

Murray, Rowena. (2005) *Writing for academic journals*. Maidenhead: Open University Press.
This book is aimed mainly at academics, but there is a lot of useful advice for anyone aiming to publish in an academic journal. It includes sections on: targeting a journal, finding a topic; drafting; finding time to write; responding to reviewers' feedback.

Specifically for librarians

American Library Association. *New Writers' Support Ad Hoc Committee*
<http://www.ala.org/ala/nmrt/comm/nmrtwriter.htm>
This does not seem to be massively active, but it lists some resources.

Bell, Steven J. (2004) "What works for me: 10 tips for getting published: Part 1." *Ex-libris*, (225). <http://marylaine.com/exlibris/xlib225.html>

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A short two-parter. 10 tips between the 2 articles, by the way.

Gordon, Rachel Singer. (2006) *Get published 101*. Emerald.
<http://emeraldinsight.com/info/librarians/GetPublished101.pdf>
A useful booklet in pdf with advice to librarians about getting publishing. It uses material from some of her columns (see below). Whilst there is some advice relating specifically to Emerald journals, a lot of it is of general value.

Gordon, Rachel Singer. (2007) *How to get published*
http://www.emeraldinsight.com/info/librarians/How_to_get_Published/index.jsp
A fairly regular column with advice to library and information professionals

Gordon, Rachel Singer. (2004) *The librarian's guide to writing for publication*. Lanham: Scarecrow Press.
There is information about the book at <http://www.lisjobs.com/pub4lib/>

Joint, Nick (2006) "Enhancing professional development by writing for publication in library and information science." *Library review*, 55 (1), 5-7. Available in the Strathclyde e-print archive at <http://eprints.cdlr.strath.ac.uk/2366/>
A short article highlighting some of the benefits and options.

Kniffel, Leonard. (2006) "Guidelines for new professionals who'd like to publish." *Paper presented at the World Library and Information Congress: 72nd IFLA conference: August 2006 Seoul*.
<http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla72/papers/120-Kniffel-en.pdf>

Nicholson, Scott. (2006) "Writing your first scholarly article: a guide for budding authors in librarianship." *Information Technology and Libraries*, 25 (2), 108-111. <http://bibliomining.com/nicholson/firstarticle.htm>

Powell, Ed. (2005) *Writing for publication*. PowerPoint presented at the LISE conference.
http://www2.worc.ac.uk/lise/pdf/Ed_Powell_LISE_CONFERENCE.pdf
Some advice and personal reflections (Powell is a Senior Lecturer at Anglia Polytechnic University)

Some common problems

- The aim of the article is not clear; sometimes different aims are stated at different points;
- The article has too many different aims, and thus cannot meet any of them very well;
- There is no real introduction;
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- The conclusion presents ideas and assertions which do not flow from the findings in the article;
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- The article does not present and discuss research;
- The article makes false assumptions about the reader's knowledge (e.g. knowledge about previous projects & research or about the educational system in a particular country);
- There are generalisations and assertions which are not backed up with evidence or logical argument.

Some ways of presenting ideas for articles

- Bullet points
- Mindmaps
- Abstracts

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Welcome to the **librarywriting** wiki. It has been created for the writing workshop session at the LILAC conference, 26th March 2007.

If it is useful, it may continue after the workshop....

It was created by [Sheila Webber](#).

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