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JSTOR and Electronic Archiving

By Ron Chepesiuk

WORKING TO MEET THE SPACE AND BUDGET NEEDS OF LIBRARIES

- Fill gaps in journal back runs.
- Address preservation issues.
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In 1995, David M. Pilachowski, then a librarian at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, got involved with a new project called JSTOR (Journal Storage), which offered to help his library reduce the costly space necessary to house large back runs of journals. Like many libraries across the United States, the Denison University library had been under pressure to provide increased services and to do more with less. And with huge numbers of old scholarly journals cramping its shelves, the library simply didn't have the space and money to access to it was inadequate. JSTOR has radically changed that situation.

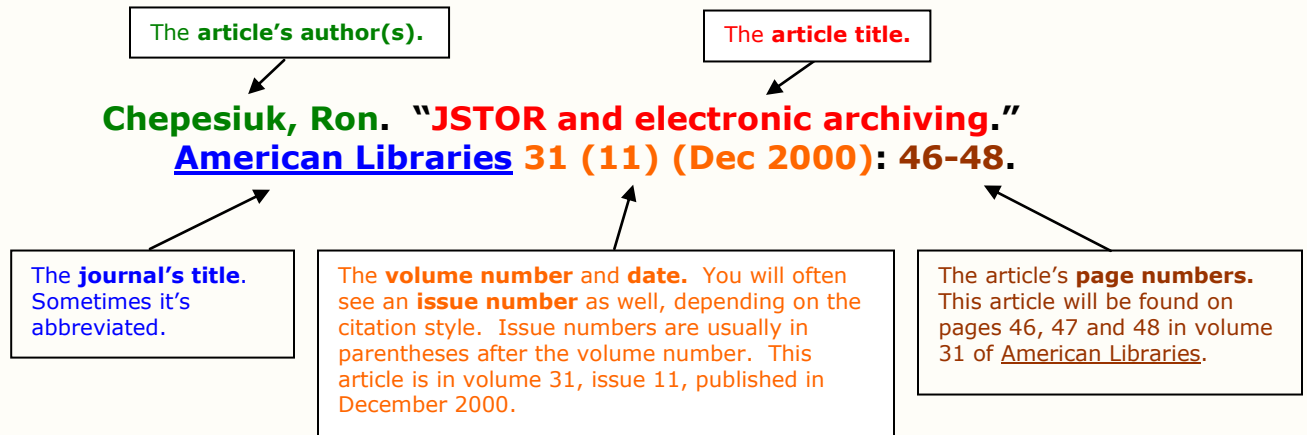
Juliana Mulroy, associate professor of biology at Denison, also recalled her early experience with JSTOR. She realized that the new electronic archiving project could help her find all references to a particular plant she was studying by searching the JSTOR database for its scientific name. This would give her a quick way to get a sense of its ecological significance, its habitat, and its range in North America. Mulroy could have done a Biological Ab-

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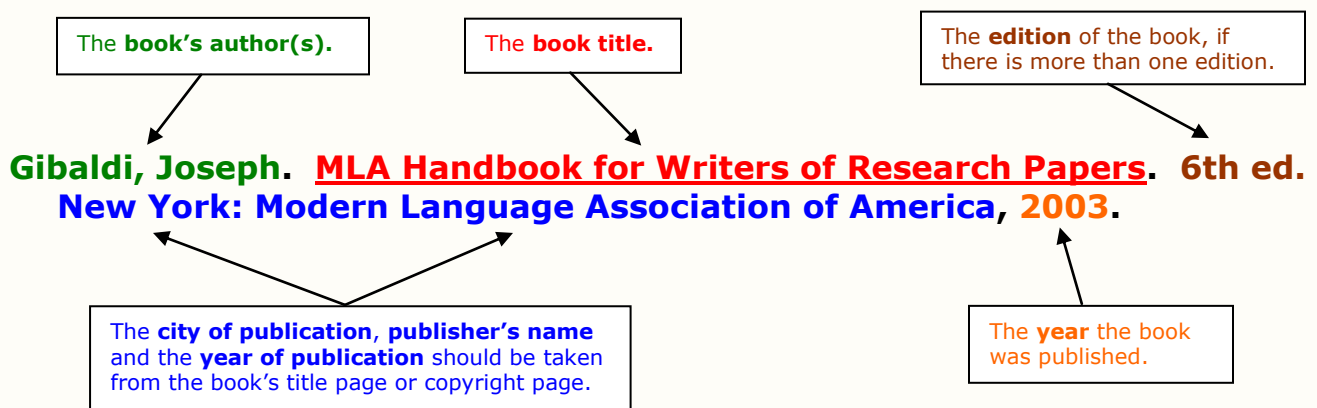
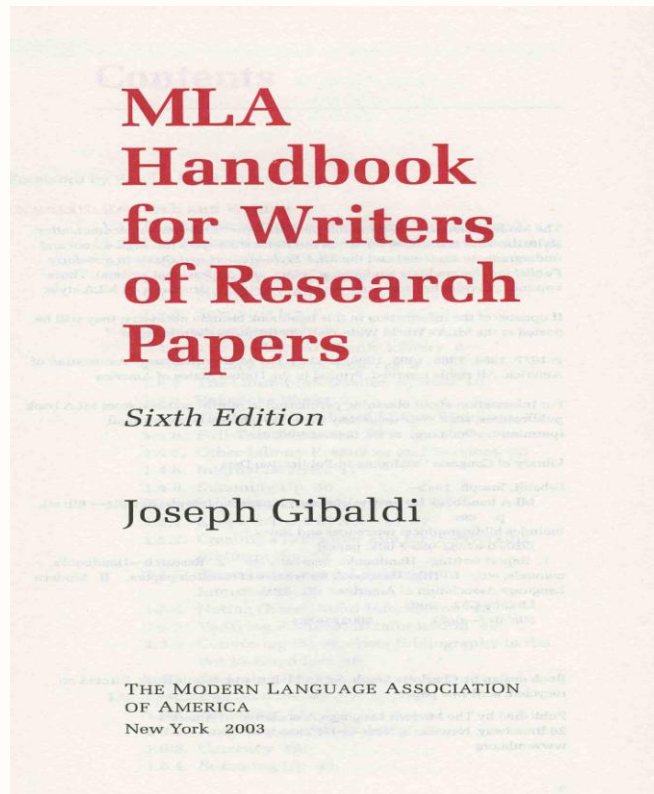
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