Galter Proxy Button

Why would I want the Galter Proxy Button?

To quickly sign in to the Galter Library website to access library resources from off-campus without interrupting your workflow, add the Galter Proxy Button to the Bookmarks Toolbar in your browser. Let’s say you’re doing research from home and stumble upon an article you want to read, only to find out that a subscription is required to view the full text. If you hadn’t started your research at the Galter Library website, you would have to sign in to the Galter Library website, locate the journal, and locate the article again. After installing the Galter Proxy Button the process is seamless. When you discover that article, just click on the Galter Proxy Button, sign in to the library website with your NetID/password and you will be redirected back to the article. If that journal is licensed by Galter Library or other Northwestern University Libraries, you’ll be able to start reading it right away.

How do I install the Galter Proxy Button?

Choose one of the following options depending on which browser you are using.

Firefox

- If the Bookmarks Toolbar is not showing, activate it by going to View – Toolbars – Bookmarks Toolbar
- Drag this link (left click and drag with your mouse): Galter Proxy up to your Bookmarks Toolbar

Internet Explorer 8

- Right-click this link: Galter Proxy and select Add to Favorites
- Click Yes to the Security Alert
- Click the Create in drop-down menu
- Select the Favorites Bar folder
- Click Add

Internet Explorer 10

- If the Favorites Toolbar is not showing, activate it by going to View – Toolbars – Favorites bar
- Drag this link (left click and drag with your mouse): Galter Proxy up to your Favorites bar

Safari

- If the Bookmarks Toolbar is not showing, activate it by going to View – Show Bookmarks Bar
- Drag this link (left click and drag with your mouse): Galter Proxy up to your Bookmarks Toolbar

Google Chrome

- If the Bookmarks Toolbar is not displaying, activate it by clicking the menu icon in the upper right corner and select Bookmarks – Show Bookmarks Bar
Mobile Device Browsers

These instructions work for Safari on iPad/iPhone/iPod Touch devices and Opera Mobile on Android devices. The default Android web browser is not supported.

- On your mobile device, copy the following URL

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  \text{javascript:(function(){location.href=%22https://galter.northwestern.edu/exit%3Furl=%22+encodeURI(location.href)\%22();}
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- Go to any webpage on Safari (or other mobile browser) and bookmark it. Seriously, any page: the actual page in this step doesn’t matter.
- Edit the bookmark you just saved. To do this, open the bookmark, delete the URL in the bookmark and paste the URL you copied. You’ll probably want to change the name of the bookmark to Galter Proxy.

I have it, now how do I use it?

When you are off-campus, the best way to access articles from library-subscribed journals is to sign in to the Galter Library website prior to accessing the journal. However, we know that this is not always the way things happen. Sometimes you try to access an article without having already signed in to the Galter Library website. When this happens:

If you are on a laptop or desktop computer:

- Click on the Galter Proxy Button in the bookmarks toolbar of your browser, and you’ll be prompted to sign in to the library website.
- Sign in to the Galter Library website. If the library subscribes to the journal you were attempting to access, the page you had been viewing will be reloaded through the Galter Library proxy server and you will be able to access the full text of the article.

If you are on a mobile device:

- Go to your bookmarks and click on the Galter Proxy bookmark.
- If asked whether to view the Galter mobile site, choose no and you’ll be prompted to sign in to the library website.
- Sign in to the Galter Library website. If the library subscribes to the journal you were attempting to access, the page you had been viewing will be reloaded through the Galter Library proxy server and you will be able to access the full text of the article.

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