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- Books are excellent resources when seeking an introduction, overview, or recap of a particular topic; **books are well-suited to broader areas of research**, but are less helpful when it comes to very particular topics.
  - For instance, you would find plenty of books addressing the topic of *anime*; you would find fewer books, however, addressing the topic of *potty humor in adolescent shounen anime*.
- You will chiefly find [academic] books through the **Schewe Library / I-Share catalog**. You can, of course, also find books using *Google*, but there’s no guarantee that what you’ll find will be appropriate (or free!).

**Catalog Searching Tricks**

- **Search Fields** -- Searching different fields gives you different results (KEYWORD, TITLE, SUBJECT, etc.)
- **Narrow Your Search** -- For refining your search results (FORMAT, LOCATION, ERA, etc.); **fewer results**
- **Local vs. I-Share** -- Local is our catalog; I-Share contains items in other libraries; **more results with I-Share**
- **Quoted search** -- for when you need a particular phrase searched together; **fewer results**
  - Example: *(environmental destruction)* vs. *(“environmental destruction”)*
# [Academic] Books vs. Journals

## [Academic] Books
- At publication date, usually 3-4 years behind cutting-edge research
- Broader coverage; more fulsome discussion of a topic
- Written for scholars, but might also be read by the public-at-large
- Usually addresses one topic (though edited volumes can address more)
- Carry more weight in the humanities and social sciences

## Journals
- At publication date, are on the cutting-edge of research
- Narrow coverage; deals with a particular topic in great detail
- Written for scholars; few concessions made for non-experts and outsiders
- Academic journals can address many different (sub)topics in a single issue
- Carry more weight in the maths and hard sciences

## Things To Consider
Influential journal articles are often turned into books / Journal articles date quickly