

Social Sciences Citation Index, Institute for Scientific Information

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Our search in the Social Sciences Citation Index utilized the cited reference index as well as the analytic features of the database. We began our search with the author's name, Green, S*, and tried to include the American Library Journal as criteria in our search. We consulted both the cited work index and the Thomson ISI list of journal abbreviations, and neither index included an abbreviation for the American Library Journal. We ended up leaving out the cited work in our search terms. It turned out to be useful to include the year of the Green article in the search because leaving it out produced too many irrelevant results.

Our perfect search in this database is:

1. Limit search to SSCI only
2. Choose cited reference search
3. In cited author field, enter Green, S*. Enter 1876 for the cited year.
4. Within the search results (15 entries), choose select all, then finish the search.
5. In the 'analyze data' box, chose to count times cited and include all results on one page. Click "analyze".
6. In the "results analysis" box, rank the records by publication year, and set display options to show the maximum number of results. Chose to sort by 'selected field' (publication year) so that it would sort by year instead of times cited. Click "analyze".
7. Green's article was cited 17 times before 1990 and 22 times after and including 1990.