

Introduction to the Online Library

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Aims of today's session



- Consider the importance of academic information and critical thinking.
- Locate and navigate your online resource list.
- Begin using online library resources – library catalogue.
- Provide links to further resources and useful information.

Links in presentation

- Our online information literacy skills content is linked (via the orange infoskills buttons) at key points throughout the presentation.
- Use these infoskills to support, expand, and refresh your academic skills during your studies.
- QR codes may also be provided throughout the presentation to enable quick access to relevant webpages, resources, or further information.

Library infoskills Link



Library Anxiety

[Library anxiety](#) is a recognised phenomenon and affects a significant number of students, (particularly those returning to education after a long time, or for the first time).

Students may experience a range of emotions when entering or using a library, which can leave them feeling:

- Anxious.
- Overwhelmed.
- Inferior or intimidated.
- Inadequate.



Using the library for research

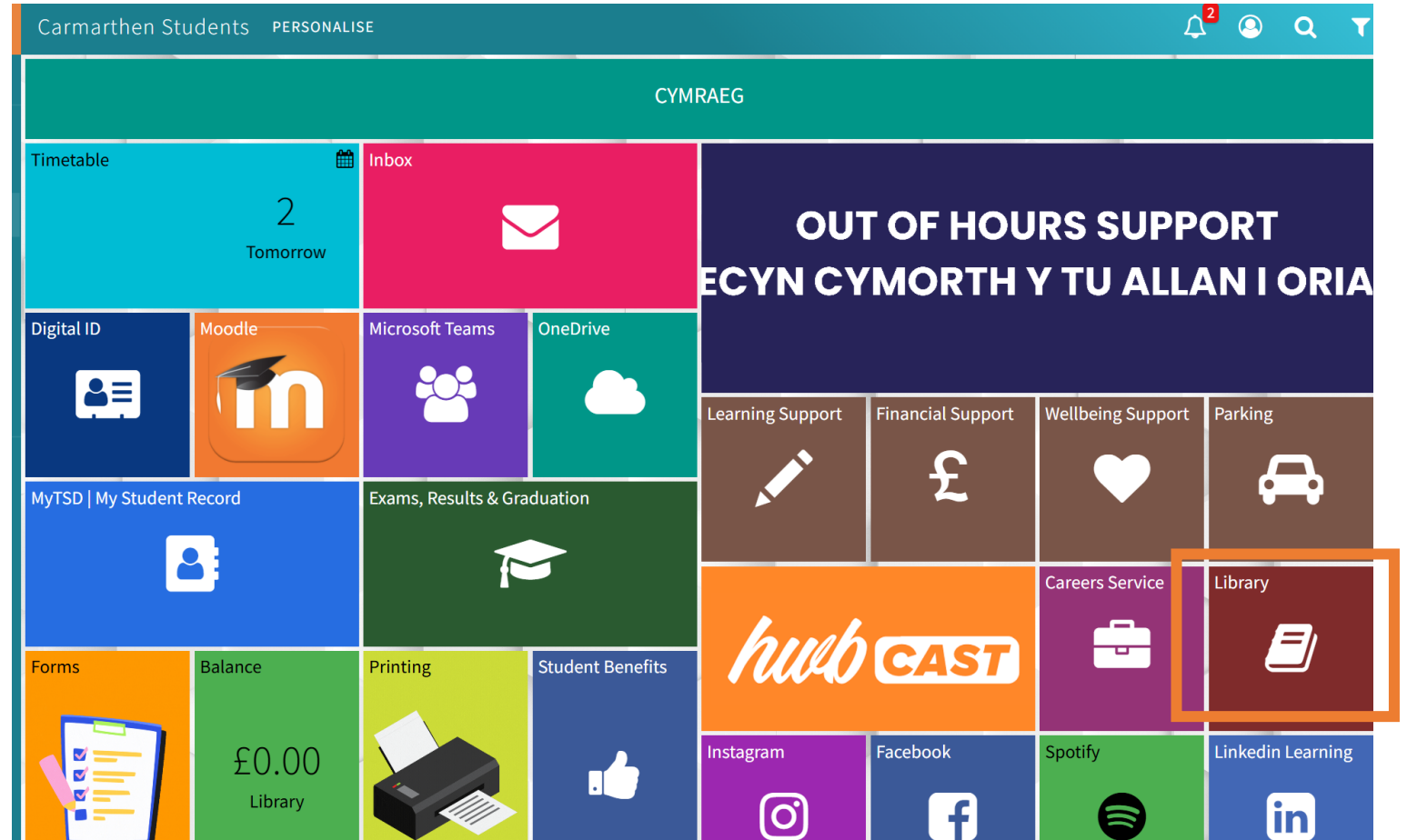
The library has key resources to support your studies and research, so it's important to know how to use it well.

This session is here to help you build the skills you need to make the most of what the library offers.



Library website: Student HWB

Navigate to the [Student HWB](#) page and click on the Library tab.



Note: You may need to **login** using your university login and password to access HWB.

Services and support



Information skills librarians for research support.



Online tutorials to improve your academic skills.



Online resource lists linking to course reading.



Support for referencing, copyright, and accessibility.



Sign up to Online Infoskills Tutorials

Library Infoskills Course

Our Online Infoskills Programme is designed to create opportunities for you to:

- Develop your transferable academic and information skills.
- Improve both your academic success and employability.

Scan the code (using your camera on your phone), or click the link to find out more about:

- Why information literacy is important.
- How to access the relevant units.

[Online Link](#)



Explore your library resources

The library provides free access to:

- Good quality, up-to-date resources, in your subject area, via multiple formats and good filters.

You can further:

- Check your account, save and organise favourite resources, find help with referencing and access your course reading lists.

Finding good quality information which you can save, organise and recall when needed, will save you time and improve your work!



Books & eBooks



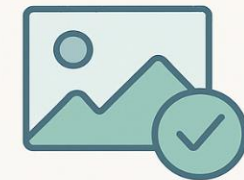
Peer Reviewed Journals



Specialist Databases



Film, TV & Video



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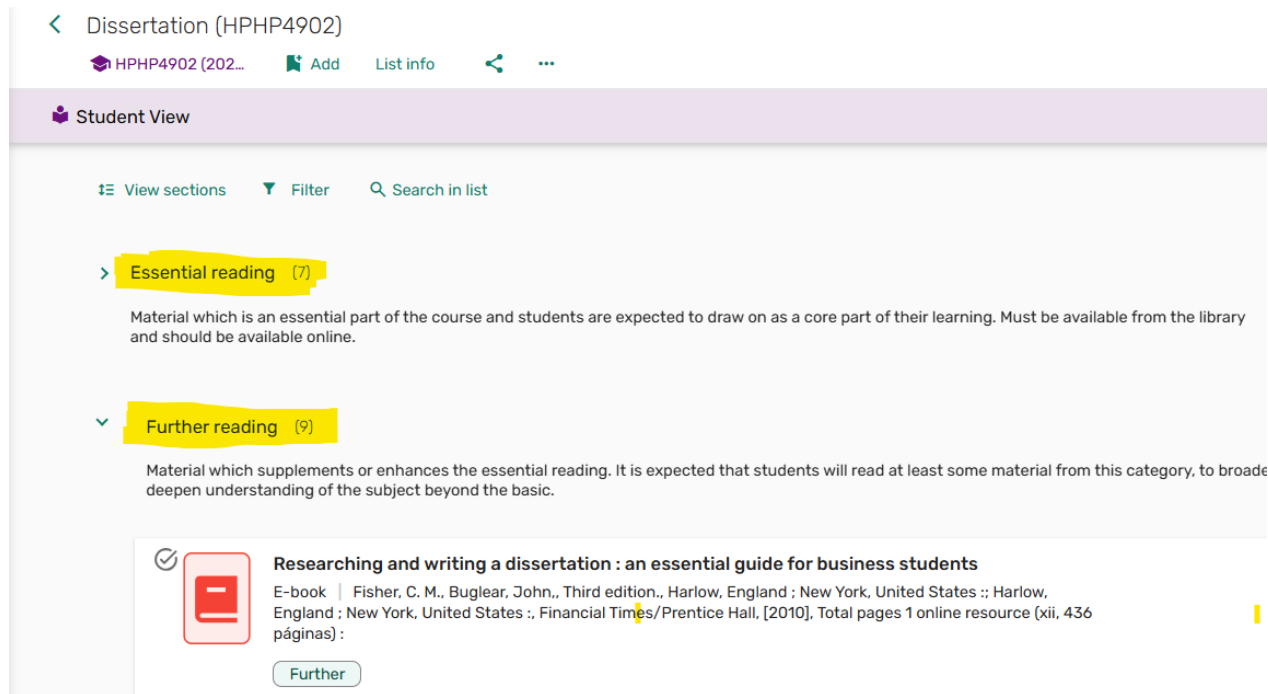
Open Access Material



Online Resource Lists – your shortcut

Online resource lists

Your lecturers have already selected key books, articles, and materials to begin your research and they are all in one place for easy access!



All managed by the library for:

- Easy and direct access.

Where to Find Them:

- On your Moodle course pages.
- Or via the Library website.

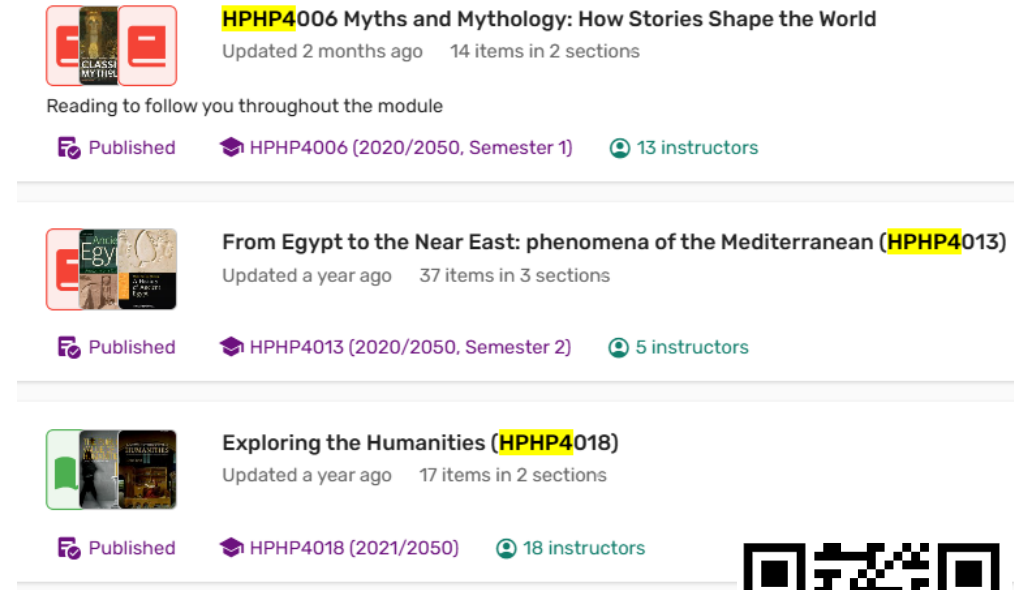


N.B. You must sign into your list to access!

Online Resource List (ORL) demo

Online resource lists

- Search for your reading list by course code in **'ALL Lists'**.
E.g. HPHP4902.
- Click 'Add' (to add to **'My Lists'**). 
- Search and add 'LIB02' to your lists.
- Click on list title to open and access the contents.
- Choose a title and click  **View online** to read online.



The screenshot displays a list of online resource lists. Each entry includes a book cover icon, a title, a course code, an update date, the number of items and sections, and the number of instructors. The first entry is 'HPHP4006 Myths and Mythology: How Stories Shape the World' (Updated 2 months ago, 14 items in 2 sections, 13 instructors). The second is 'From Egypt to the Near East: phenomena of the Mediterranean' (HPHP4013, Updated a year ago, 37 items in 3 sections, 5 instructors). The third is 'Exploring the Humanities' (HPHP4018, Updated a year ago, 17 items in 2 sections, 18 instructors). Each entry has a 'Published' status and a course code in parentheses.

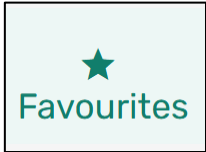
Course Code	Title	Updated	Items	Sections	Instructors
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HPHP4013	From Egypt to the Near East: phenomena of the Mediterranean	a year ago	37	3	5
HPHP4018	Exploring the Humanities	a year ago	17	2	18

[Online Resource List Link](#)

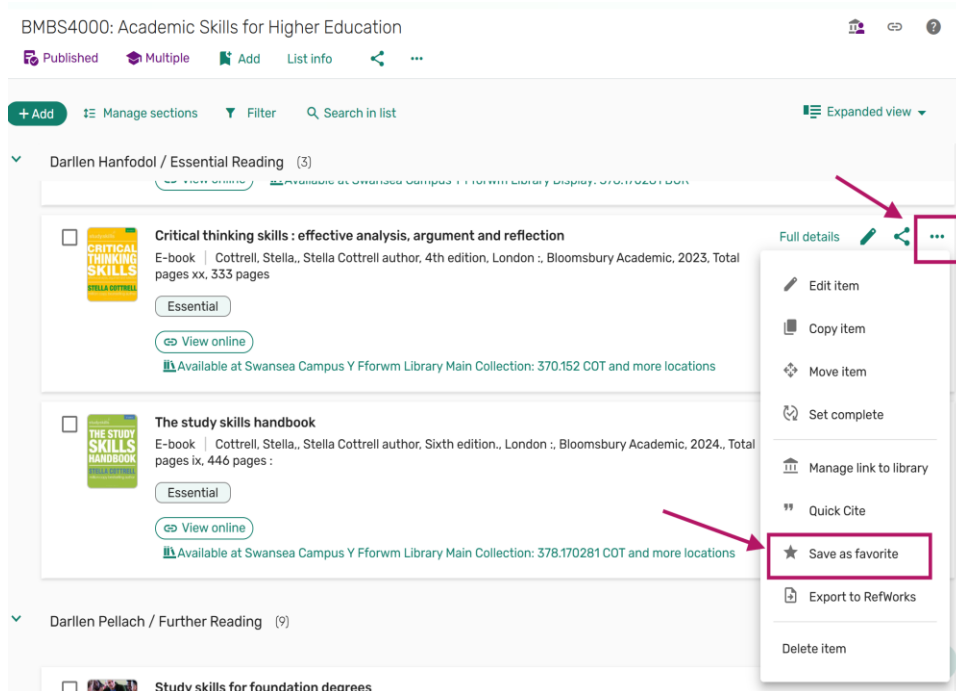


Saving favourites

Online resource lists



Using the favourites tool in the ORL, you can easily save, manage, and organise all your references you have used in your assignment.



- Click the ellipsis of a title [...] to open the drop-down menu.
- Choose 'Save as a favourite' to place into your favourites list.

Find sources using the library catalogue

- Explore [our Library YouTube playlist](#) for short videos on how to find and use our online library.
- Find out much more by completing the 'Searching for Information' infoskills units



Searching for information

This unit is split into three sections that will introduce you to accessing and searching the various academic sources that are provided by the library.

Click on an image to start.



Section 1: Introduction to searching



Section 2: Searching for journal articles



Section 3: Finding and Searching Specialised Information

Searching the Library Online

Enter a keyword into the search box to search across our many of our collections.

Library & Learning Resources

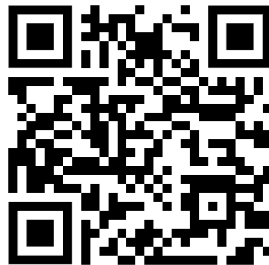
Search our collections



[Advanced Search](#)

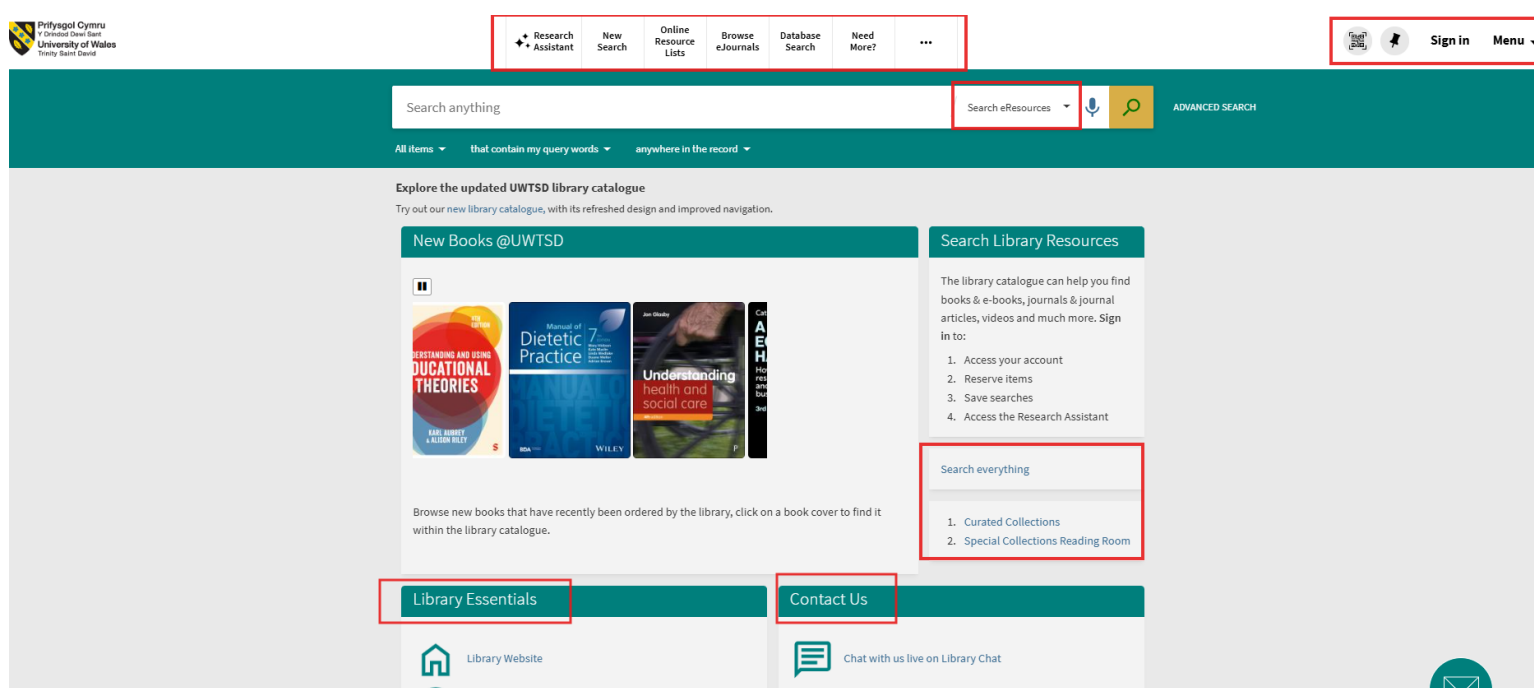
Important to note:

Not all subscribed collections and databases are searchable by this method. Some [specialised databases](#) will need to be searched individually.



[Library](#)

Library Catalogue – overview.



- **Sign in** with your university username and password to access library account.
- **Browse** latest additions to the library and curated collections.
- **Online Resource Lists**; Databases, Research assistant, and more...
- **Links** to library essential services and ways to contact us.

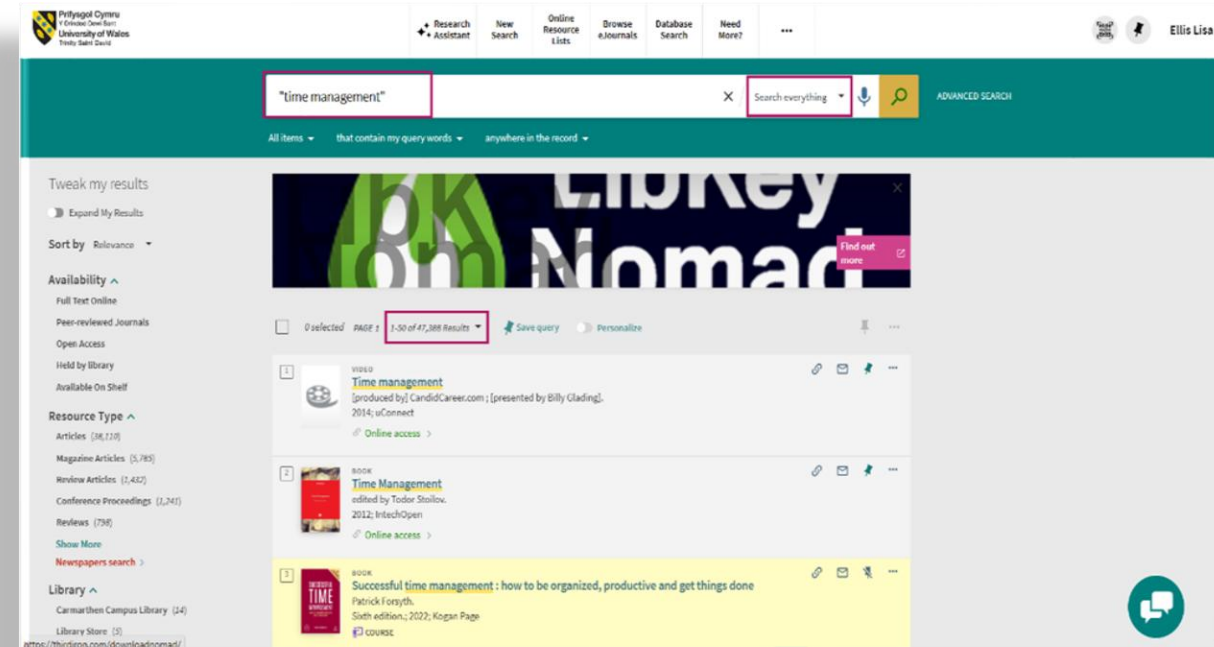


[Library Catalogue](#)

Improving your search results

Searching for information

- Sign in to unlock all features.
- Use “Tweak my results” to filter and narrow down your search.
- Use the extra tools listed with each item; they can help you manage your information.
- Save your queries, get notifications and add to your favourites in your reading list!



[Link to search results](#)



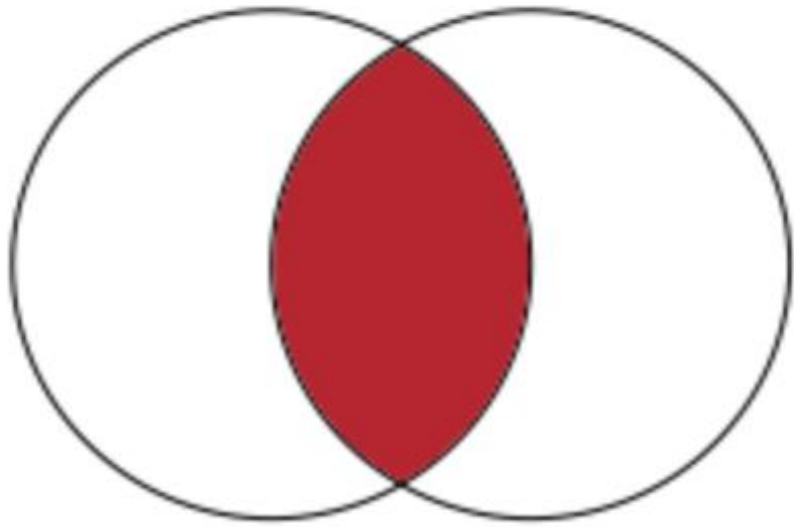
Phrase searching & terminology

Further Searching Techniques

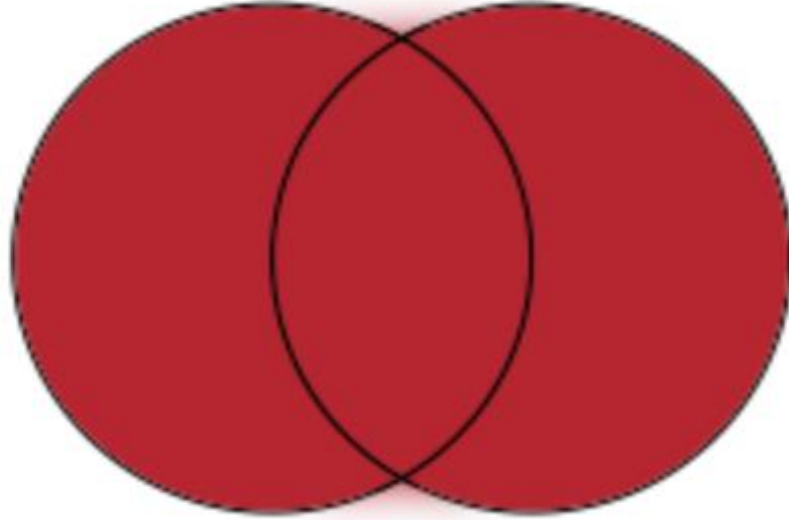


Consider different terminology that may be used.

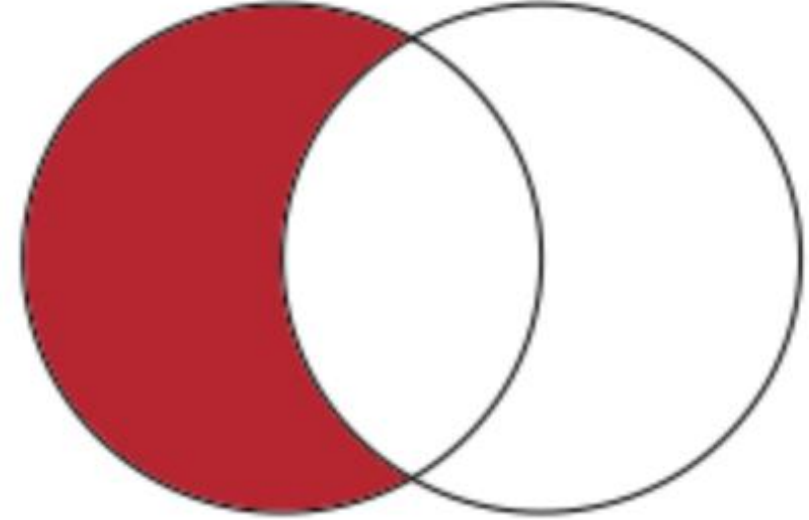
- **Alternative words:** Synonyms / Antonyms.
- **Phrase searching:** Search for a phrase in quotations “time management”, “study skills”.



AND



OR



NOT

Boolean Operators allow you to **combine your keywords** to narrow or broaden your search.

- **AND**: Narrows your search by only giving results where **ALL** your search terms are present.
- **OR**: Broadens your search where **ANY** of your search terms are present.
- **NOT**: Excludes specific terms

Boolean Search

[Further Searching Techniques](#)

The screenshot shows a library search interface with the following elements:

- SEARCH CRITERIA** and **BARCODE SEARCH** tabs at the top.
- Search Scope:** A dropdown menu set to "Search everything", highlighted with a red box.
- Search Filters:**
 - Subject:** A dropdown menu set to "contains", followed by the text "celtic language*", highlighted with a red box.
 - AND:** A dropdown menu set to "AND", highlighted with a red box.
 - Any field:** A dropdown menu set to "Any field", followed by the text "contains", followed by the text "literature", highlighted with a red box.
- Material Type:** A dropdown menu set to "All items".
- Language:** A dropdown menu set to "Any language".
- Start Date:** Fields for Day, Month, and Start Year.
- End Date:** Fields for Day, Month, and End Year.
- Buttons:** "+ ADD A NEW LINE" and "CLEAR" (with a circular arrow icon).
- Search Summary:** A green arrow icon followed by the text "Subject contains celtic language* AND Any field contains literature" and a green "SEARCH" button with a magnifying glass icon.
- Footer:** A banner with the text "to search the web and locate our library resources" and "Nomad" in large letters. Below the banner, there is a "Find out more" button with an external link icon.
- Results:** A box showing "0 selected", "PAGE 1", and "1-50 of 18,625 Results".
- Actions:** A "Save query" button (with a pin icon) and a "Personalize" toggle switch.

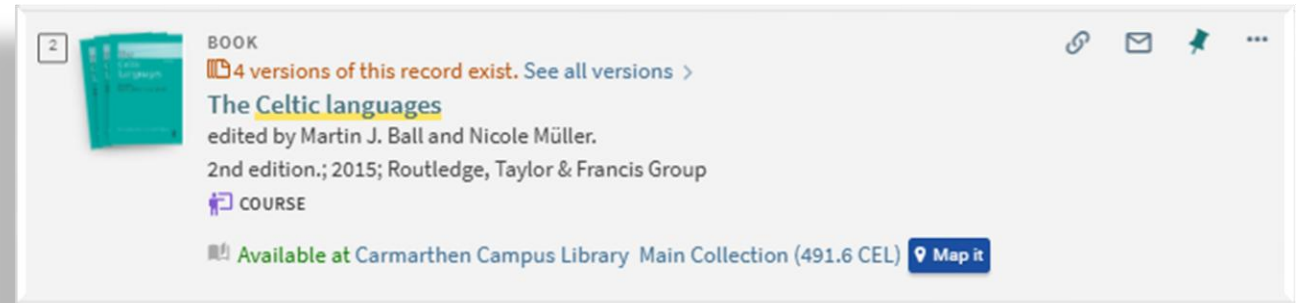
Explore drop-down arrows and experiment to find the best results.



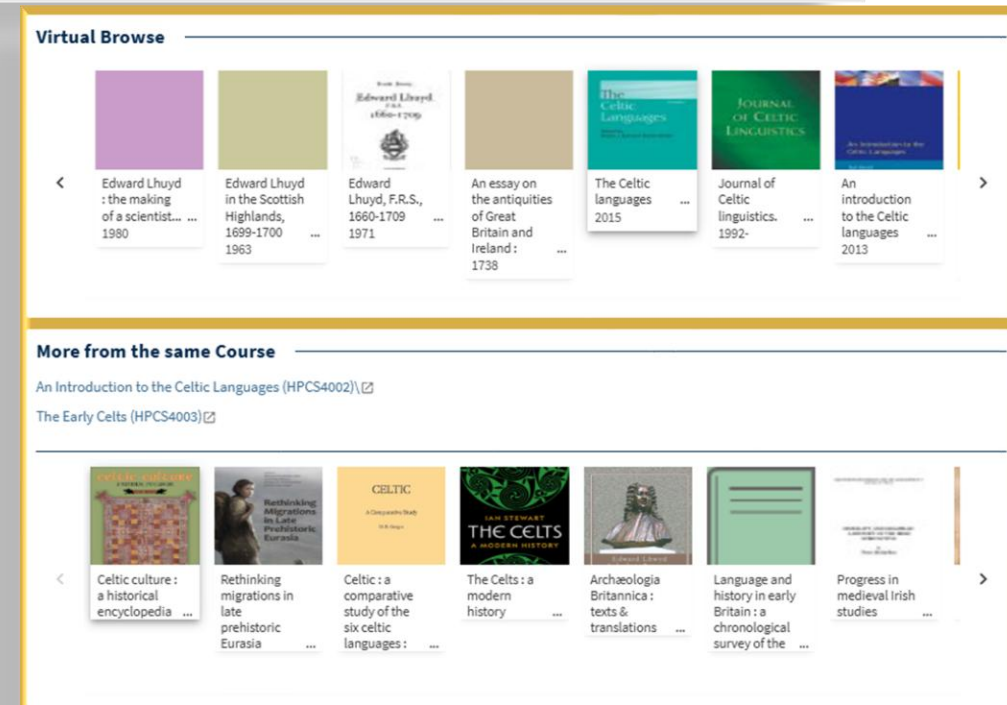
[Link to search and results](#)

What the item records include

- Where the book is held if it's in print.
- Link to ebook or journal article if it's electronic.
- How to request it if it's on loan.
- Related reading.
- Option to search just within one journal.
- Virtual browse of other similar books.
- Books on the same Online Resource list.
- Option to save in your personal reading list.



Book record



Why use individual databases?

The library catalogue searches most of our databases when it performs a search, so why choose to search an individual database?

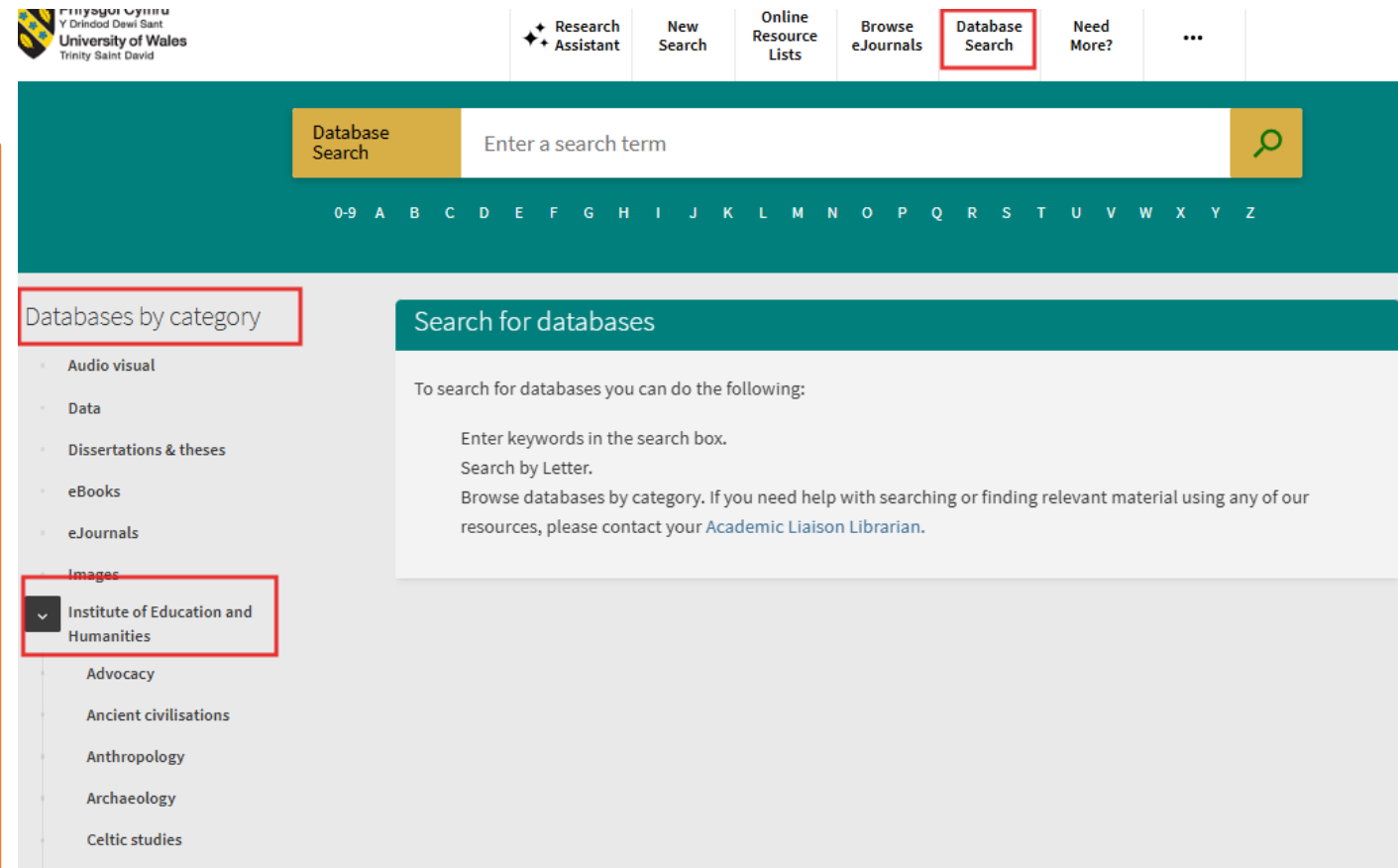
Finding & Using Specialised Information

- More specialised content – fewer, more relevant results.
- More controlled indexing – filter results in greater detail.
- Not every specialist database is indexed by the library catalogue.



Database Search

- Browse databases not searched by the library search:
 - BoB.
 - Digimap.
 - CIS (Construction Information Service).
 - Cite Them Right.
- Go directly to subject specific databases:
 - Humanities Source (EBSCOhost)
 - Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost)
 - Proquest Central.
 - ATLA Religion
 - Science Direct.



Database Search

Resources for Research.

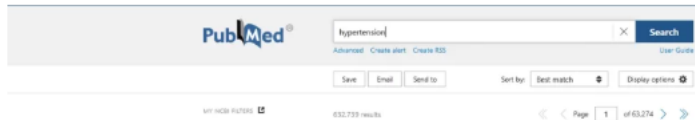
Resources for Research

LibKey Nomad

LibKey Nomad is a browser extension that automatically provides full-text access to journal articles and ebooks subscribed to by UWTSD or open access alternatives while you are carrying out your research on the web.

How does it work?

Libkey Nomad checks a library's holdings information and then checks for open access alternatives to ensure you are directed to the best available version of an article. It also integrates directly with PubMed allowing you to download articles from the search results.



Download LibKey Nomad

Google Scholar

Google Scholar can be a useful research tool, that searches across a wide range of sources and can find articles, theses, book chapters and conference abstracts on there from university repositories and scholarly websites.

How can I make the best use of it?

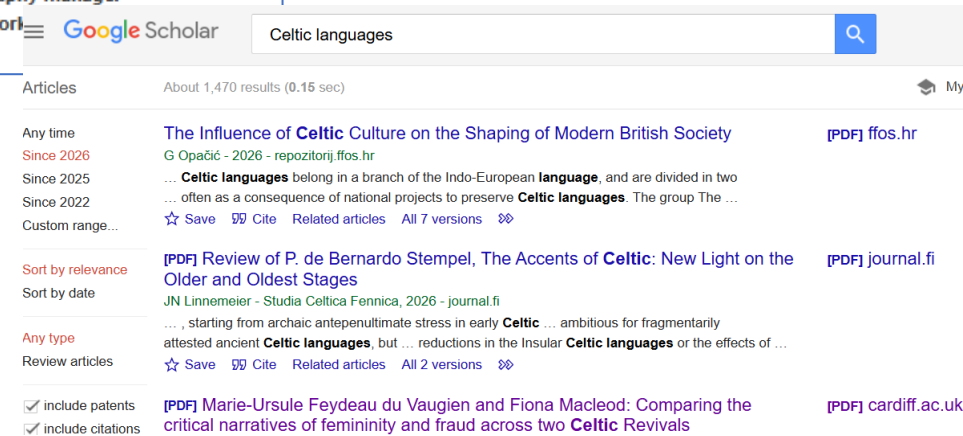
When you are on campus Google Scholar is configured to show the full text-text options available through library subscriptions. Clicking on **View It @UWTSD Library** will take you to the item in the library catalogue.

You can also configure Google Scholar to show this when you are off campus.

1. Go to [Google Scholar](#)
2. from the user menu at the top left of the screen
3. Go to **Library Links**, search for University of Wales Trinity Saint David and select 'View It @UWTSD Library'
4. Click the **save** button

You can also set up Google Scholar to import citations directly into the RefWorks citation manager.

1. Select **settings** from the user menu at the top left of the screen
2. Under the **Search Results** section you'll see the **Bibliography Manager**
3. Under **Show links to import citations into**, select **RefWorks**
4. Click the **save** button



Prifysgol Cymru
Y Drindod Dewi Sant
University of Wales
Trinity Saint David

Trawsnewid Addysg, Trawsnewid Bywydau
Transforming Education, Transforming Lives

Database: BoB



TIPS FOR BEST SEARCH RESULTS

- Put your search terms in double quotes: ["medieval history"](#)

Search BoB Playlists for: **'medieval history'**
in Title and description

NEW SEARCH

Sort by Title

1-10 of 27 results



Early Medieval Europe

This is a list of tv documentaries which cover various aspects of Early Medieval history. It also includes some feature films set in the Early Middle Ages.

18 Items, Updated on 2 Feb 2021

University of Huddersfield Library
user 678381
Subject: not set



ENGL3053 - Chaucer and his world

The writings of Geoffrey Chaucer have inspired generations of poets, dramatists, novelists and, lately, film-makers from Robert Henryson and William Shakespeare through to Rana Dasgupta and Danny Boyle. In...

17 Items, Updated on 10 Jan 2018

University of Southampton
user 56796
Subject: not set



HIST3187 The Bible and History

This module will explore the role, significance and impact of the Bible in different historical contexts over time and up to the present day. The module will begin by providing an

45 Items, Updated on 23 Oct 2018

University of Southampton
user 56796
Subject: not set

[Link: Box of Broadcasts](#)

- BoB is a TV and radio service for education.
- Set up a personal account with your UWTDS details.
- Create your playlists or search for public playlists, e.g. “Early Years”
- Create clips with your recordings.

- [Curated Playlists](#)
- [Help](#)
- [How to videos](#)

[Search · BoB](#) You must create an account using your UWTSD credentials to access!

Search for journals - Browzine

Searching for Journal Articles

BrowZine Library My Bookshelf My Articles

Access Provided By University of Wales Trinity Saint David

History by Time Period

History

CATEGORIES

All Journals

History by Time Period

History - General

History of Geographic Regions

Social History

Ancient History

Medieval and Renaissance History

Modern History

Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century History

Medieval and Renaissance History

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Al-Masaq

Archives d'histoire doctrinale et

Cromohs : Cyber Review of Modern

Crusades

Early Medieval Europe

Eckhart Review

En la España Medieval

English Literary Renaissance

Exemplaria

Explorations in Renaissance Culture

The Italianist

The Journal of English and Germanic

Journal of Medieval and Early Modern

Journal of Medieval History

Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies

The Journal of Medieval Religious

Mediaevistik

Medieval Archaeology

Medieval Encounters

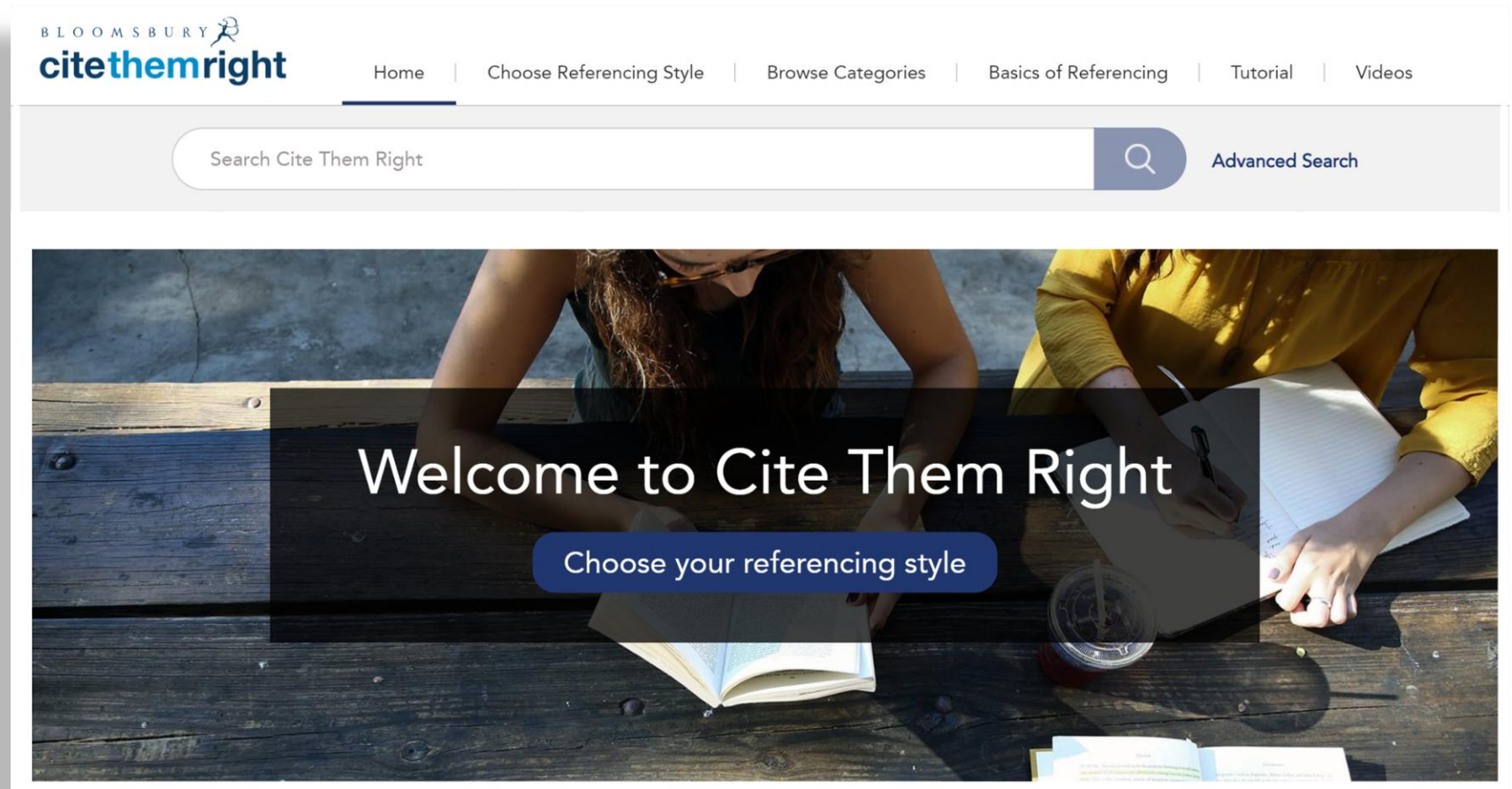
The Medieval History Journal



Database: Cite Them Right

- How to reference.
- Plagiarism.
- Study skills.

[Cite them right online](https://www.citethemright.com/)



Services for distance learners



Using our Libraries



Services for Distance Learners



Accessing Libraries Outside UWTSD

SCONUL Access scheme



The SCONUL Access enables members of any other participating academic libraries in the UK to borrow from any of the institutions listed in the scheme.

[APPLY FOR ACCESS](#)



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- Something you need that we might already have?
- Something you need that we don't already have?

[Online request form](#)

Can't find what you need? [Contact us for help.](#)



Useful resources.

'You try' option in the [Cite Them Right Database](#).

Example

In-text citation

In their analysis, Hremiak and Hudson (2011, pp. 36–39)

...

Reference list

Hremiak, A. and Hudson, T. (2011) *Understanding learning and teaching in secondary schools*. Pearson Longman.

You try

Surname, Initial. (Year of publication) *Title of book*.
Publisher.

Italicise

Copy

Email

Online tutorial.

[Academic and infoskills](#) – online help and support

Library Infoskills

Referencing

This Course helps you to understand why referencing is important and which of the 4 recognised referencing standards you should be using:



Unit 1: Academic Integrity & Avoiding Plagiarism



Unit 2: Referencing - Managing Information



Unit 3: Referencing - The Basics



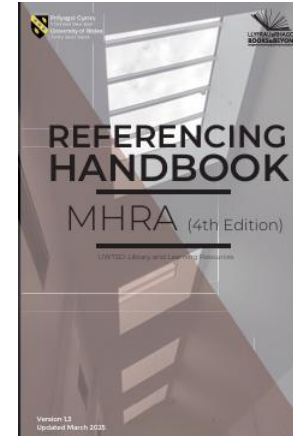
Unit 4: Referencing - The Mechanics



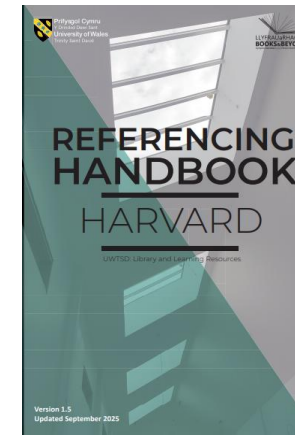
Harvard



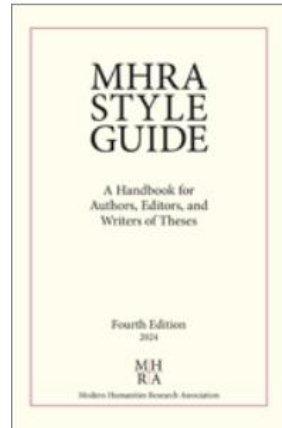
MHRA



[Referencing handbook: MHRA](#)



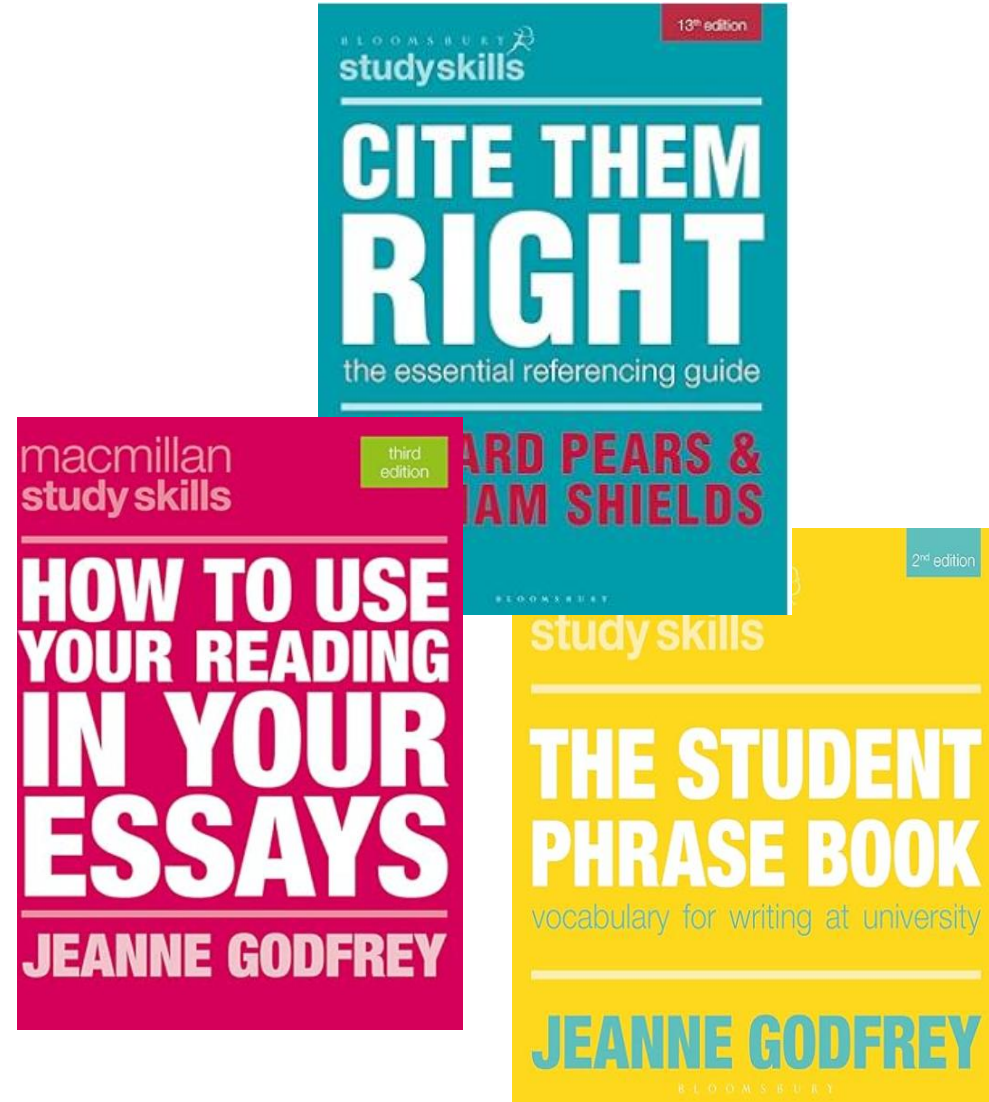
[Referencing handbook: Harvard](#)



[MHRA Style Guide Online](#)

Useful Resources

- [How to use your reading in your essays.](#)
- Cite Them Right: [Setting out citations.](#)
- Harvard Referencing: [The Mechanics](#) (infoskills).
- [The Student Phrasebook](#)
- [Manchester University Phrasebank.](#)
- All available in your [LIB02 Reading list.](#)



Citation manager tools.

Referencing: Managing Information

- Many citation tools available, but they are **not 100% accurate** all of the time.
- Personal choice.

Some you may wish to explore:

Basic:

- [MyBib.](#)
- [ZoteroBib.](#)

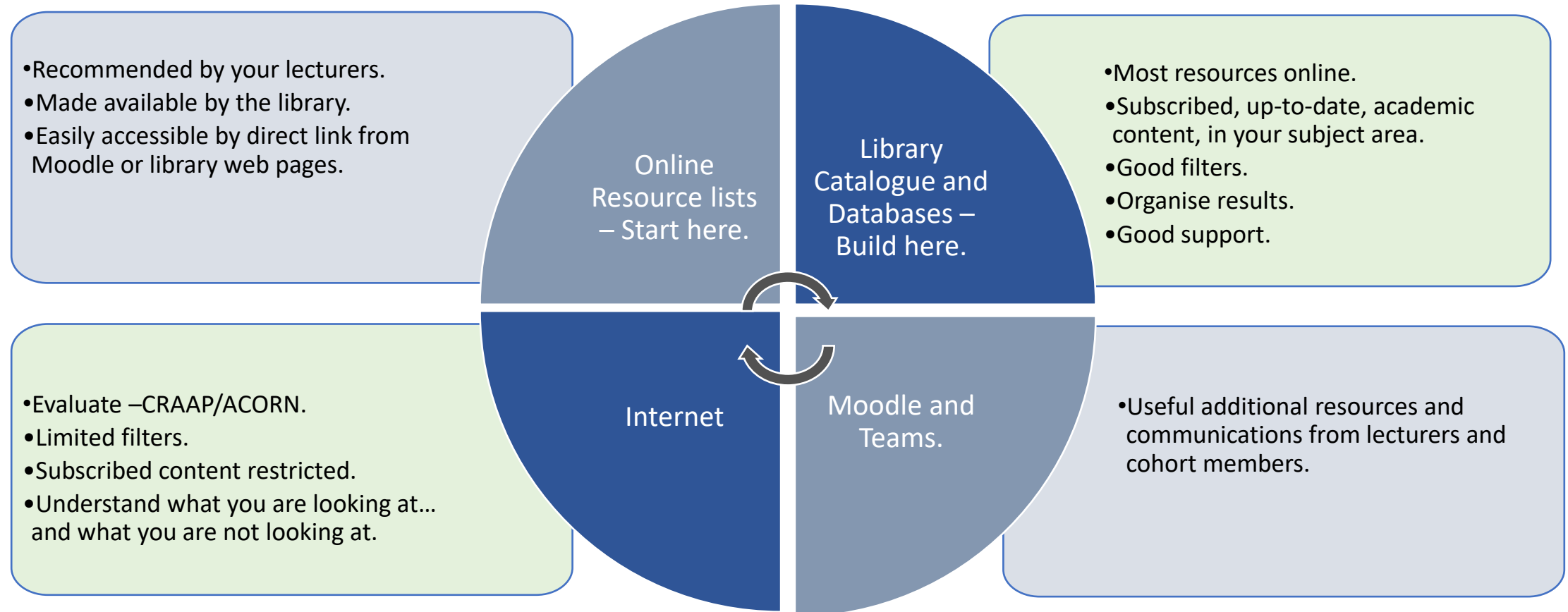
More advanced:

- [RefWorks](#) (Supported by UWTSD).
- [Mendeley.](#)

Note:

Not all tools are free or give full functionality on free versions.

Search for academic information.



Evaluating Information

Evaluating Information

Consider the source and quality of the information you are using.

Apply critical thinking and reasoning.

Currency

Relevance

Authority

Accuracy

Purpose

[CRAAP](#) (video)

Stop

Investigate

Find better coverage

Trace back to original context.

[SIFT](#) (video)

Accurate

Current

Objective

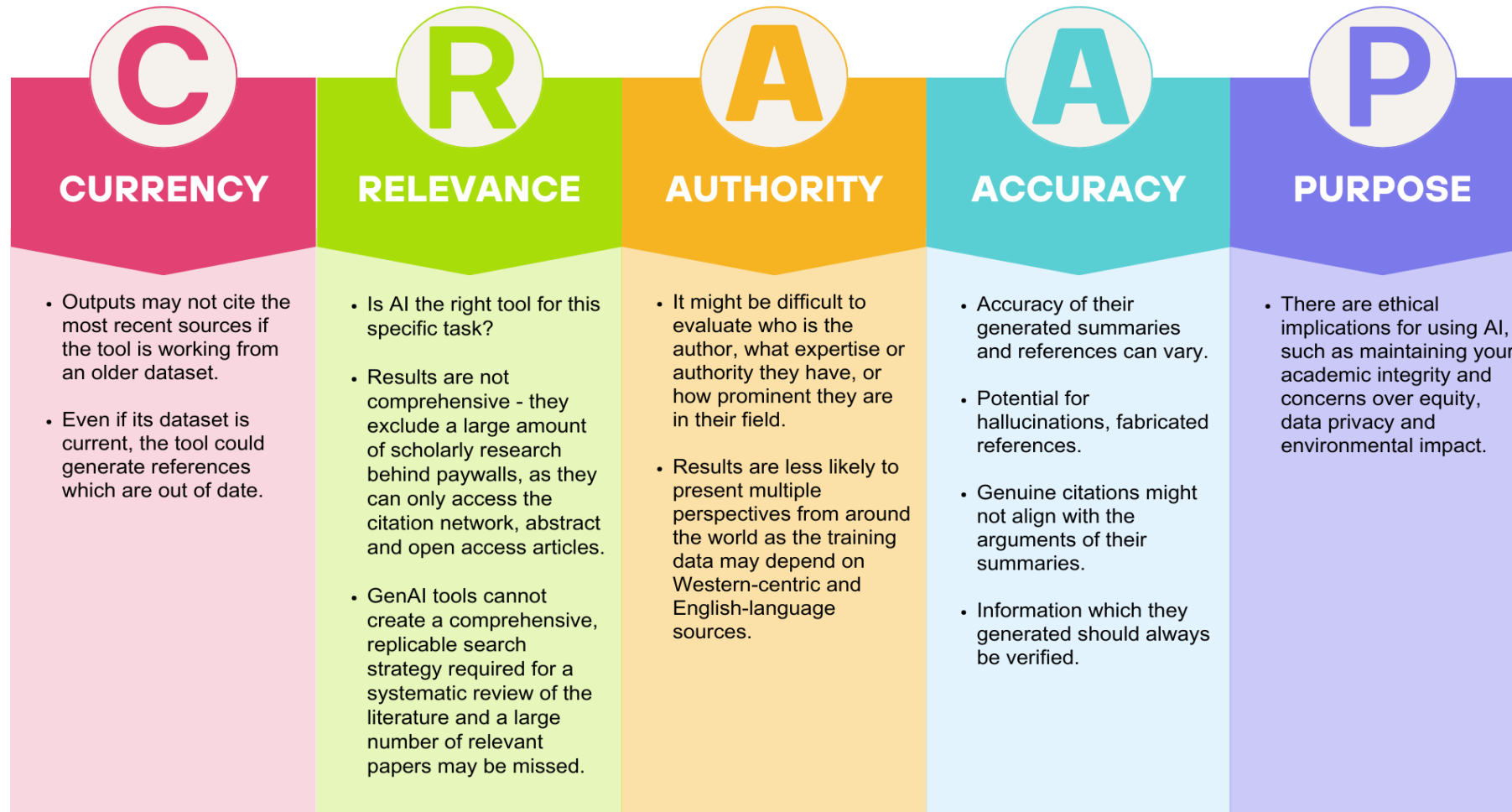
Relevant

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[ACORN](#) (article and video)

AI CRAAP Test

Generative AI



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Develop your skills

Advanced Searching

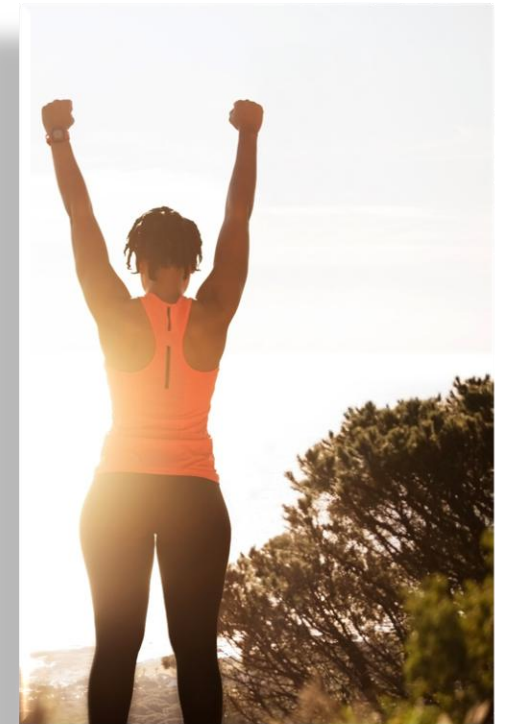
Improved familiarity = improved confidence = improved searching and results!

Build your confidence:

- Practice navigating the library webpages and catalogue.
- Find out what you don't know.

Develop your academic skills:

- Explore and complete the infoskills units to help fill gaps in your knowledge and skills.



Contact



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Trawsnewid Addysg, Trawsnewid Bywydau
Transforming Education, Transforming Lives