

HOW TO TRACE CITATIONS

Step 1: Decipher the Citation



The screenshot shows the Wikipedia article for "Genre criticism". The "References" tab is selected, and a list of references is displayed. A red box highlights the "References" tab in the navigation bar. Another red box highlights the following citation in the list:

3. [^] [^] [^] Spinuzzi, C. (2003). *Tracing genres through organizations: A sociocultural approach to information design*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

A citation is the basic information required to identify a specific publication. To track down References, figure out what is being cited:

Source Types	Citation Examples*
Book	Author. <i>Title</i> . Place of Publication: Publisher, Year.
Book Chapter	Author. "Chapter Title." <i>Book Title</i> . Editor. Publisher, Year. Chapter Page Numbers.
Journal Article	Author. "Article Title." <i>Journal Title</i> Volume Number, Issue Number, Year: Article Page Numbers.
Webpage	Author. "Title of Page/Work." <i>Title of Website</i> . Date of Publication. Date of Access.

*The order and punctuation of the citation components depends on the citation style.

Article	Miller, C.R. (1984). "Genre as social action." <i>Quarterly Journal of Speech</i> (70), pp.151-67. Author. Year. Article Title. <i>Journal Title</i> (Volume Number), Article Page Numbers
Book	Spinuzzi, C. (2003). <i>Tracing genres through organizations: A sociocultural approach to information design</i> . Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. Author. Year. Title. Place of Publication: Publisher.

Step 2: Use the [Search Library Catalog + Articles](#) Tool through the [UC Davis Library](#)

For Journal Articles, search by the **Article Title**:

The screenshot shows the 'Search Library Catalog + Articles' interface. On the left, there are navigation buttons: 'Library Catalog + Articles' (highlighted in dark blue), 'Course Reserves', 'Databases', 'All UC Libraries (Melvyl)', 'Subject + Course Guides', and 'Site Search'. The main search area contains the text 'Genre as social action' in a red-bordered box, followed by a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there is a checkbox for 'Library Catalog only' (unchecked), and links for 'Advanced Search', 'Browse Search', and 'Journals A-Z'. The search results section shows an article entry: 'ARTICLE / multiple sources exist. see all', 'Genre as social action' (highlighted in yellow), 'Miller, Carolyn R', 'Quarterly Journal of Speech, 01 May 1984, Vol.70(2), pp.151-167', and a 'PEER REVIEWED' badge. At the bottom, there is a green link 'Full text available' with a red arrow pointing to it.

For Books and Book Chapters, search the **Library Catalog Only** by the **Book Title**:

The screenshot shows the 'Search Library Catalog + Articles' interface. On the left, there are navigation buttons: 'Library Catalog + Articles' (highlighted in dark blue), 'Course Reserves', 'Databases', 'All UC Libraries (Melvyl)', 'Subject + Course Guides', and 'Site Search'. The main search area contains the text 'Tracing genres through organizations: A sociocultural approach' in a red-bordered box, followed by a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there is a checkbox for 'Library Catalog only' (checked) in a red-bordered box, and links for 'Advanced Search', 'Browse Search', and 'Journals A-Z'. The search results section shows two entries. The first entry is a 'BOOK' titled 'Tracing genres through organizations : a sociocultural approach to information design' by Spinuzzi, Clay, c2003. It includes a small image of the book cover and a note 'Available at Shields Library General Collection (HC79.I55 S675 2003) >'. The second entry is an 'EBOOK' with the same title and author. It includes a small image of the book cover and a green link 'Online access' with a red arrow pointing to it.