



## Guide to Using SFX

**What is SFX?** SFX is a dynamic linking software that enables linking between databases and interlibrary loan services.






Click on the  button and view a list of services offered for that citation including:

- Link to full text from another database (if available)
- Request Document or Book via Interlibrary Loan

**How do I use SFX?** When searching in a SFX-enabled database look for the  button. Clicking on this button will open a **new window** showing the SFX options available for the citation. *Figure 1* shows an example of an SFX screen.

Request document via **Interlibrary Loan** 

Figure 1

<b>Title:</b>	Self-directed <i>learning</i> : a <i>learning</i> issue for students and faculty!
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<b>Abstract:</b>	Self-directed <i>learning</i> (SDL), is an essential concept in <i>problem-based learning</i> (PBL), and, in a broader sense, student-centred <i>learning</i> . Considering the complex nature of SDL, it has been taken for granted and given a shallow meaning, i.e. self-study. In order to develop a deeper understanding and make use of the potential in SDL, this paper discusses and puts forward a more profound meaning. The importance of regarding becoming a self-directed learner as a <i>learning</i> process, and the need for teachers to take part in the <i>learning</i> , is crucial. Two 'thinking models', one concerning the PBL tutorial work and one the relationship between tutorial work and self-study, are introduced. The unifying idea behind the reasoning is to emphasise the essence of providing opportunities for, as well as stimulating, the students' inquiring approach and responsibility. [ABSTRACT FROM AUTHOR]  <small>Copyright of Teaching in Higher Education is the property ofRoutledge and its content may not be copied or emailed to multiple sites or posted to a listserv without the copyright holder's express written permission. However, users may print, download, or email articles for individual use. This abstract may be abridged. No warranty is given about the accuracy of the copy. Users should refer to the original published version of the material for the full abstract. (Copyright applies to all Abstracts)</small>
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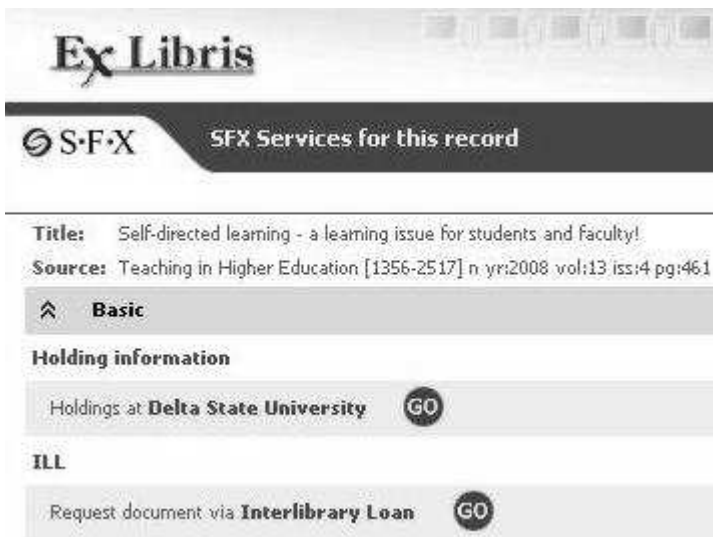


Figure 2

You will not lose the result list from your original search when you click the SFX button. SFX will open a new browser window to carry out your requests for interlibrary loan or full text holdings. *Figure 2* is an example of this type of screen.

\*Do not click on **Holdings at Delta State University** as this function is temporarily unavailable.

### Interlibrary Loan

SFX allows you to **Request document via Interlibrary Loan**. Clicking “GO” will take you to an online Interlibrary Loan (ILL) form (*Figure 3*). This will enable you to request a copy of the article or book through ILL. **\*NOTE: The citation information is automatically imported into the form; you MUST, however, fill in the rest of the form. ALL BOXES MUST BE FILLED IN TO SEND THE FORM TO ILL.** (If a box does not apply, you may fill in “None” or “N/A”.) It is important that all contact information is filled in and accurate, including a current DSU e-mail account. This is the information ILL will use to contact you when your item becomes available for pickup or delivery.

### Document Delivery Service

In order to complete the request, please enter the required fields marked with an \* sign:

ISSN	<input type="text" value="0161-2492"/>
* Name	<input type="text"/>
* Address	<input type="text"/>
* City	<input type="text"/>
* State	<input type="text"/>

Figure 3

### Document Delivery Service

Thank you, your request has been sent.

Figure 4

**\*Important Note:** Use the ILL form **only** if the library does not have the journal in print format or does not have the book in the collection. You can find out if the Library has the article via a print or microform copy by checking the black Serials binders located at the Reference Desk or the Serials Desk or check online at <http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/898.asp>. You can check if a book is available in print by checking the DSU Library online catalog at <http://www.deltastate.edu/pages/177.asp> and select the “DSU Library Catalog” link.

**Which Databases have the SFX feature?** Currently all the databases in EBSCOhost and FirstSearch Basic have the SFX feature.

**Can I access SFX from off campus?** Yes. DSU faculty, staff and students can use this service off campus by using their student/employee ID and password (usually your 6 digit birth date) to log into electronic databases from off-campus locations. For further directions on accessing databases off-campus, please consult the *Guide to Accessing Databases Off-Campus*.

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