



## Obtaining the Full-Text of an Article By Using SFX



As you search library databases for journal/magazine/newspaper articles, you will find that some databases provide you with the full-text of the item you want – and you can easily print or save the article. But other databases will only provide you with an abstract (summary) or citation.

**SFX** (Special Effects) is a smart inter-linking tool that will help you determine if and where you may obtain the full-text of the item you need. The library subscribes to many full-text databases and has individual electronic subscriptions to many journal titles. So SFX will search for the journal/magazine/newspaper you need across all of our library resources and then point you in the right direction to obtain the exact article.

SFX is integrated into most of the library databases. As you get into the specific record of an article, you should see a link labeled “SFX”. Follow the SFX link and you will get at least one of these options:

**1. Full text available via another database name**

This indicates that another database should contain the full-text of the journal you need. Just follow this link. Sometimes a smart direct link to the specific article is provided. Or the link may take you to the opening screen of the named database – you will then need to run a search for the title of the article you need.

**2. Find it on 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor North in Periodicals**

This means we have a print subscription to the journal you need. Just write down the call number provided and head to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the North side of the library where we keep all our journals/magazines/newspapers. Remember that you will also need the volume, issue and page numbers to pull the correct issue off the shelf that contains the article you want.

**3. Not Available at Pollak Library >> MORE OPTIONS>>We can get this for you via ILLiad/Interlibrary Loan**

This means we don't own or subscribe to the item you need – but we can try to get it for you from another library nationwide. This service is called Interlibrary Loan (ILLiad is the software name) and it's a free service for CSUF folks.

- a. To read more about ILLiad service: Library homepage >> ILLiad
- b. You must complete a registration profile online through the library website (if you're already in SFX, just follow the link to *First Time Users*)
- c. Then you are all set to make your requests online. Books are delivered to the Circulation Desk at the Pollak Library. Articles are sent electronically to your ILLiad account where you can download and print them out.

