The catalog record for a periodical (also known as a serial or journal) looks a little different from the catalog record for a book. The catalog record for a periodical contains:

- Periodical title
- Publisher name and location
- Identity or format, e.g. print, microform, electronic
- Location, which may be physical (East library) or virtual (a database or Internet location)
- Holdings information:
  - “Lib. Has” field: Indicates the number of years we keep of a periodical or a range of dates.
  - “Latest Received” field: Indicates the most recently received copy of the periodical (for current periodicals only).
- Link to electronic journal, if appropriate, with separate links for on-campus and off-campus use.

The image below is a sample periodical record, with information added on the right explaining the holdings for the *Journal of chemical education*.