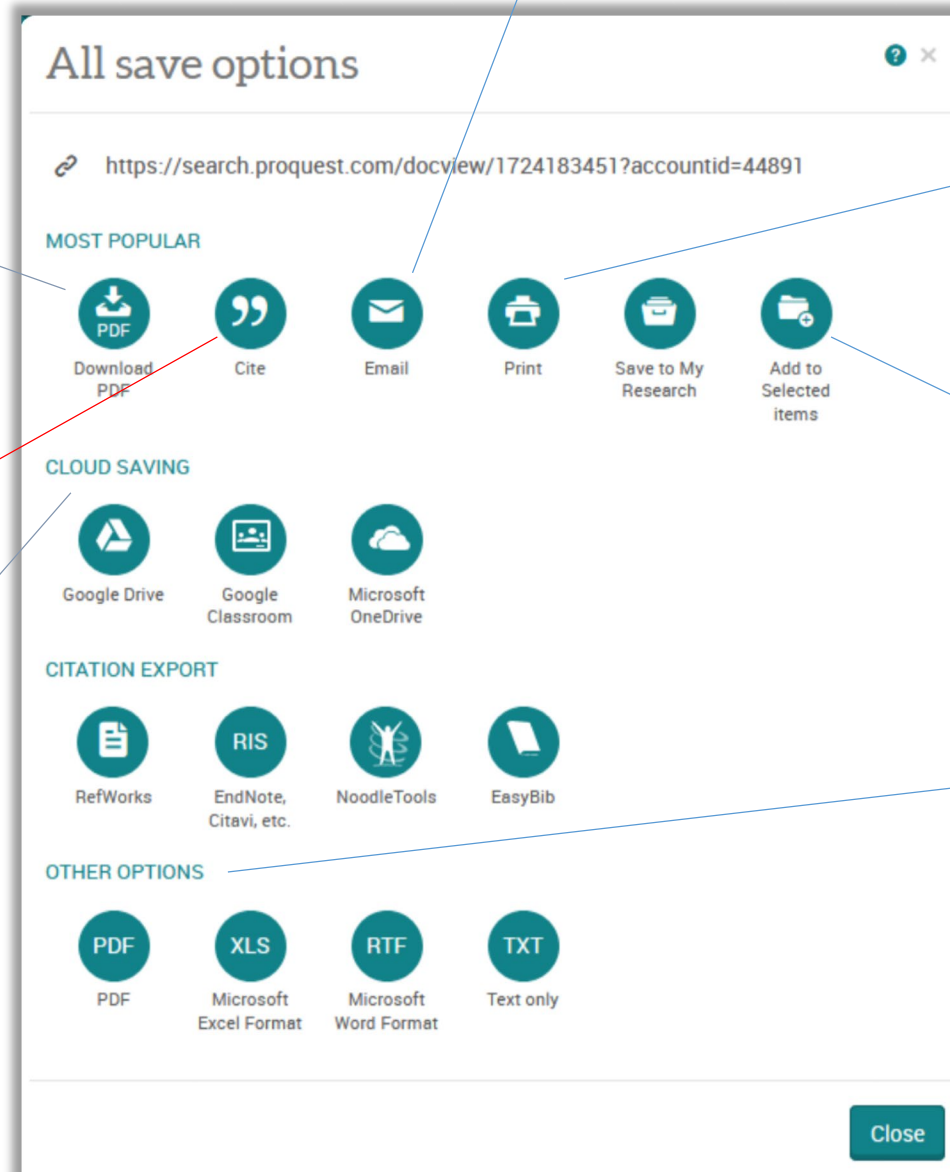
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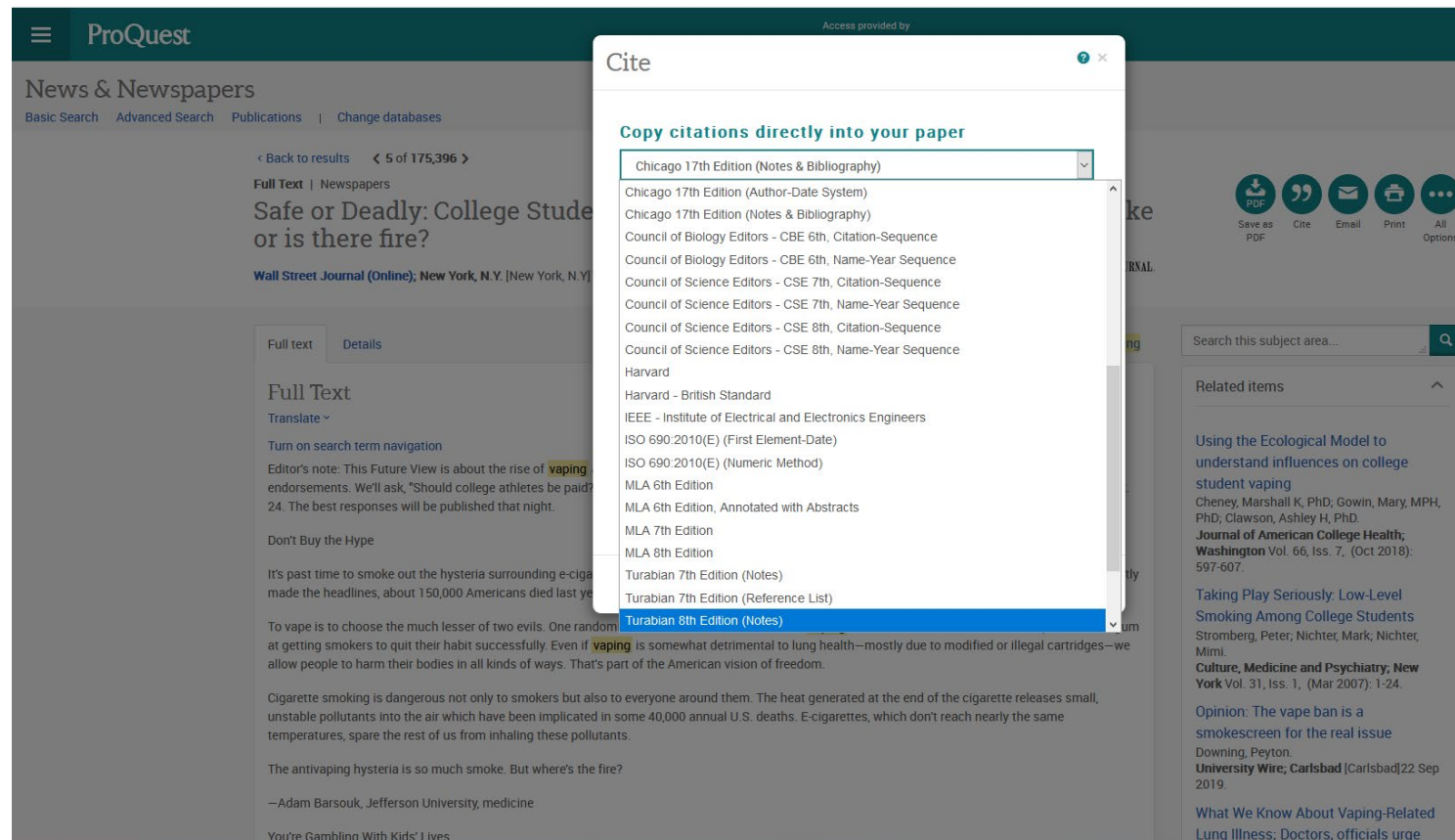
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Generates a version of the article in your chosen format



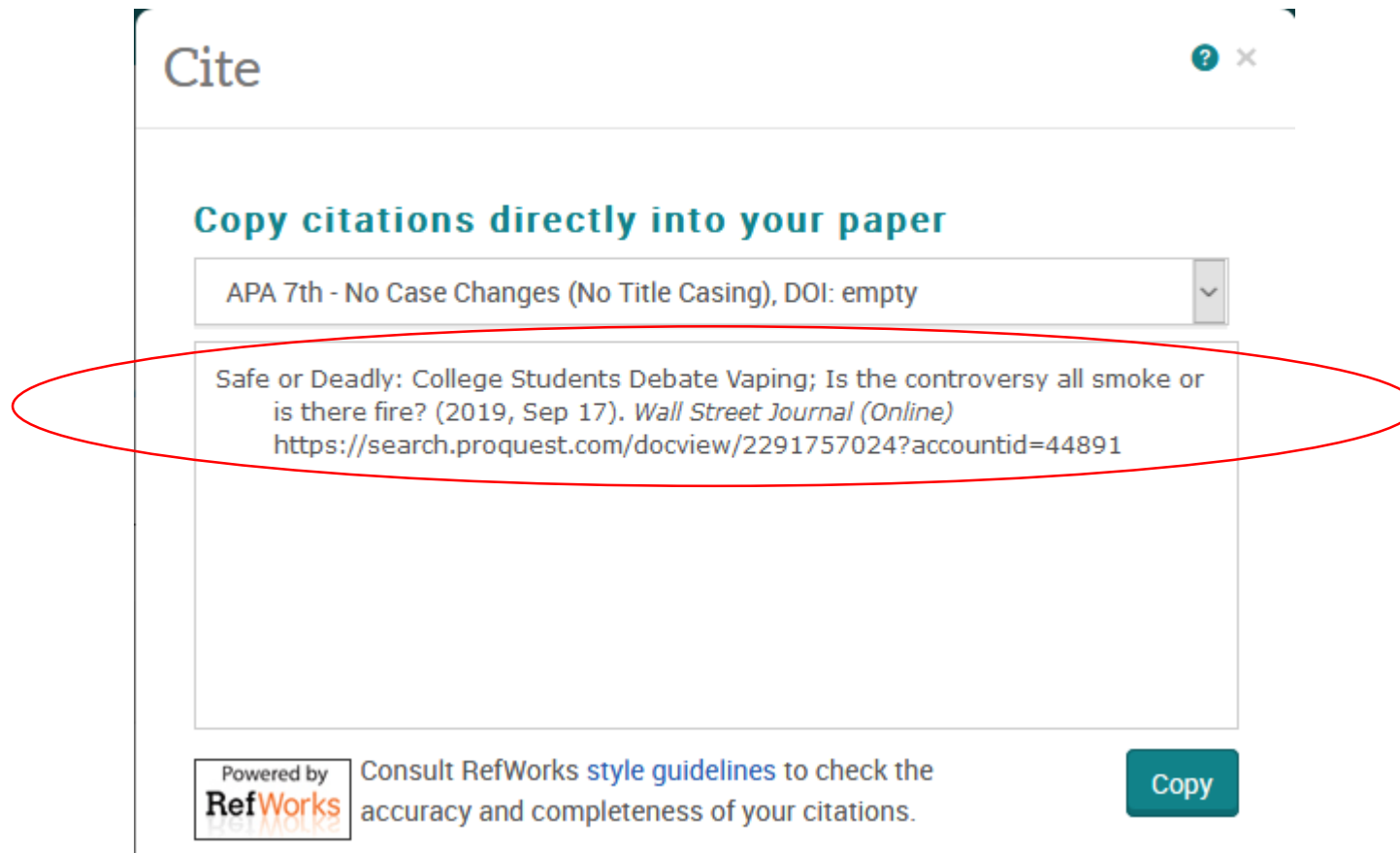
# The Cite Tool

When you click on the Cite tool, you can select from around 30 different citation formats.



# The Cite Tool

After you select a citation style from the list, a computer-generated citation will appear. Do not assume it is completely correct. Always check it against the rules or other examples of the same citation style.



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Cite" with a help icon and a close button. Below the title is a heading "Copy citations directly into your paper". A dropdown menu is set to "APA 7th - No Case Changes (No Title Casing), DOI: empty". Below the dropdown, a citation is displayed and circled in red: "Safe or Deadly: College Students Debate Vaping; Is the controversy all smoke or is there fire? (2019, Sep 17). *Wall Street Journal (Online)*  
<https://search.proquest.com/docview/2291757024?accountid=44891>". At the bottom, there is a "Powered by RefWorks" logo, a link to "Consult RefWorks style guidelines to check the accuracy and completeness of your citations.", and a teal "Copy" button.

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# Articles from Research Journals



- Many library databases include articles from scholarly research journals. These publications are more specialized than ordinary newspapers and magazines, and are written for scientists or other professionals.
- Some journals use a process called **peer review** to select the research they will publish.

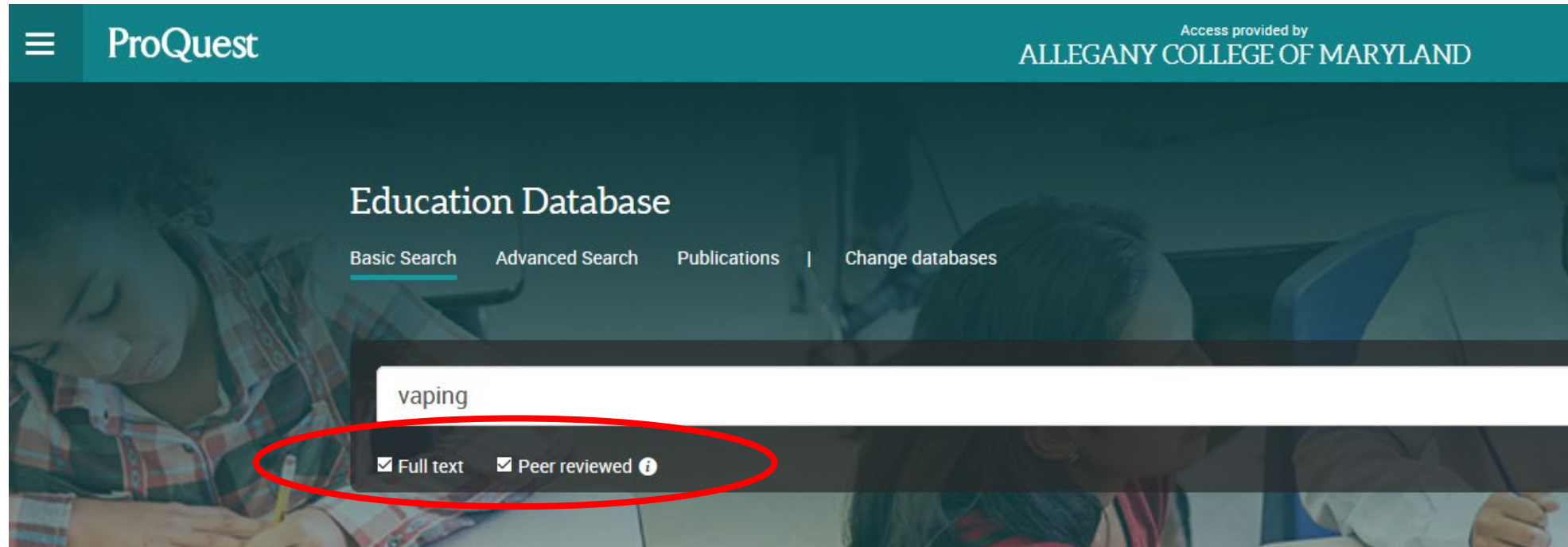
# Peer Reviewed Articles



- Other experts in the subject (**peers** of the author) **review** new articles before they are published. This gives the selection process the name **peer review**.
- Reviewers can decide not to publish an article if it doesn't meet their standards.

Peer Reviewed Journals	Popular Magazines
Audience: Professionals in a specific field	Audience: General public
Vocabulary used: Technical and specialized	Vocabulary: Easy to understand
Purpose: Show research to fellow experts, including technical methods and statistics	Purpose: Inform or entertain regular people on a generally understandable level
Author: Researchers, academics	Author: Journalists, freelance writers
Examples: American Journal of Sports Medicine, Journal of Family Psychology	Examples: People, Sports Illustrated, Prevention, Psychology Today

# Selecting Peer Reviewed Articles



- When Peer Reviewed articles are included in a ProQuest database, they will be listed as a search option with a check box.
- A search that is limited as shown above will identify peer reviewed articles about scientifically conducted research. And it will show only those where the full text is available to read or print.

# Database Instruction: Additional Assistance



Here are some instructional videos from ProQuest which you may find helpful:

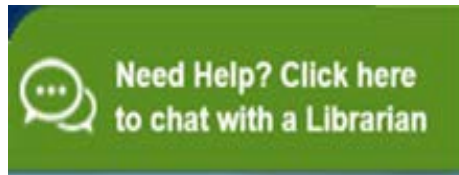
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- [Advanced search](#)
- [Using search results](#)

# Need Additional Assistance?

If you need help with library resources or have other questions for us, please contact a librarian:

- Email [libraryhelp@allegany.edu](mailto:libraryhelp@allegany.edu)

- Chat



Look for the chat box on the Library web pages

- Cumberland Campus Library: 301-784-5138