

"THEY'RE NOT ALL MAGAZINES"

Understanding the difference between periodicals:

Journals vs. Magazines

Journal

scholarly

**credentials on authors
given**

**extensive bibliography
and references**

**intended audience is
professional groups**

uses technical language

**uses charts, graphs, and
technical illustrations**

**print version---usually limited
or no advertising**

Magazine

popular press

limited or no author profile

**no or very small
bibliography**

**intended audience is
the general public**

**uses laypersons'
language**

**usually includes
pictures**

**print version—advertising to
general public**

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