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Journal article references

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Beccafumi's Story of Papius in the National Gallery
Plazzotta, Carol
Burlington magazine, vol. 143, no. 1182, pp. 562-566, September 2001

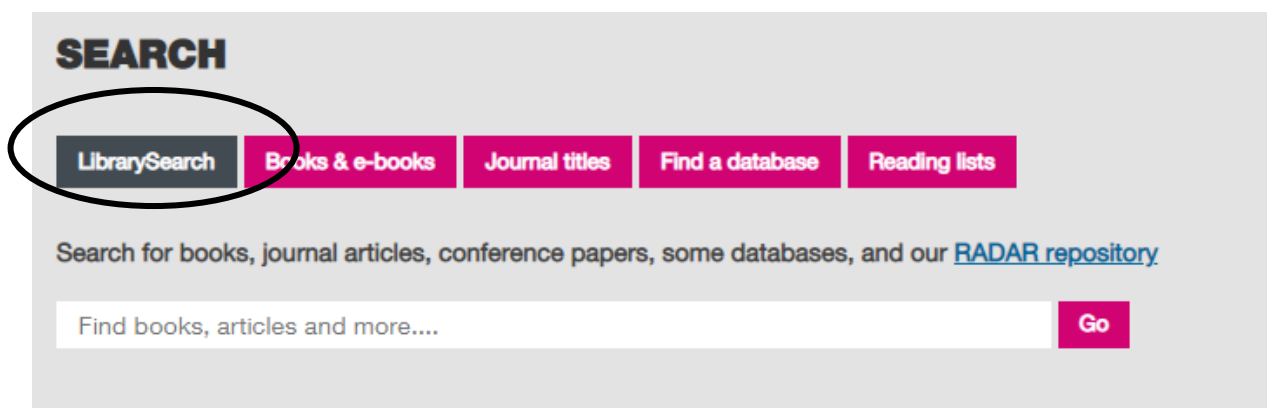
This is what each element of the reference means :

Beccafumi's Story of Papius in the National Gallery	<i>(the title of the journal article)</i>
Plazzotta, Carol	<i>(the author of the journal article)</i>
Burlington magazine	<i>(the title of the journal in which the article appears)</i>
vol. 143, no. 1182	<i>(the volume and part number)</i>
pp. 562-566	<i>(the page numbers)</i>
September 2001	<i>(the date of the journal issue in which the article appears)</i>

When you have found the journal, you can look for the volume and part number or the year and date, and then you can look for the page numbers given in the reference.

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2. [Beccafumi's 'Story of Papirius' in the National Gallery](#)

by [Carol Plazzotta](#)



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Source: The Burlington Magazine v143 n1182 (20010901): 562-566

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JSTOR - this database provides an archive of full-text articles from a wide range of academic journals, including some key art history journals. JSTOR does not give access to articles which are less than 3-5 years old but is very useful for older journal articles.

Bibliography of the History of Art – this free, comprehensive database provides references to art history journal articles and books published between 1975 and 2007.

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