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For books, click on the **Library Catalog** or **NetLibrary**.

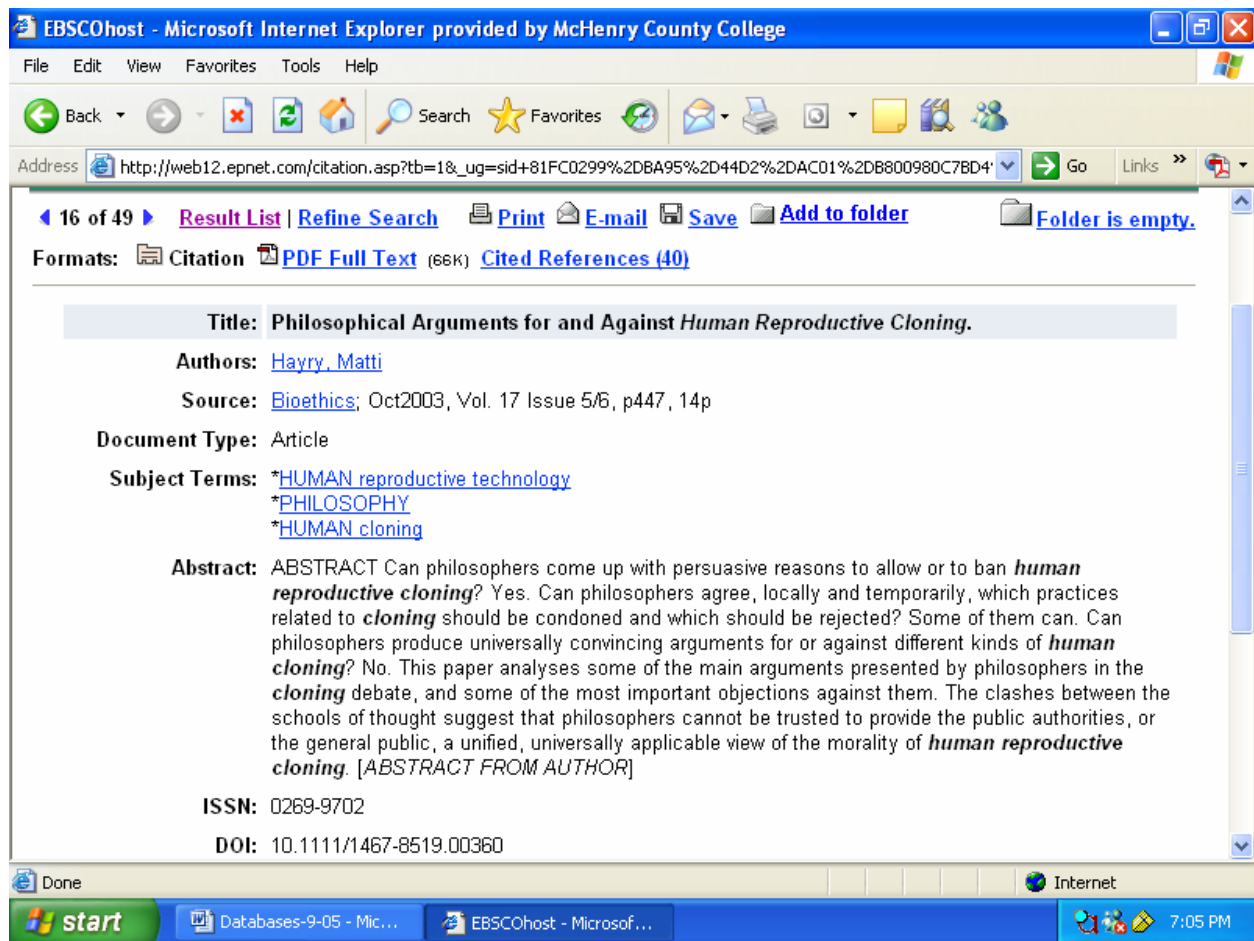
Searching Databases

When you access a database, you are presented with a search screen in which to type in your search terms. Below is a basic search in *EBSCO Academic Search Premier*, a periodical database:

The screenshot shows the EBSCO Academic Search Premier search interface. The browser title is "EBSCOhost - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by McHenry County College". The address bar shows the URL: http://web12.epnet.com/search.asp?tb=1&_ug=sid+81FC0299%2DBA95%2D44D2%2DAC01%2DB800980C7BD4?. The search interface includes a navigation bar with "Basic Search", "Advanced Search", and "Choose Databases". Below this is a search bar with the text "human reproductive cloning" and buttons for "Search" and "Clear". A "Refine Search" section is visible with a "Limit your results:" box containing checkboxes for "Full Text" (checked), "References Available", and "Scholarly (Peer Reviewed) Journals". There are also dropdown menus for "Published Date" and "Yr.".

Note that in the above search, the **Full Text** box was checked, indicating that the searcher only wanted to find articles that were available in this database in full-text format

(meaning that the entire article is contained in the database, not just a citation). Here is a sample citation for an article resulting from the above search.



Reading Citations

The above is an article from a scholarly journal found in the *Academic Search Premier* database. Following the **title** and **author** of the article is the **source**, which is the title of the journal in which this article was published (*Bioethics*). Next to the source are the **publication date** and the **page number** on which this article can be found in the print edition of this journal (p447). The article is 14 pages in length (14p). The **abstract** is a brief summary of the article contents. To access the **full-text** of this article, you would click on the **PDF Full Text** link near the top of the screen.

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