

**CLASS:** EALL 603J, Bibliographical & Research Methods: Japanese – Library Instruction  
Session 1:30-2:20 (50 minutes)

### **SUBJECT OF THE LESSON**

Identifying types of articles in various periodicals; developing a Japanese language vocabulary that can be used as keywords to search the Nichigai MagazinePlus and NDL Zasshi Kiji Sakuin (Zassaku) online databases; locating and obtaining needed articles effectively.

### **AUDIENCE**

Graduate students in Japanese studies and/or who use Japanese sources for their research

### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES** (note: this lesson addresses SAILS Skill Sets 5-10)

- Students will identify periodicals by type (popular, trade, & scholarly.)
- Students will use online/print English-Japanese dictionaries to develop a list of key concepts in Japanese.
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- Students will log on to the Nichigai Magazineplus and NDL Zasshi Kiji Sakuin (Zassaku) database and search articles effectively by keywords.
- Students will correctly interpret the results.
- Students will locate and obtain appropriate articles effectively.

### **CONTENT OUTLINE**

I. Introduction

II. Understanding major features of different Japanese periodicals.

III. Building a list of key words in Japanese,

IV. Understanding the Magazineplus and its functions using Boolean logic to narrow your search,

V. Understanding the Zassaku and its functions and distinguishing different features between Zassaku and Magazineplus,

VI. Searching by simple keywords

VII. Refining your search

Using Boolean logic to narrow your search

Using truncation to expand your search

Sorting options

VIII. How to locate and obtain articles through the Library

### **METHODS**

Part I

- Student exercise: in small groups, examine three types of periodicals (scholarly, trade/special interest & popular) (prepared by the instructor). Small group reports: characteristics of each periodical, describe types of articles found in these.
- Class discussion & brief lecture: How these journals differ from each other by using the "[taxonomy of periodicals](#)" criteria (prepared by the instructor).

Part II

- Guided searching: Using an online/print English-Japanese dictionary, students will search their English terms and develop a list of Japanese terms. Students will record their findings.
- Guided searching: Using an online/print Japanese dictionary, students will develop synonyms and related terms. Students will record their findings.

Part III

- Brief lecture: What is Nichigai Magazineplus, how to log on, how it looks like.
- Brief lecture: What is NDL Zassaku, how to log on, how it looks like.
- Discussions and brief lecture: How these two databases look different (students' observations), what are the major differences?, when do you use these databases?

#### Part IV

- Guided searching: Using the key words generated in the Part II, students will search Nichigai Magazineplus.
- Guided searching: Using the key words generated in the Part II, students will search NDL Zassaku.
- Discussions: Reporting the findings and interpreting the results.
- Discussions: Reporting the differences of articles by periodical types.

#### Part V

- Brief lecture: Boolean operators (and, or, not), limit by year, how to search by kanji, hiragana, katakana, etc.
- Guided searching: Students will refine their initial search results by applying Boolean operators to their earlier searches and compare results, recording their findings.
- Guided searching: Students will search articles by Yoko Ono. Students will report what they find.
- Discussions: Students will compare the results and discuss the differences of the result.

#### Part VI

- Brief lecture: How to obtain the needed articles
  - Interpretations of citations
  - How to find the journals at UH
  - How to fill the document delivery form online
  - How to retrieve the articles
- Requesting an article: Student will fill out an online form to request one needed article that UH does not have.
- Wrap up.