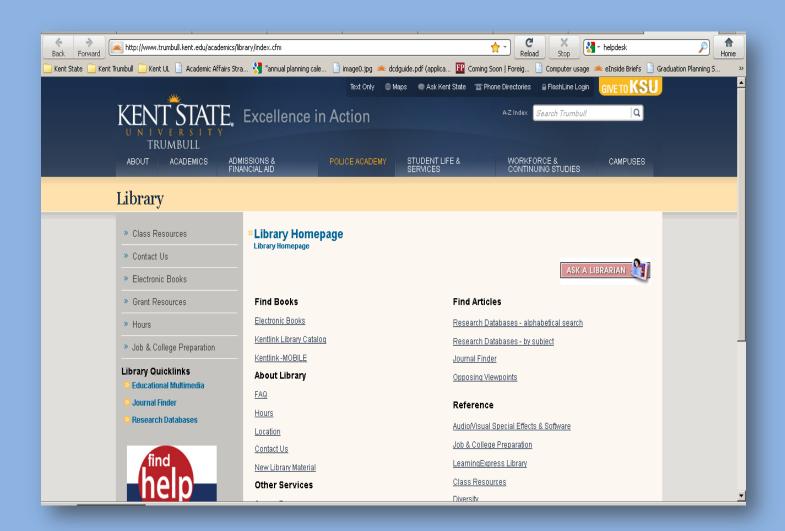
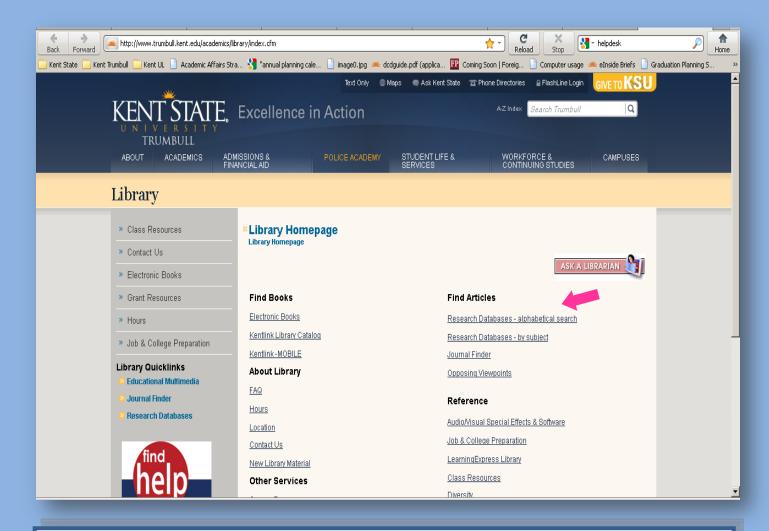
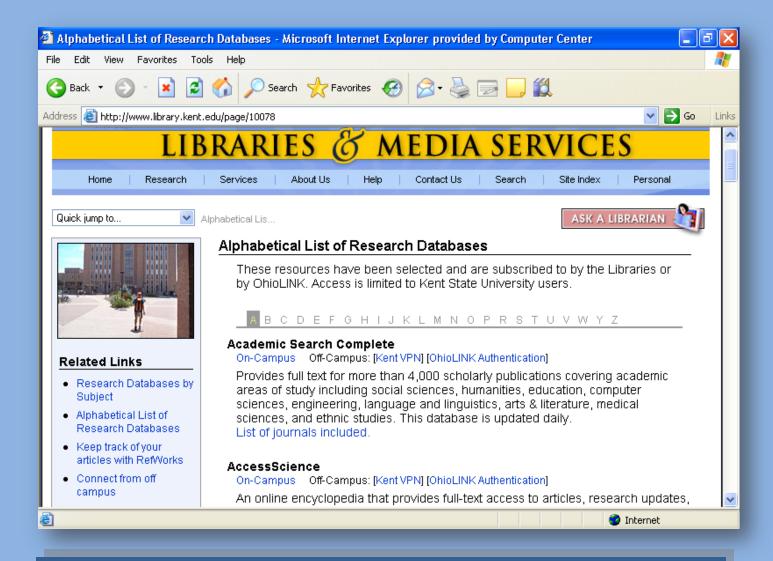
## Finding Journal Articles



Step 1: Go to the library homepage, www.trumbull.kent.edu/library

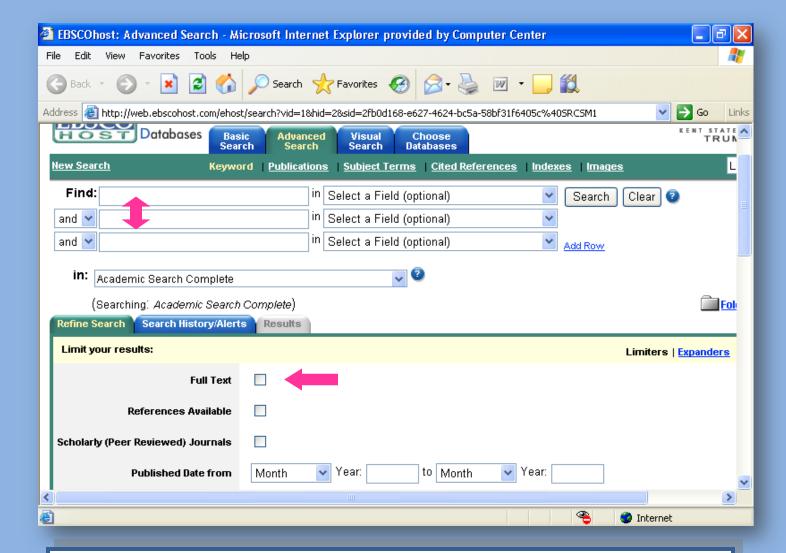


Step 2: Select "Research Databases-alphabetical."

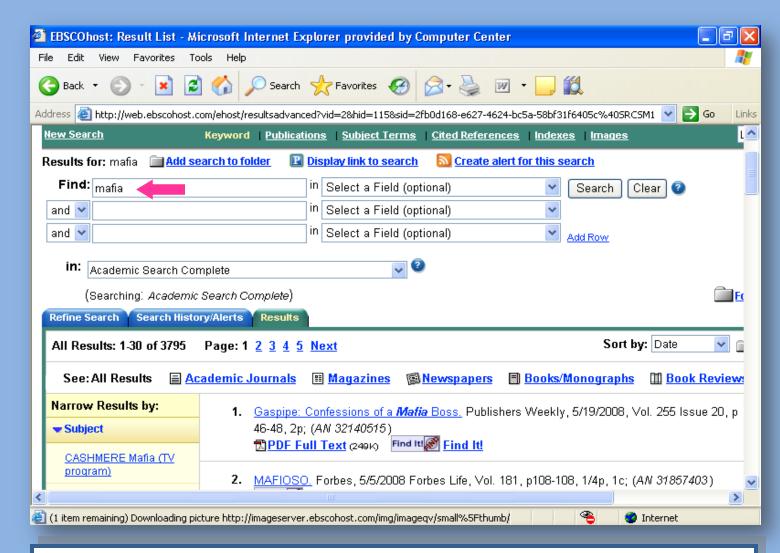


Step 4: Now you have arrived at a long alphabetical list of all databases. The first database, "Academic Search Complete," is an excellent place to start. It is a database that covers a wide variety of subjects from over 4,000 sources. Click on the "on campus" feature. If you were doing your research from home, you would click on the off campus link and follow the instructions given.

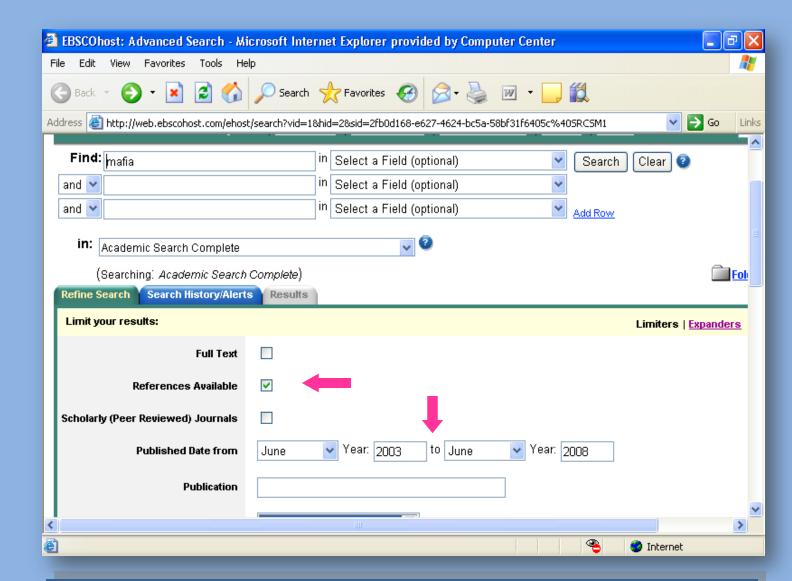
In the sidebar on the left, you will see the heading "Related Links." Under that heading, you may choose to view "Research Databases by Subject." This will allow you to see those databases that are more closely associated with your subject, such as "psychology," "medicine," or "literature."



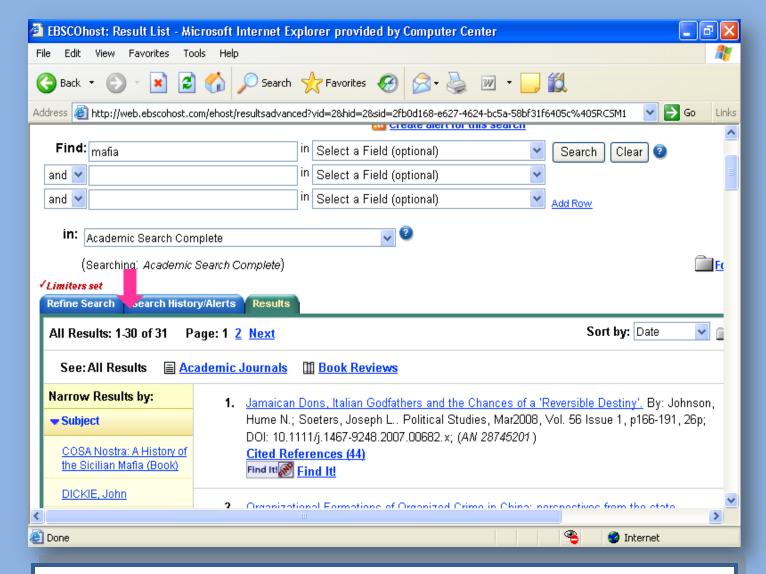
Step 5: Once at the database, you will see that there are several lines in which you can enter search terms. In the box below, are several areas you can click on to limit or enhance your search. You may check the "full text" box which will allow you to print the entire article(s). You can also limit to "scholarly journals" -- those that are research based and most likely to be recommended by your professor. Also, you can limit by date, to focus on a particular time period.



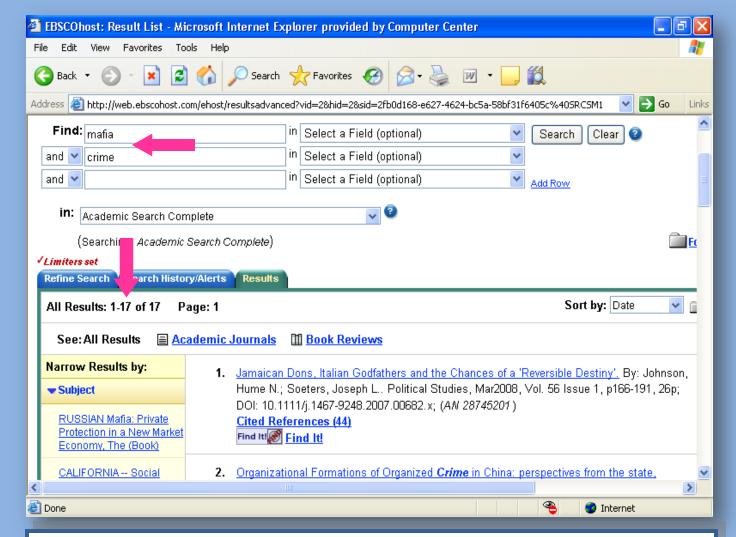
Step 6: If you choose to do research on the "mafia," you will find that the search produces over 3,000 items. That is an unmanageable number, so you should consider limiting your search.



Step 7: Here, we are limiting the search to scholarly journals, and to the most recent five-year period.



Step 8: By limiting in this fashion, you have narrowed your search to just over 30 items. This is a much more manageable number to work with.



Step 9: By combining search terms, you can further narrow your topic. Here, for example, by combining "mafia" and "crime," you now have 17 articles to look over on a more refined topic.