Journal Title Searching in Melvyl

1. **SIMPLE SEARCH.** For a straightforward journal search, such as for the *Journal of Library Automation*, select **Journal Title** from the pulldown menu and enter any keywords from the title (e.g., *journal automation*) in the input box. You can also search for journals, such as *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, by selecting a **Journal Title** search and entering *journal of marriage* in the input box; click the **Yes** radio button for **Words as Phrase** if you want the words to appear as a phrase, exactly in order, within a record.

2. **SEARCHING WITH ABBREVIATIONS.** If you have only a journal abbreviation, you can try several approaches.
   
a. One is to put the abbreviation right into the **Journal title** input box, without any truncation marks, e.g., *ann rev ecol syst* for the full title, *Annual review of ecology and systematics*. Punctuation is optional here.

   b. Another variation of this approach is to enter the first two or three abbreviated terms in a **Journal Title (exact)** search followed by the truncation symbol (*), e.g., **Journal Title (exact)** = *biochem biophys res*.

   c. Do NOT truncate all your words, e.g., *ann* *rev* *eco* *sys*, as this may cause a long search, and you may fail to retrieve any results.

   d. You can also use the abbreviations approach in **Browse**. For example, use **Browse / Journal Title begins with...** and enter your abbreviations in the input box. Browsing **Journal Title begins with j am acad** retrieves the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* (see below).
3. SINGLE WORD TITLES. If you have a single word journal title, such as *Science* or *Nature*, the best approach is to go directly to **Browse**, and enter your single word title there. You need to be aware that **Browse** is left-anchored, so *Nature* needs to be the first word in the title. You cannot use quotes in Melvyl to limit to only the specific title word you wanted.