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Introduction

People of all ages are intrigued by the ocean and its inhabitants, dynamics, and future. Our knowledge grows, but we change the ocean as we use its resources, thus creating environmental problems and management challenges. When this volume of *MPL* is published, the Gulf of Mexico will still not have recovered from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. Also, ocean acidification is a growing problem. Corals and clams are dying due to rising ocean temperatures. Global warming and the sea level's rising; the Pacific Garbage Patch; the collapse of fisheries; endangered marine mammals; hypoxic zones—all these are real problems.

Periodicals are one place in which people look for the latest research as well as creative solutions to this list of challenges. However, there is a dearth of quality, focused marine science titles for the general public. National Geographic, Scientific American, and other general science and environmental periodicals are valuable resources. These, combined with the general interest titles listed in this section, provide a solid and affordable collection for public and school libraries.

For the academic and scientific audiences, the literature is multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary, and highly specialized. The needs of the audience, the library's budget, and consortial affiliations should shape the local collection. A university with a marine engineering program will need different journals than does one that teaches only marine biology or one that does a high school library attempting to cover all of the sciences. Even the core academic collection, once simplified to identify, changes as more specialized titles emerge, prices increase, and new topics develop.

Librarians need to take particular care in marine science to delineate the scope of their collection. Such considerations include geographic focus, discipline segmentation, teaching needs, and research requirements. Breadth and depth are possible in a marine science collection, but at a high cost that is typical of publications in many scientific fields. Inflating journal prices make it virtually impossible for a single library to acquire even the core journals necessary to support a marine biology curriculum and research, a cooperative collection with other libraries is collection development is the answer. As well, when faced with a choice between journals, librarians and researchers should choose an option that allows the author to retain copyright. All journals in this list are "Crown" publishers in the Sears Romeos classification, unless otherwise noted.

Identifying marine science information is also challenging because an index does not cover the field comprehensively. Web of Science provides adequate general indexes, but it is expensive. For the subfields of oceanography, the academic librarian will need access to resources such as ScFinder Scholar (Chemical Abstracts) or GeoRef, depending on the research question. Biological and Zoological Record cover the biological aspects well, but they have considerable overlap. Aquatic Science and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) historically has been an essential resource for the applied sciences of the marine and estuarine environments. However, it's timeliness and the consistency of its coverage have diminished in recent years. An alternative is Fish, Fisheries and Aquatic Biodiversity WorldWide.

Policy and management information remains more difficult to access and requires multiple indexes, including ASFA, Google Scholar, and relevant social sciences databases. For general public and basic academic collections, indexes such as Gale's *Greentrax* or EBSCO's Academic Search Premier or GreenFILE are adequate.

Our relationship with the ocean will not disappear. People will continue to want timely information on ocean conditions, its inhabitants, and its problems. The complexity of the marine environment is exciting, but the complexity of the information about it presents an ever-increasing challenge to library collections.

Basic Periodicals


Basic Abstracts and Indexes

Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts, BIOSIS, National Sea Grant Library Database (http://www.nscio.grq.org), Web of Science.

General Interest


This free newsletter provides useful information for resource managers and those interested in coastal issues. Produced by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Coastal Services Center, it highlights projects throughout the country and solutions or strategies to address real issues. The online edition is convenient for its links to other resources. Appropriate for public and academic collections with an audience interested in coastal issues and policy. Available in print or electronically. URL: http://www.csc.noaa.gov/magazine/c ridiculously.


The National Marine Educators Association compiles this journal for marine teachers. A reasonably-priced membership to NMEA provides readers with well-written, scientifically accurate articles of interest to students and the general reader. Each issue focuses on a single topic (e.g., hydrothermal vents, invasive species), and includes articles of variable topics articles, classroom activities, and supplementary resources. Useful for public and academic collections that serve teachers, homeschoolers, and aquarium visitors. Available in print only.


The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association research programs, information products, and services are described in this newsletter. Short articles and links to additional information on NOAA environmental data and research programs explain current issues and problems related to the ocean and the atmosphere. Appropriate for general audiences as well as marine scientists. Available in print and electronically. URL: http://www.noaa.gov/Current/ NOOCEMonitor/RSS/issue.html


This e-institutional research newsletter. Kids, this is coming. Appropriate for undergraduate students.

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moderately expensive title is recommended for academic consortia that serve aquatic, conservation, and resource management interests. Available in print or electronically. An Open Access yellow publisher.


Fisheries science, aquaculture, aquatic botany, and ecology are the primary focus of this title. Coverage is worldwide, with a focus on North American benthos. Research papers and shorter notes address marine biology as it relates to management and exploitation of these resources. Typically, one of the four issues per volume is dedicated to a special issue, such as an ecosystem approach to fisheries or fish stock assessments; and the full text of many of these special issues is freely available online. Affordable and appropriate for academic collections with a strong marine and fisheries focus. Available in print or electronically. URL: www.bdpjournals.org/


The European Association for Aquatic Mammals, the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquaria, and the International Marine Animal Training’s Association share a strong interest in the husbandry, care, and conservation of aquatic mammals. Articles reflect this interest, covering health issues and human interactions as well as basic life history of various species. They vary in length from brief observations of behavior to in-depth descriptions of diseases. The journal focuses on marine mammals and non-marine marine mammals in captivity, another of the few titles that address marine mammals. This inexpensive peer-reviewed journal is appropriate for academic collections that support veterinary schools and marine mammal research. Available in print, on CD, or electronically.

Biological Bulletin. Sea Zoology section.


This journal is global in scope, but expensive. Covering basic research in marine botany, microbiology, and mycology for scientists at the university level, it includes works on taxonomy and basic biology, as well as on the utilization of marine plants and algae. It differs from Aquatic Botany which focuses on aquatic plant communities. Bioconcentration is accepted with the International Association for Plant Taxonomy for the registration of new names of algae and fungi (including fungi). Recommended for consortia that support strong botany or marine plant programs. Available in print and electronically, as an Open Access yellow publisher.


A geographic focus on the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean provides the context for contributions on varied aspects of marine biology. Those involved with research in tropical and subtropical oceans will find this journal useful, as it covers marine science in its broadest sense, including both science and management. Essential to those in tropical and subtropical settings, and useful to academic institutions with a global interest in marine biology. Inexpensive, and available in print and electronically.


This title covers all aspects of biological oceanography and the biology of marine organisms, with a geographic bias toward the eastern Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. There is particular interest in the biology of species near shore. Inexpensive and appropriate for academic institutions that support international marine biology research and education. Available in print and electronically.

Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. Sea Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.


The International Society for Reef Studies produces this journal as a focal point for all aspects of reef-related research. Given the recent focus on coral reefs as indicators of problems in the marine environment, articles cover a wide time frame and geographic range. One aim of the journal is to emphasise the importance of experimentation, modeling, quantitative, and applied science in reef studies. This title is appropriate for academic marine science collections and possibly for environmental studies collections. Moderately expensive, to consider a single purchase within your consortia, especially as accessing the back files incurs an additional cost. Available in print and electronically.


Topical issues of this journal include results of international or interdisciplinary projects and collections of conference papers. Recent examples of thematic issues include driftling, sea ice and habitats of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. Issues frequently have non-academic supporting materials (numerical data, images, video), which are made available electronically. Along with its companion journal, Deep-Sea Research, Part 1: Oceanographic Research Papers, this title is essential for any institution with a marine biology or oceanography program. Due to the expense of this publication, consider a shared purchase within your consortium. Available in print or electronically.

Environmental Biology of Fishes. Sea Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.

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Estuaries and Coasts (formerly Estuaries) is a more limited but also less expensive than Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science. It contains articles on research relating to physical, chemical, geological, or biological systems of habitats within the oceanic-land interface. Recent articles explore the evolution of tidal creeks and wetlands, restoration models, and food resources for estuarine fish. Appropriate for academic collections with a nearshore focus or interest in environmental change. Reasonably priced, and available in print and electronically.


This title provides a focused forum that deals with the study of estuaries, coastal zones, and continental shelf seas. Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science is both international and multidisciplinary, and presents research conducted from the upper limits of the tidal zone to the outer edge of the continental shelf. The scope of this journal includes research on the wide range of biological, chemical, and geological influences that come to play within estuaries and coasts. This journal is an important part of any marine science collection, but expensive enough that a single copy should be purchased within your consortium. Available in print and electronically.

Fish and Fisheries. See Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.

Fisheries. See Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.

Fisheries Management and Ecology. See Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.


This journal, from the Japanese Society of Fisheries Oceanography, is global in scope and offers a forum for the exchange of information among fisheries scientists worldwide. Typical articles may examine entire food chains, recruitment and abundance of fish species, and dynamics of fish populations. This is a highly ranked journal for a field that has gained repuse in the past decade. Moderately expensive, but a core journal for collections that serve a fisheries program. Available in print or electronically. An Open Access charge.

Fisheries Research. See Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.

Fishery Bulletin. See Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.


This title provides a forum for information on harmful microalgae and cyanobacteria in both fresh and marine waters. It focuses on the life histories, physiology, toxicology, monitoring, and management of biomass, and includes both original research and reviews. This journal is reasonably priced and appropriate for libraries that support research in marine science and botany, as well as those that serve an extensive environmental studies program. Available in print or electronically.


The International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) coordinates and promotes applied research in the North Atlantic. Its journal is an outlet for that research, as well as for other information contributing to a broad understanding of marine systems, their resources, and the effects of human activity on both. Articles address management and conservation issues, biology, ecology, fishing, and other human activities, climate change, and changes in technology. Typically, one or two issues of the eight per year are symposium proceedings; ICES offers those as a separate series, but it is more efficient to purchase through the Journal subscription. This journal is moderately priced and an essential title for marine science research collections. Available in print and electronically.

Invertebrate Biology. See Zoology section.


This title replaces the scientific section of Reports of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and publishes peer-reviewed papers important to the conservation and management of cetaceans. The focus today is toward population abundance and distribution, and the effects of harvest and other human interactions, with occasional notes on unusual sightings or behavior. An annual supplement includes the Reports of the IWC Scientific Committee, which contains population trends, discussion of issues and concerns, and management updates. Inexpensive and appropriate for research collections with strong marine mammal programs. Available in print only.


This is an international forum for the exchange of information among scientists, managers, and policymakers involved in coastal and estuarine research and management. It includes a wide range of topics, from basic science to application, and is a valuable resource for researchers and practitioners. Available in print only.
This title covers the coastal zone in-depth and internationally. Research topics range from validating surf observations to sediment transport patterns, to seabed geonorphology. Several issues each year have a thematic section that addresses a geographic area or topic of interest. The quality of the illustrations is excellent. This journal is a solid choice for libraries with marine and geoscience collections, and is reasonably priced and available in print and electronically. An Open Access white publisher.


The focus of this journal is laboratory and field experimental study, and its scope includes biochemistry, physiology, behavior, genetics, ecosystems, and ecological modeling. Of interest to marine ecologists, physiologists, and biochemists, this title is appropriate for academic institutions with marine biology, oceanography, and ecology programs. Due to the expense of this publication, libraries need to purchase it as a consortium. Available in print and electronically.

Journal of Fish Biology. See Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.


The scope of this journal includes physical, biological, and chemical oceanography, and preference is given to articles that report on a combination or interaction of ecological and physical processes. This publication is global in scope and affordable. Essential to all marine science collections. Available in print and electronically.

Journal of Physiology. See Botany section.


Journal of Shellfish Research. See Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.


Launched in 2008, this free, open-access, open-access publication is a welcome addition to the literature of marine biology. From the American Fisheries Society, this journal presents innovative research on marine, coastal, and estuarine fisheries, and its mission is to improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and ecosystems. It is a good choice for all library collections that support a marine biology or fisheries program. Available electronically.


This journal includes a broad range of interdisciplinary research in ecology, hydrology, biogeochemistry, and oceanography, with the overarching goal of highlighting the interconnectedness of aquatic environments, processes, and management applications. Specific subjects can include fisheries science, biogeochemistry, physiology, genetics, biogeography, and toxicology. Although published in Australia, this journal is global in scope. It is recommended for academic libraries that support marine or aquatic-based programs, and is moderately priced. Available in print and electronically.


This journal is international in scope and includes articles on all aspects of marine biology: ecological surveys; population studies of coastal, estuarine, and shore communities; physiology and experimental biology; taxonomy, morphology, and life history of marine animals and plants; and chemical and physical oceanographic work that relates closely to the biological environment. This journal is moderately priced and appropriate for all academic research libraries with a marine biology program. Marine Biodiversity Records, a rapid, peer-reviewed new journal, is now handled with this title. Available in print and electronically.


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This journal carries a form of the long-standing core titles Sarsia and Ophelia. It aims to provide an international forum for all areas of marine biology and oceanography, including ecology, behavior, taxonomy, environment, and evolution. Articles on applied research that contribute to general biological insights are also included. Affordable and a core title in academic and research institutions with marine biology or oceanography collections. Available in print and electronically.

This title is global in scope, and typical topics include molecular biology, genomics, proteomics, cell biology, biotechnology, and biotechnology. Notably excluded from the journal articles are genomic or microcosm-based studies or expression-sequence tags. This journal addresses a larger biological issue. This is a moderately priced but top-ranked journal appropriate for libraries that support marine biology and molecular biology research and advanced undergraduate studies. Available in print and electronically.

This journal features research articles, reviews, and notes on both fundamental and applied topics in marine ecology. The scope includes botany, zoology, ecological aspects of fisheries and aquaculture, commercial management, and ecosystem research. Oceanlab "theme" sections will synthesize information on a topic by a multi-author team. This journal is highly ranked in both the marine biology and oceanography fields; issues older than five years are freely available on the web. This is a very expensive journal and a core title for libraries that support teaching and research in environmental studies and marine biology. Therefore, libraries may want to acquire a single copy for their collection. Available in print and electronically. An Open Access blue publisher.

This journal focuses on chemical, physical, and biological interactions within the marine realm. Articles examine processes and environmental change with an eye toward understanding systems to facilitate more informed management. The international scope enhances the sharing of information on marine environmental science. It is moderately expensive, but useful for extensive marine science collections. Available in print and electronically.

Few journals address research on marine mammals even though students, the public, and scientists find them highly interesting. This journal, along with Journal of Cetacean Research, is such an outlet. Typical articles address form and function, evolution, systematics, physiology, biochemistry, behavior, population biology, life history, genetics, ecology, and conservation of marine mammals. Articles include research articles, notes, opinions, and letters are all included, and editorial staff screen articles for appropriate experimental procedures involving these often-proposed species. This is an innovative and a core title for libraries that serve a marine biology major. Available in print and electronically. An Open Access yellow publisher.

These authoritative review articles, including comprehensive references lists, are appropriate introductory material for students and are also useful for researchers keeping abreast of topics beyond their own field of research. Sample topics from a recent issue include global ecology of kelp, diversity in benthic communities, and effects of climate change on marine life. This is an extremely affordable and essential element in any library that supports marine biology or environmental studies undergraduate education. Starting in 2010, it is available in print or as an e-book.

Reviews in Fish Biology and Fisheries. See Fish, Fisheries, and Aquaculture section.

This official journal of The Coastal Society focuses on issues relating to the use of coastal environments and resources. Current topics concern coastal tourism, planning and management of seaports and waterfronts, sea level rise, ocean policy and planning, and risks in the sea level. International in scope, this moderately priced publication would be a good addition to any library that supports research in marine policy or law of the sea. Available in print or electronically. An Open Access yellow publisher.

marine Policy
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The focus of policy formulation and analysis addresses the needs of lawyers, marine resource managers, economists, political scientists, and other social scientists. Recent volumes have an increased focus on fisheries policy, although maritime issues and marine management tools are also covered. Occasionally, issues may contain historical overviews or discussions of emerging trends. This journal is moderately expensive, but a core title for academic collections with a marine policy or management component. Available in print and electronically.


This multidisciplinary, international journal covers near-shore and coastal environmental issues. Topics include coastal zone management throughout the world, environmental impacts of ocean use, and resolution of multiple-use conflicts. One or two issues of the 12 annually are dedicated to special topics on coastal management. This is a core title for academic collections with marine policy and management aspects, but it is expensive enough to warrant access through a consortial purchase. Available in print and electronically.


Less specialized than *Marine Policy*, this journal contains articles on law of the sea, comparative dynamic ocean law, shipping, marine technology, marine economics, and marine science that will be of interest to those involved in the management or utilization of ocean resources. It is affordable and appropriate for libraries that support programs in aquaculture, resource management, and environmental law. Available in print and electronically. An Open Access yellow publisher.

Marine Technology


Ocean engineering is a very specialized discipline with a limited readership. This title provides solid research articles on topics ranging from Moorings to water dynamics. This title is moderately expensive and more so for electronic access, but useful for specialized research collections with engineering interests in the marine environment. Available in print or electronically.


Another example of a highly specialized title, *Coastal Engineering* is the most expensive of this journal in Applied Ocean Research. The focus here is on marine and coastal technology, with particular interest in coastal structures (breakwaters and jetties) and the wave dynamics of this environment. One volume annually is usually devoted to special topics, such as coastal video monitoring systems. Only relevant for specialized research collections with engineering interests in the marine environment. Available in print and electronically.


The IEEE Oceanic Engineering Society encourages articles and technical communications that apply electrical, electronics, and instrumentation engineering to the marine environment. Topics vary from specific designs of new instruments for marine research, such as satellite tags, to investigations of ambient noise. Occasional issues are dedicated to special topics such as sediment transport processes. This journal is more important and far more affordable than *Ocean Engineering* in both engineering and oceanographic collections. Available in print and electronically.


This title focuses on issues relating to ocean and marine engineering and can include articles on naval architecture, hull design, stability modeling, and material strengths; it is important to the field, but not terribly relevant to others in marine science; it is inexpensive, but appropriate only for libraries that support marine engineering studies. Available in print and electronically.


This international journal focuses on the applied issues of civil engineering in the aquatic environment, from bridge construction to wave action on breakwaters, to forcing action in open waters. It is sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the technical papers, notes, and discussion items address issues of interest generally, while describing local solutions. This journal is essential for engineering collections with an interest in the marine and aquatic environments. Reasonably priced in print and electronically. An Open Access white publisher.

This international journal covers the highly specialized science of measuring and monitoring the ocean. Articles describe instrumants and their calibration, location, and use of remote sensing. It is a relevant and probably understudied addition to research collections that support fisheries and marine engineering. It is relatively inexpensive, Available in print and electronically. An Open Access yellow publisher.


A companion title to Maritime Geology, this journal focuses on applied research relating to seafloor sediments and rocks. Topics range from characterization of dredged materials to restoration of marine macrofouling, to the effect of undersea mining. It is affordable and useful for academic collections with marine engineering and applied geology programs. Available in print and electronically. An Open Access yellow publisher.


Using a variety of features, this inclusive and rigorous journal documents coastal, oceanic, and human impacts to pollutants in the marine environment. The editors and invited reviewers often in-depth insight into marine environmental issues and broader news items cover pollution events around the globe. In addition to the monthly issues, special issues focus on conferences or topics such as water quality in a specific geographic region. This is a top-ranked journal appropriate for academic and research collections that support environmental science, marine management, and biological oceanography programs. Modestly expensive, consider a single copy within your consortium. Available in print and electronically.


This publication addresses all aspects of marine technology—how it works, how to use it in science, how it affects society. Articles are written for a wide audience. Regular issues focus on uses of technology in marine sciences, with articles written by both scientists and industry researchers. Special issues address such topics as acoustic tracking of fish, ocean sounds, and marine sanctuary management. This is a reasonably priced title for general collections that serve an audience with interests, as well as for academic collections that support broad marine programs. Available in print and electronically via password. An Open Access white publisher.


This highly specialized journal focuses on marine engineering from ships to structures to instrumentation. It is aimed at engineers, and the coverage of its research articles ranges from offshore engineering to naval architecture. Issues may include review articles as well as short communications on recent field work, instrument modeling, and testing. It is appropriate for specialized marine and civil engineering collections as interest in marine renewable energy increases, but it is very expensive. Available in print and electronically.


This monthly trade journal for marine technology and engineering combines short articles on issues and new developments with product reviews and news from the industry and the U.S. government. Articles address topics such as homeland security, tactical systems, and remote operated vehicles. This journal is very inexpensive and appropriate for a general audience with technical and engineering interests. Available in print and most features are free electronically. URL: www.sastechology.com/Features/index.html

Ocean Science


This journal focuses on the shallow marine environment that is defined as the coastal to the continental shelf break. All aspects of marine science are covered, with an emphasis on processes and innovative techniques applied in this environment. Two to four issues every year address special topics, such as physical oceanographic modeling and harmful algal blooms. It is an expensive but core title for oceanography collections, although it is less important for biologically focused collections. Available in print or electronically.


This journal focuses on the ocean beyond the continental shelf, including geological, physical, chemical, and biological aspects. It concentrates on research that reports results on theoretical, instrumentation-related, and methodological problems. Along with its companion journal, Deep-Sea Research, Part 2: Topical Studies in Oceanography, this title is essential for any institution with a marine biology or oceanography program. Consider a single subscription within your consortium due to the expense of this title. Available in print or electronically.
Developed as a companion to the long-standing Limnology and Oceanography, this electronic-only journal is handled with that as well as with the society's bulletin. Methods provides a mechanism for rapid publication of articles that address problems and solutions in aquatic science methodology. It is becoming more valuable to its audience, and carries the cachet of the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography.


This highly ranked journal includes original research and occasional reviews that address the dynamics of chemistry of the marine environment. It is an international forum, and will be of interest to marine chemists, chemical oceanographers, and geochemists. This journal is appropriate for academic collections that support a research program in marine chemistry or oceanography, but is expensive enough to warrant a single purchase within a consortium. Available in print and electronically.


Along with Journal of Geophysical Research, this top-ranked title contains articles on marine geology, geochemistry, and geophysics. The focus is on the science of marine geology rather than its management or hydrodynamics. Multiple volumes are published annually, with one or two addressing a special topic such as tidal sedimentation or plate tectonics. This is a core, expensive title for geologic oceanography collections, so consider a collaborative purchase with partner libraries. Available in print and electronically.


This publication has traditionally carried a large data on the deep ocean basins, but recently has expanded to include the global mid-ocean ridge system and the geophysics of continental margins. Typical articles address techniques and tools for deep-sea-floor imaging and measurement. This affordable publication will be of interest to geologists and oceanographers. Recommended for academic and research libraries that support these types of programs. Available in print and electronically.

Paleoceanography. See Palaeontology section.


This is a leading resource for oceanographers. It includes longer, comprehensive articles that review aspects of oceanography or offer a timeline on a developing aspect of oceanographic research. Some volumes include collections of papers and conference proceedings. This title belongs in libraries that support oceanography programs, and will be of interest to physical and chemical oceanographers as well as marine biologists. Due to the expense of this title, a single copy should be purchased by collaborating libraries. Available in print and electronically.

Tellus. Series A: Dynamic Meteorology and Oceanography. See Atmospheric Sciences section.

- MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

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Introduction

No one planning to marry expects their marriage to end in divorce. While the U.S. divorce rate has declined since hitting a high point in the early 1980s, the lifetime probability of divorce or separation for the average couple marrying for the first time remains between 40 and 50 percent (National Marriage Project, The State of Our Unions 2007, http://marriage.rutgers.edu/Publications/SOOU/ SOOU2007.pdf, p. 18).


For couples wishing to end their marriages, however, the process of obtaining divorces or dissolutions has cards over the last several decades, and the stigma once associated with it has lessened. No-fault divorce laws are on the books in all 50 states. A booming industry of lawyers, mental health experts, and self-help media stands ready to serve those who decide to dissolve their marriages.

The literature of marriage and divorce includes publications that focus on maturing marriages, plus a few that offer support and information for people who divorce; journals concerned with family, marital, sexual, and relationship counseling, for opposite-sex as well as same-sex couples; and those that report current research findings on the sociology and history of marriage and divorce. Many magazines and journals that include articles on marriage and divorce topics will be found in the Family section, since the dynamic of the marital relationship is so profoundly interwoven with that of the resulting family unit. Some general-interest magazines carry sections on marriage and divorce, for example, Ladies' Home Journal with its perennially popular feature called "Can This Marriage Be Saved?" For listings of professionals such as lawyers, counselors, and financial planners, as well as for state-specific information on divorce, you will find up-to-date resources on web sites such as DivorceNet (www.divorcenet.com) and Divorce Online (www.divorceonline.com).

Basic Periodicals