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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.

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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 are also provided throughout the presentation to enable quick access to relevant webpages, resources or further information.

Library infoskills Link

Using the library for research

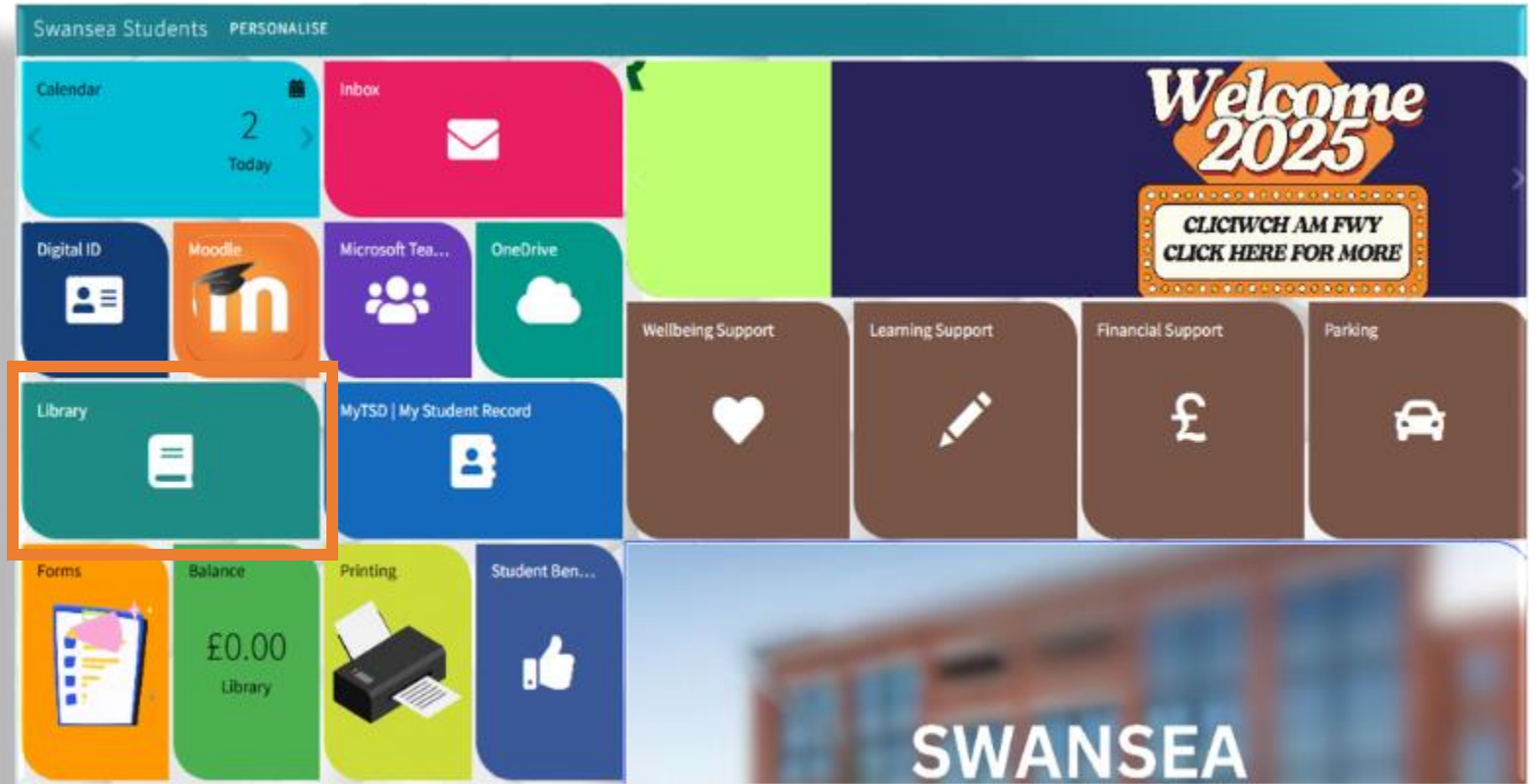
The library has key resources to support your studies and research, so it's important to know how to use it well.

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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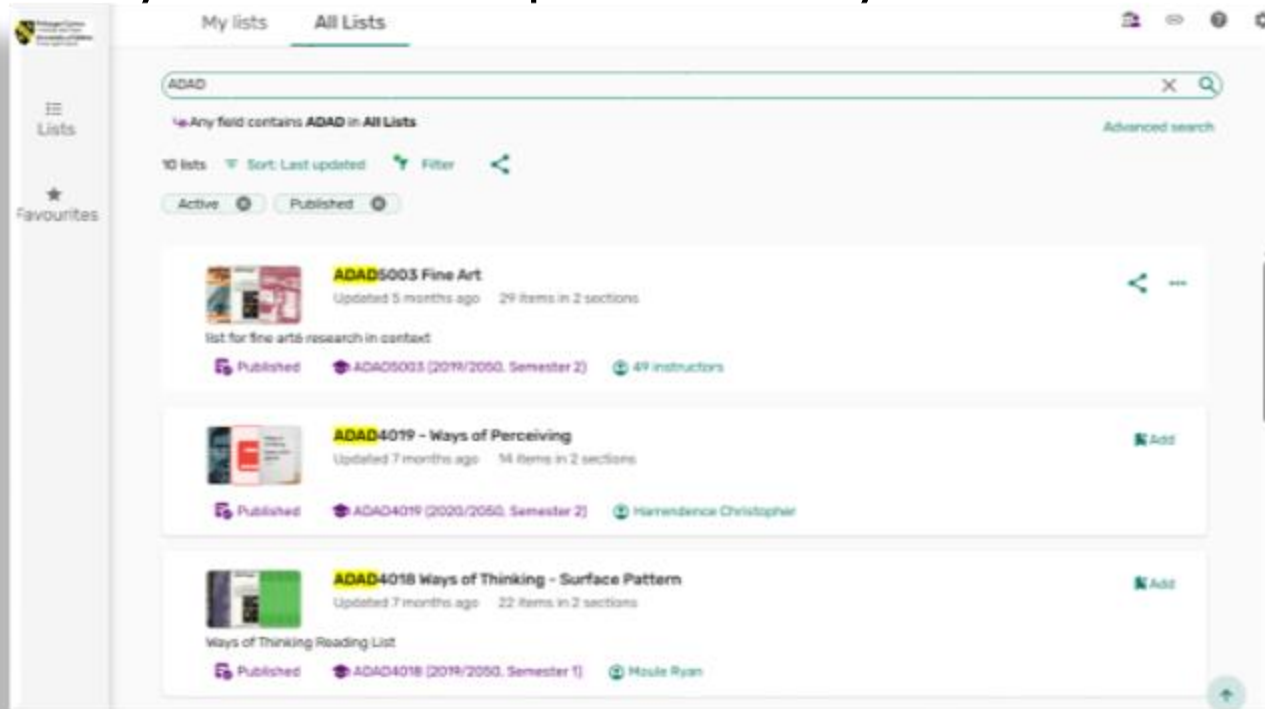
Open Access Material



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](#).

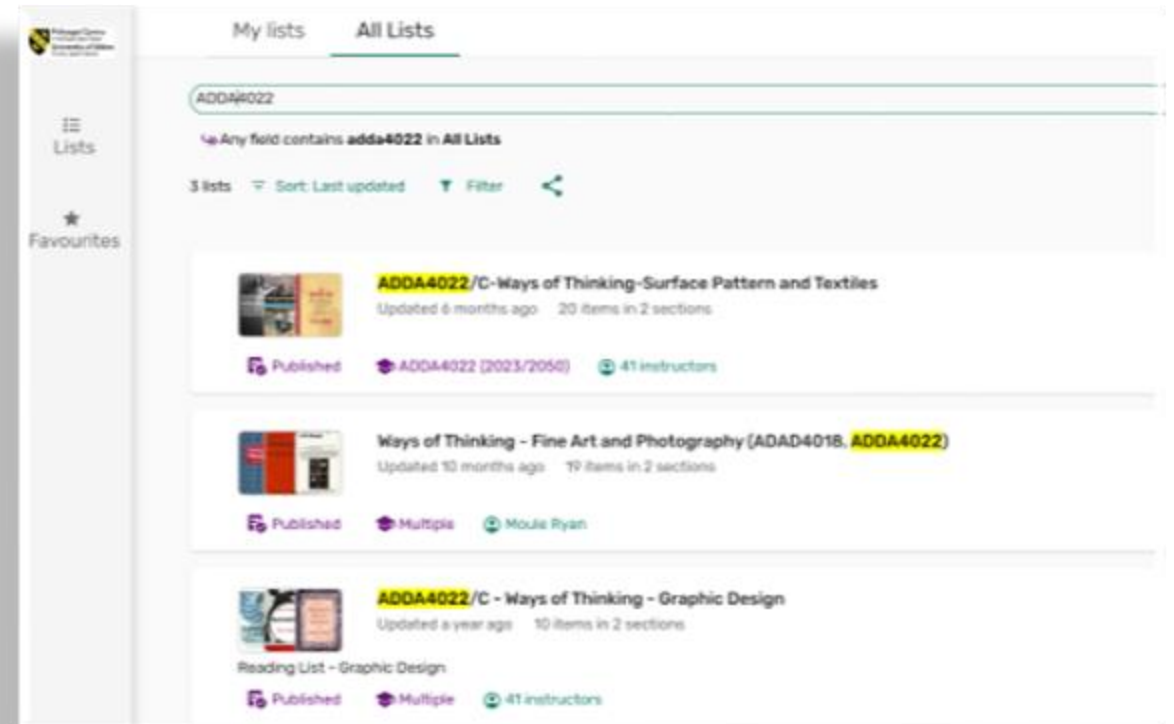


N.B. You must sign into your list to access!

Online Resource List (ORL) demo

Online resource lists

- Search for your reading list by course code in '**ALL Lists**'. E.g. ADDA4022.
- Click 'Add' (to add to '**My Lists**').  Add
- 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.

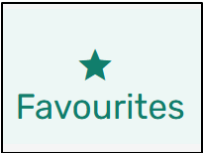


[Online Resource List Link](#)

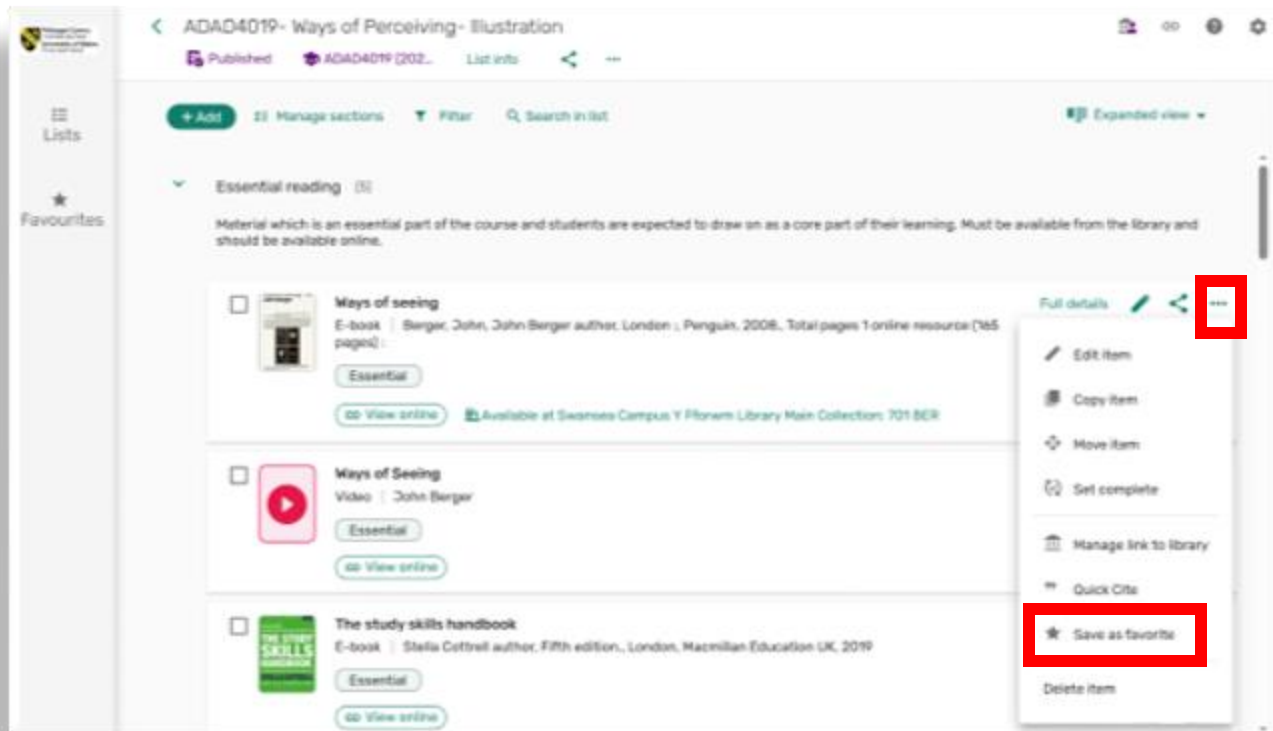


Saving favourites

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.



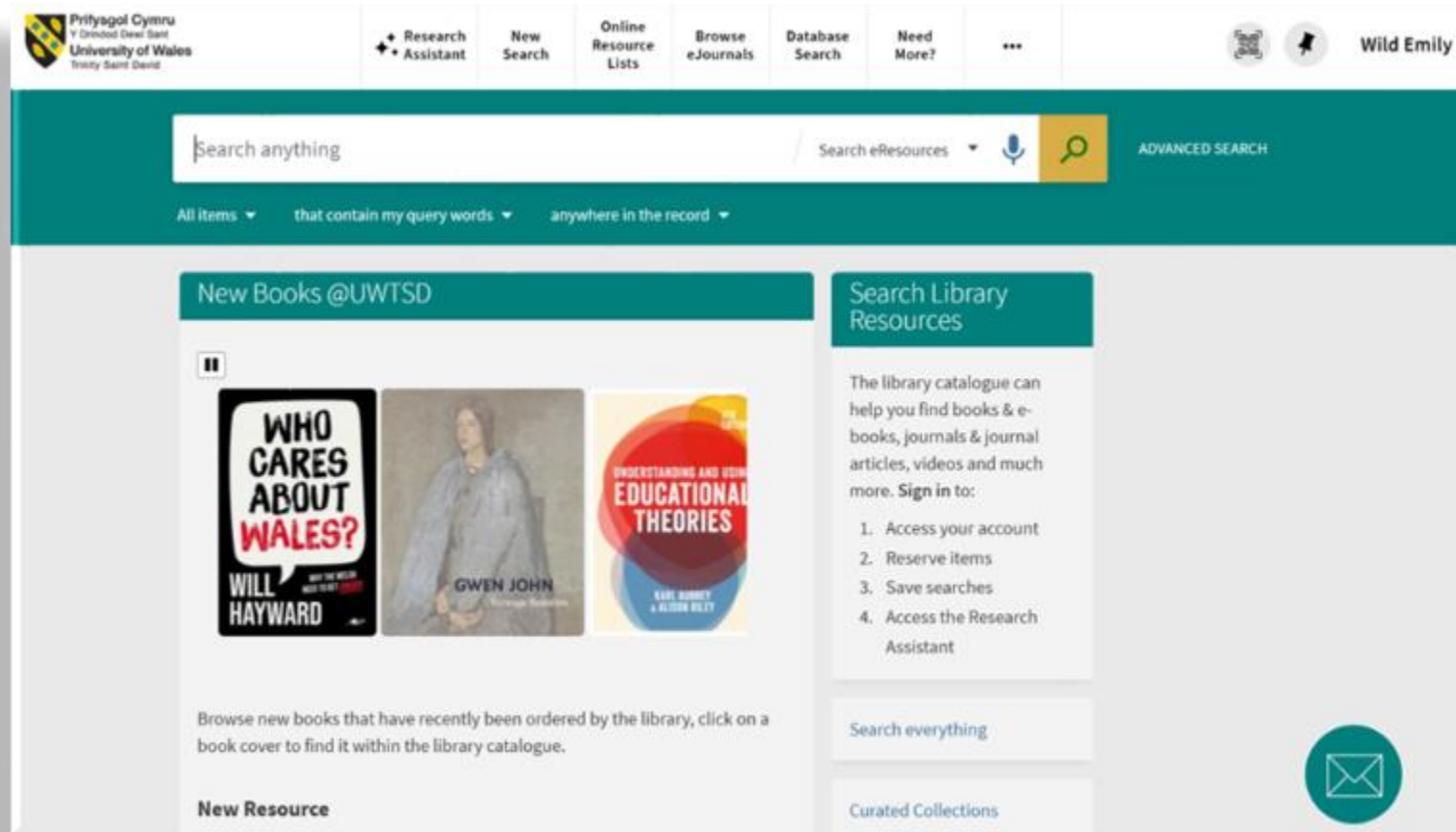
Important to note:

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.

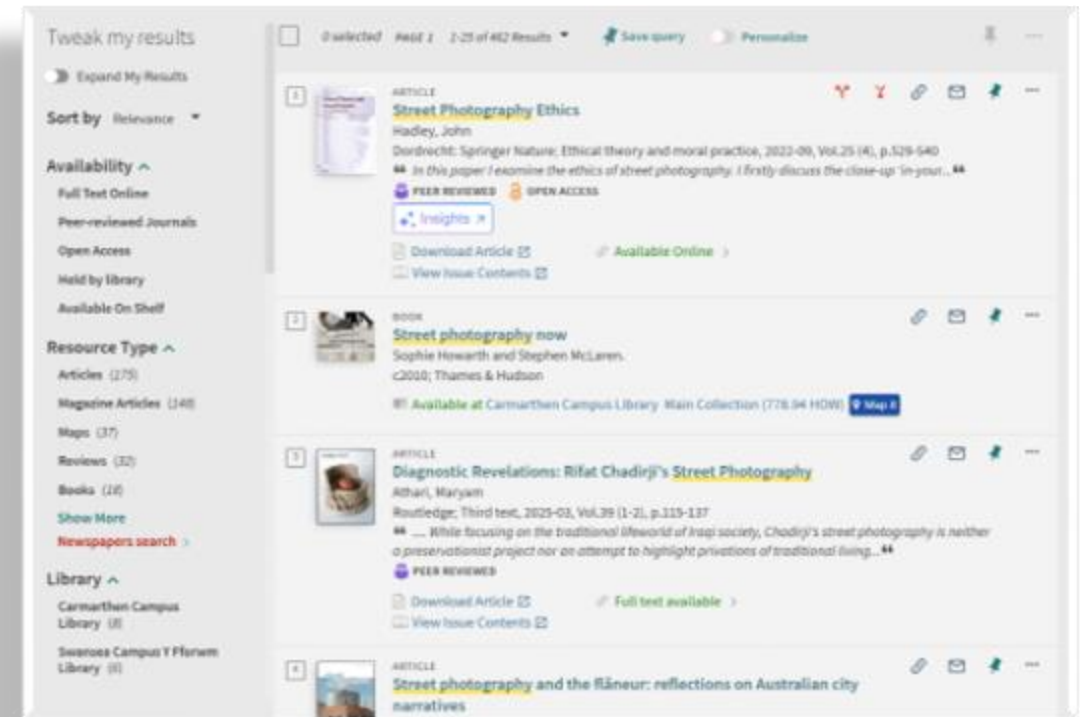
[Library Catalogue](#)



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!

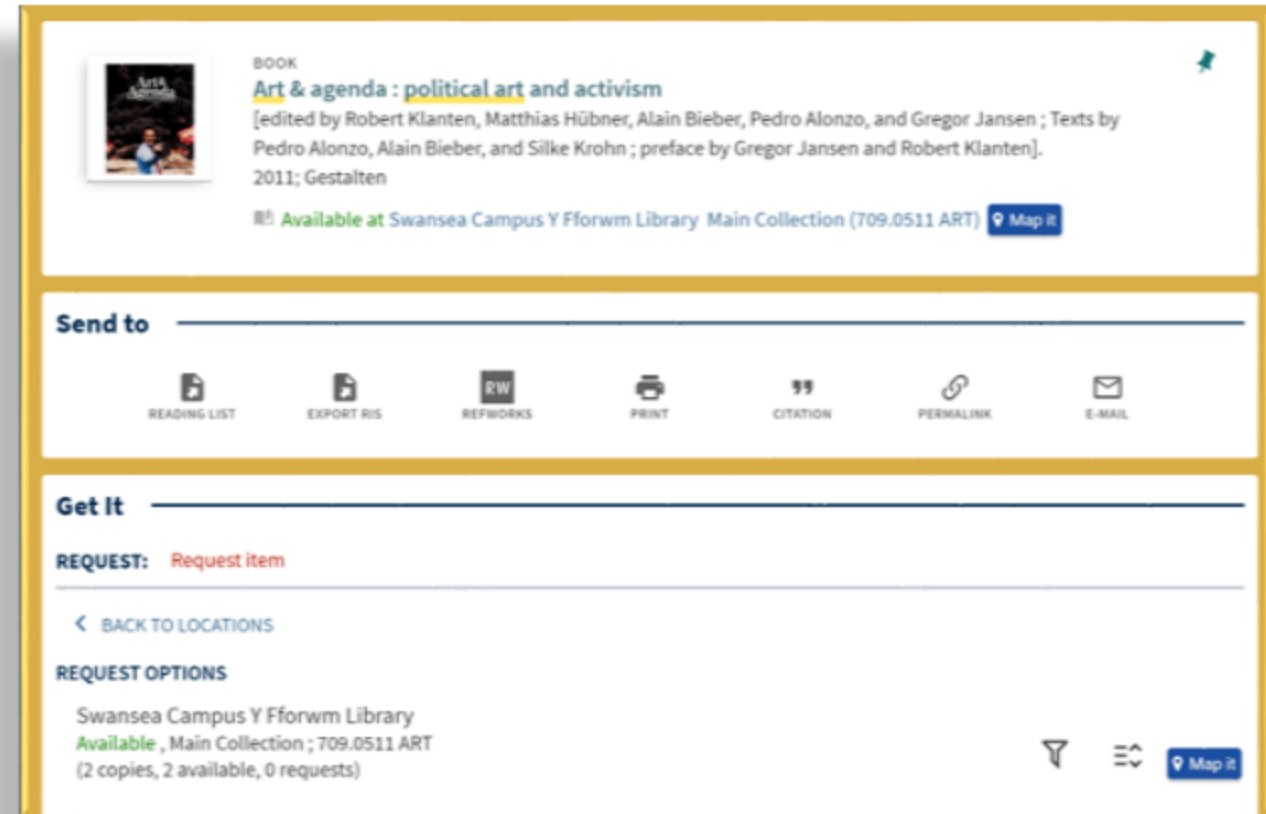
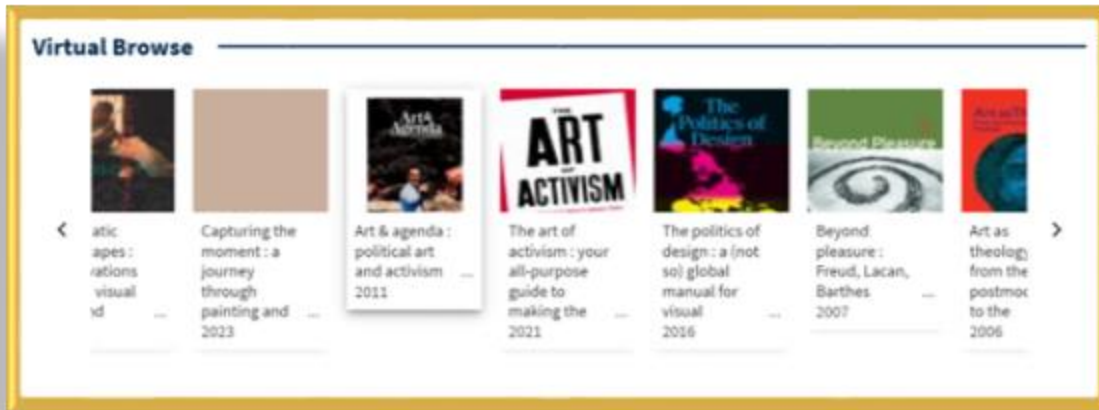


[Link to search results](#)



What the item records include

- Where the book is held, if it's in print.
- Link to the 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

Databases not searched by the library search:

- BoB.
- Bridgeman Education.
- Cite Them Right.
- Digimap.
- Digital Theatre+.
- Human Anatomy Atlas.
- WGSN.

Subject databases:

- Art & Architecture Source.
- Artstor.
- Proquest Central (Arts & Humanities).

Databases by category

- Audio visual
- Data
- Dissertations & theses
- eBooks
- eJournals
- Images
- > Institute of Education and Humanities
- > Institute of Management and Health
- > Institute of Science and Art
- Newspapers
- Referencing

Search for databases

To search for databases you can do the following:

Enter keywords in the search box.

Browse databases by category. If you need help with searching or finding relevant material using any of our resources, please contact your [Academic Liaison Librarian](#).

Database Search

Some useful databases

[Art & Architecture Source](#)

Research database covering fine, decorative and commercial art, as well as architecture and architectural design.

[Artstor](#)

Artstor covers many time periods and cultures, as well as many other forms of visual culture. Users can search, view, download and organise images.

[Bridgeman Education](#)

A complete visual resource offering over 1,000,000 digital images of art, history and culture from global museums, galleries, private collections and contemporary artists all copyright cleared for educational use.

[Digimap](#)

A web mapping and online data delivery service developed by the EDINA national data centre for UK academia.

[Digital Theatre Plus](#)

Digital theatre plus provides online access to a digital streaming video collection of films of current British theatre productions.

Some useful databases

[Human Anatomy Atlas](#)

A comprehensive 3D atlas of the human body and of musculoskeletal structures and function, plus common injuries and conditions.

[Proquest Central](#)

This is a multidisciplinary resource, but you can limit it to search just the Arts and Humanities database. Look at the list under Included Databases.

[Vogue Archive](#)

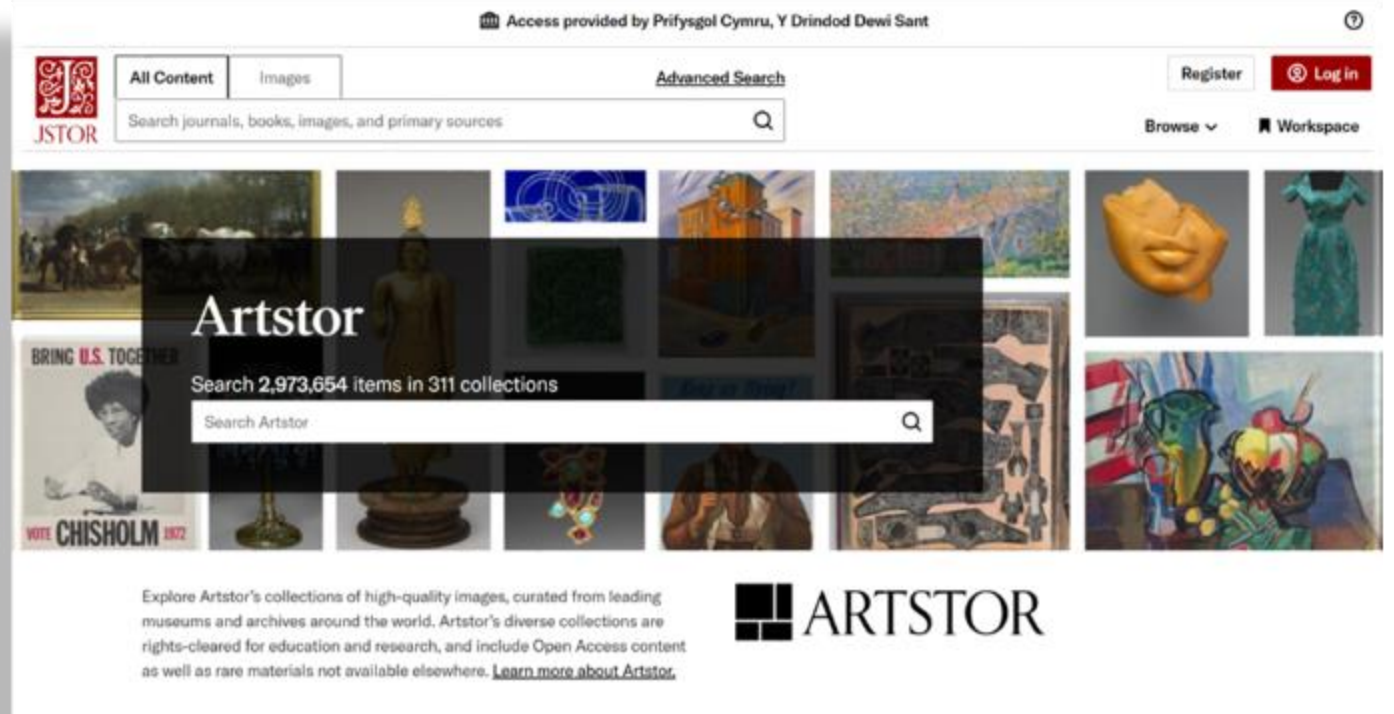
A searchable archive of American Vogue, from the first issue in 1892 to the current month, reproduced in high-resolution color page images.

[WGSN](#)

WGSN is the world's leading consumer trend forecaster. Forecasts provide global trend insights, expertly curated data and industry expertise to help understand consumer behaviour and lifestyles, create products with confidence and trade at the right time.

Artstor

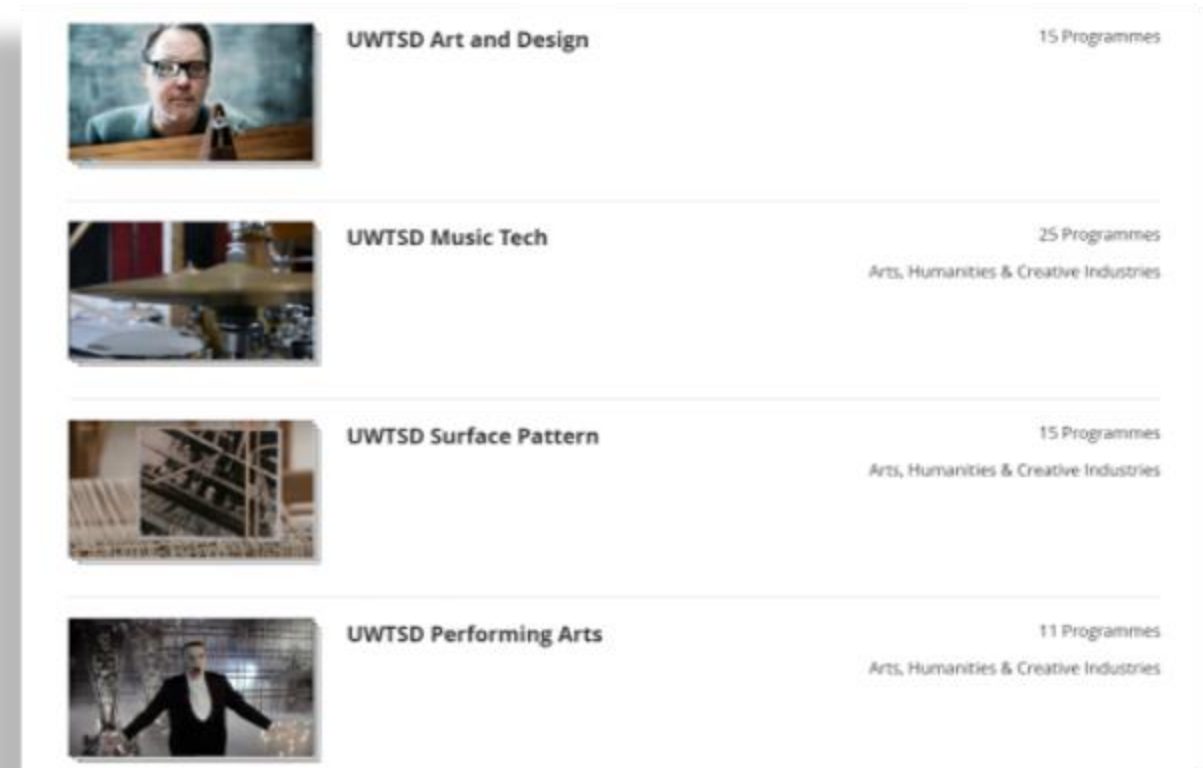
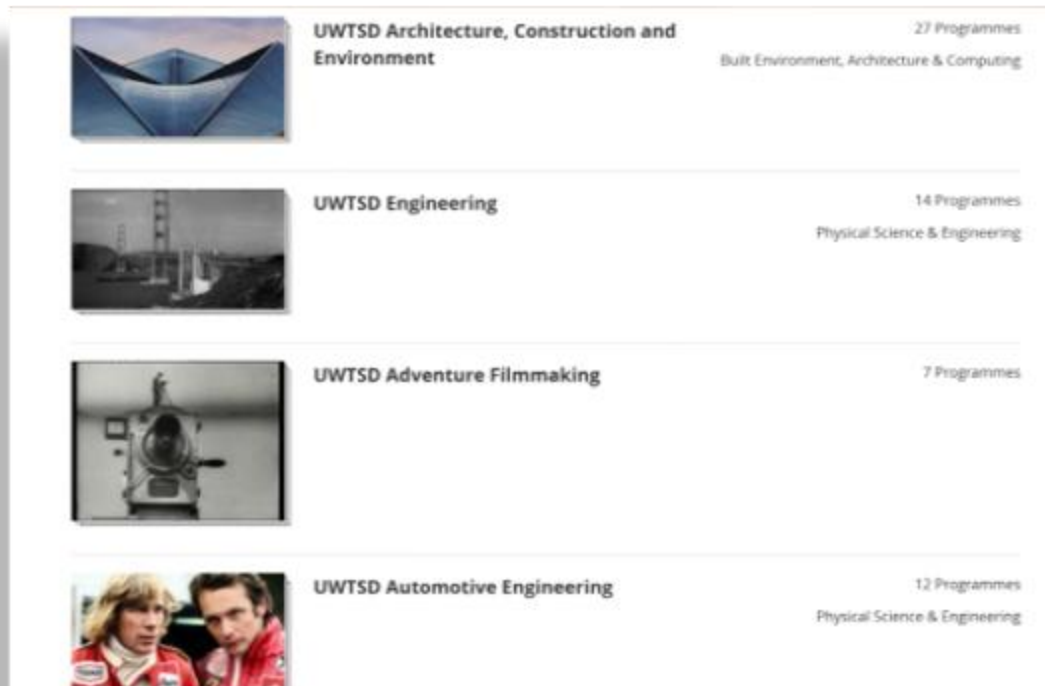
- Searchable database of digital images and associated catalogue data.
- Artstor covers many time periods and cultures, and documents the fields of architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, decorative arts, design, anthropology, ethnographic and women studies, as well as many other forms of visual culture.
- Users can search, view, download and organize images.



[Artstor](#)

Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

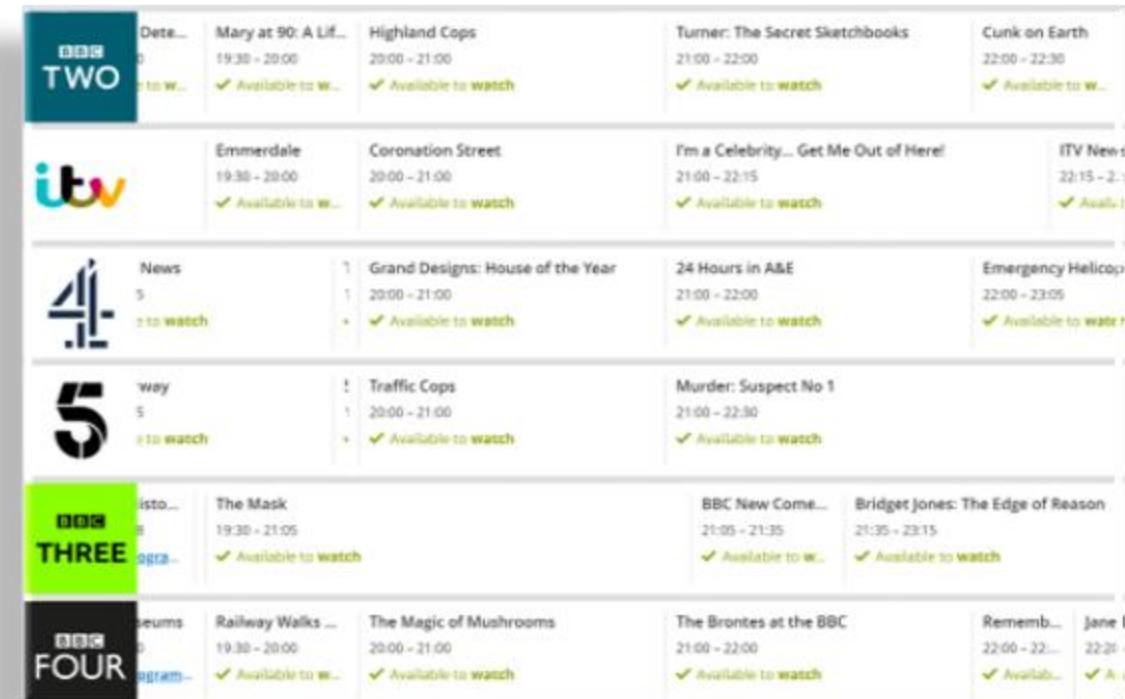
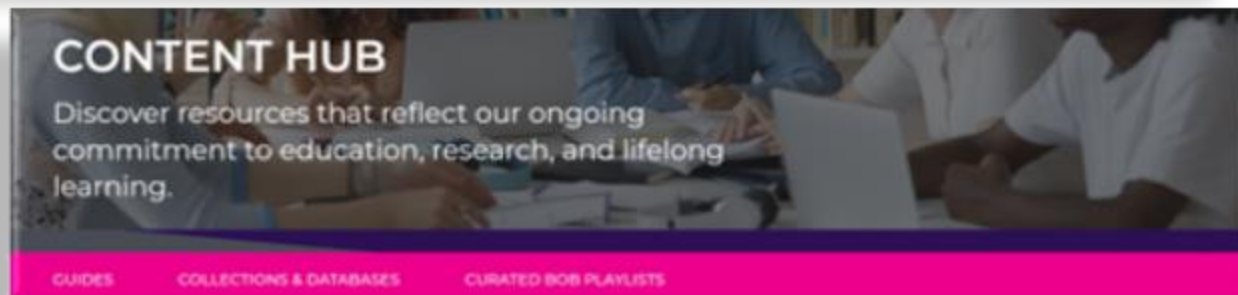
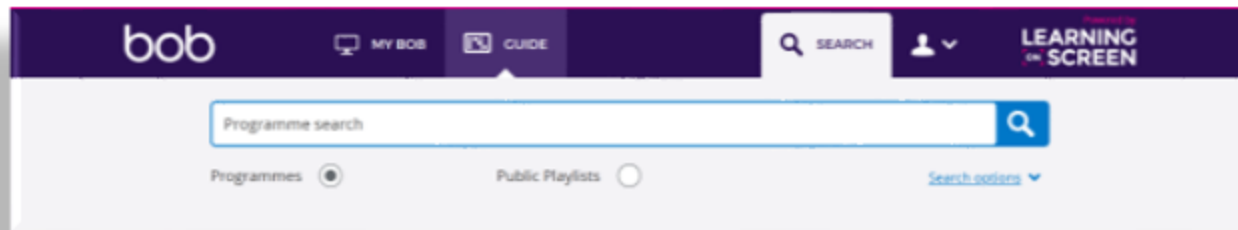
- BoB is a TV and radio service for education.
- Set up a personal account with your UWTDS details.
- Create your playlists or search for public playlists.
- Create clips with your recordings.



Box of Broadcasts

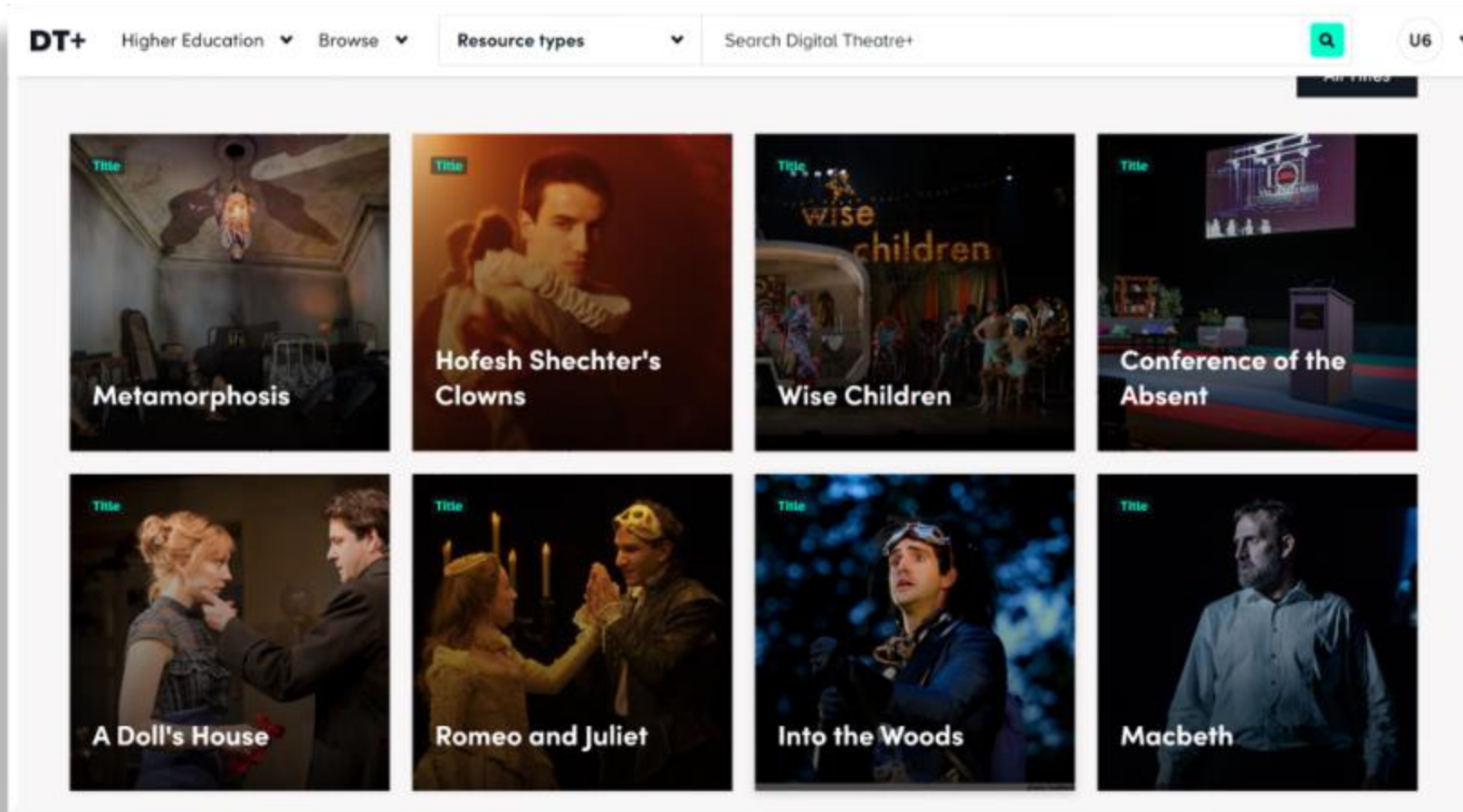
Search Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

- From the guide select a day and time of a programme you want to view.
- Search by programme or by public playlist.
- Curated Playlists to search for pre-created lists; click on the Learning on Screen logo, then Content Hub.



- [Help](#)
- [How to videos](#)
- [BoB Curated Playlists · Learning on Screen](#)

Digital Theatre Plus



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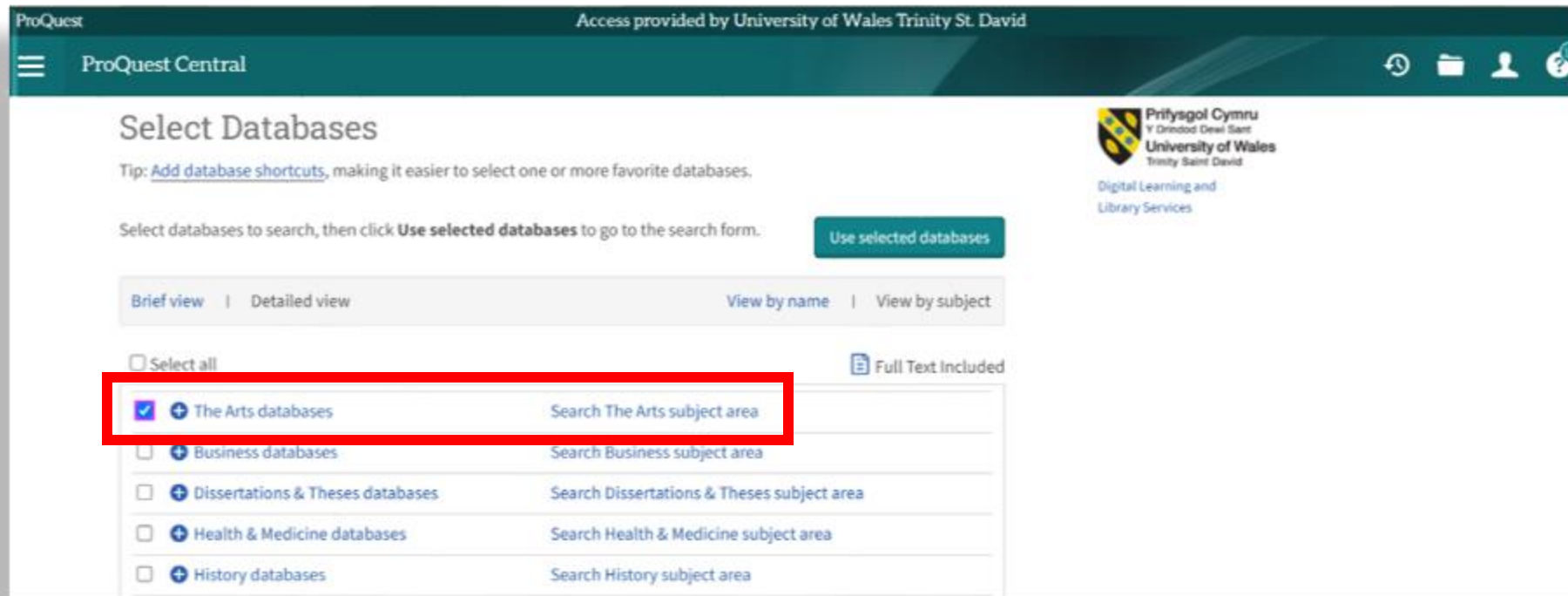
It includes behind-the-scenes documentaries as well as teaching and learning.

[Digital Theatre Plus](https://www.digitaltheatreplus.com/)

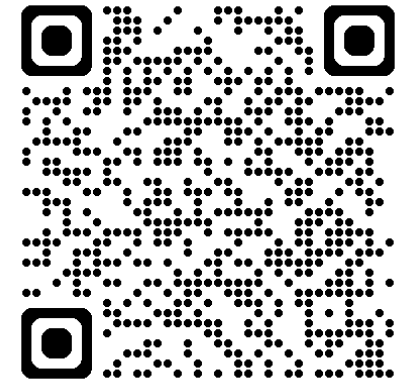


Proquest Central

ProQuest Central is the largest single periodical resource available, it contains complete databases across all major subject areas. Go to change databases and select The Arts databases to limit your searches to this area.

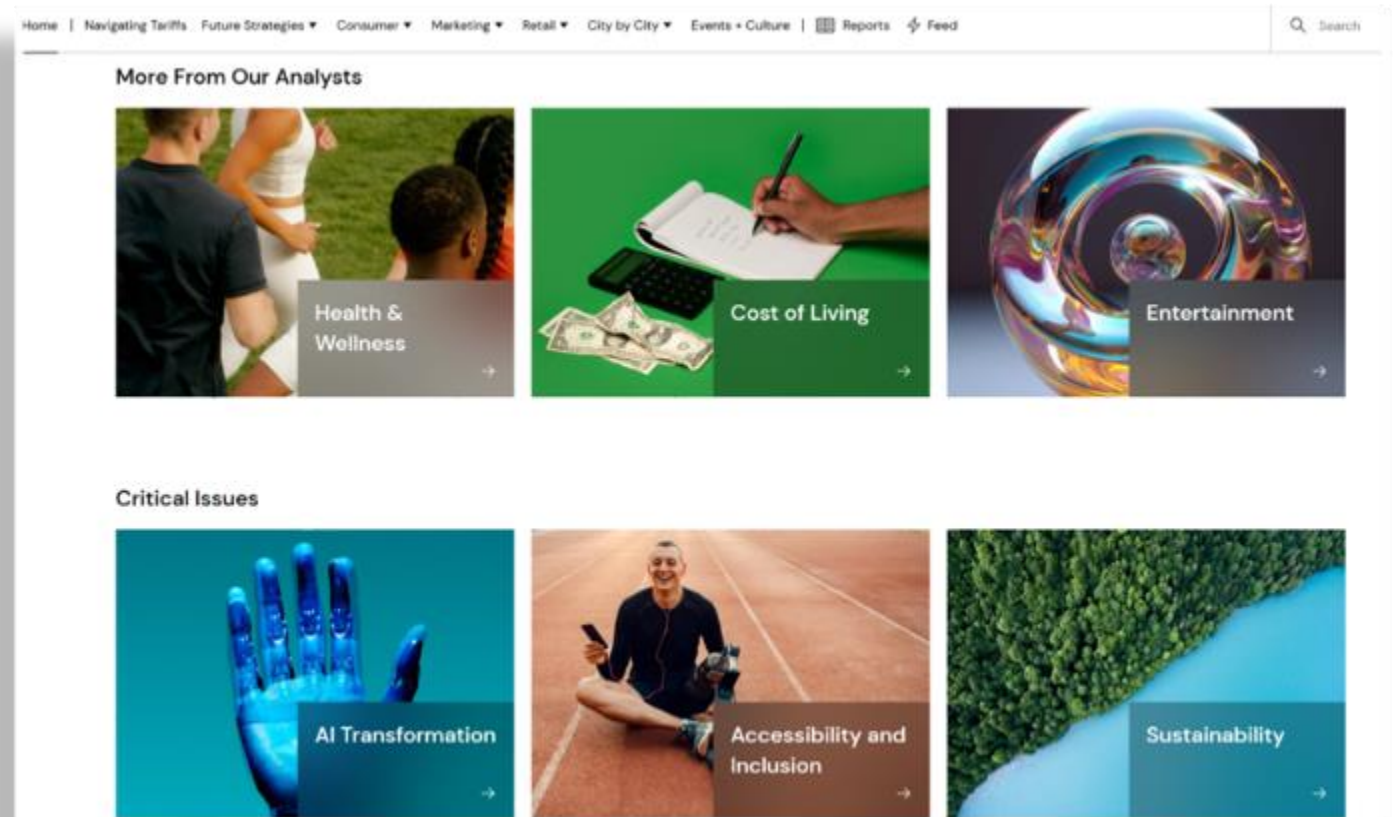


[ProQuest Central](#)



WGSN – Fashion & Interiors

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- Provides accurate forecasts, global trend insights, expertly curated data and industry expertise to help understand consumer behaviour and lifestyles.
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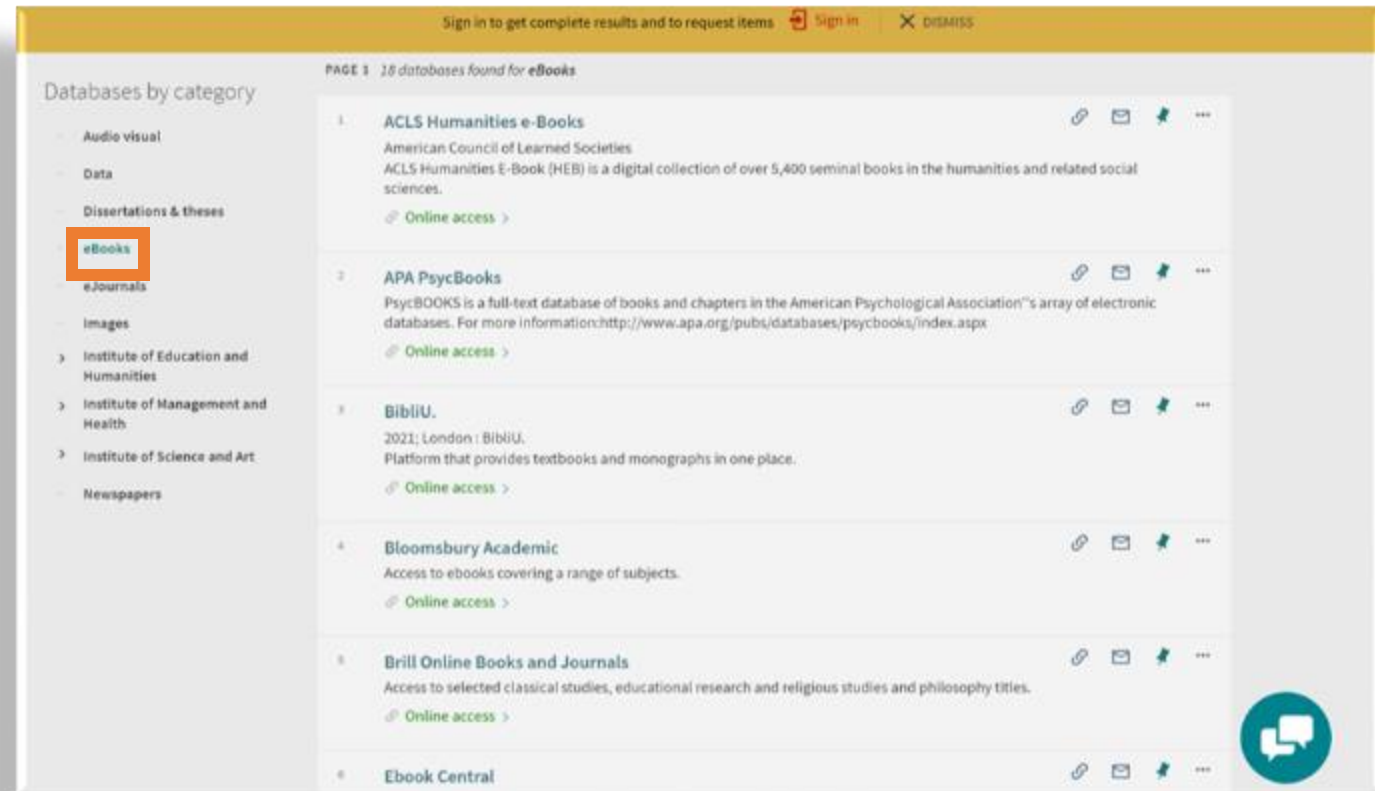
[WGSN](https://www.wgsn.com)

Ebook content

Click on the ebooks link in Database Search.

- Bloomsbury Academic.
- Taylor & Francis.
- Ebook Central.
- VLeBooks.

Make sure to limit to content you have access to.



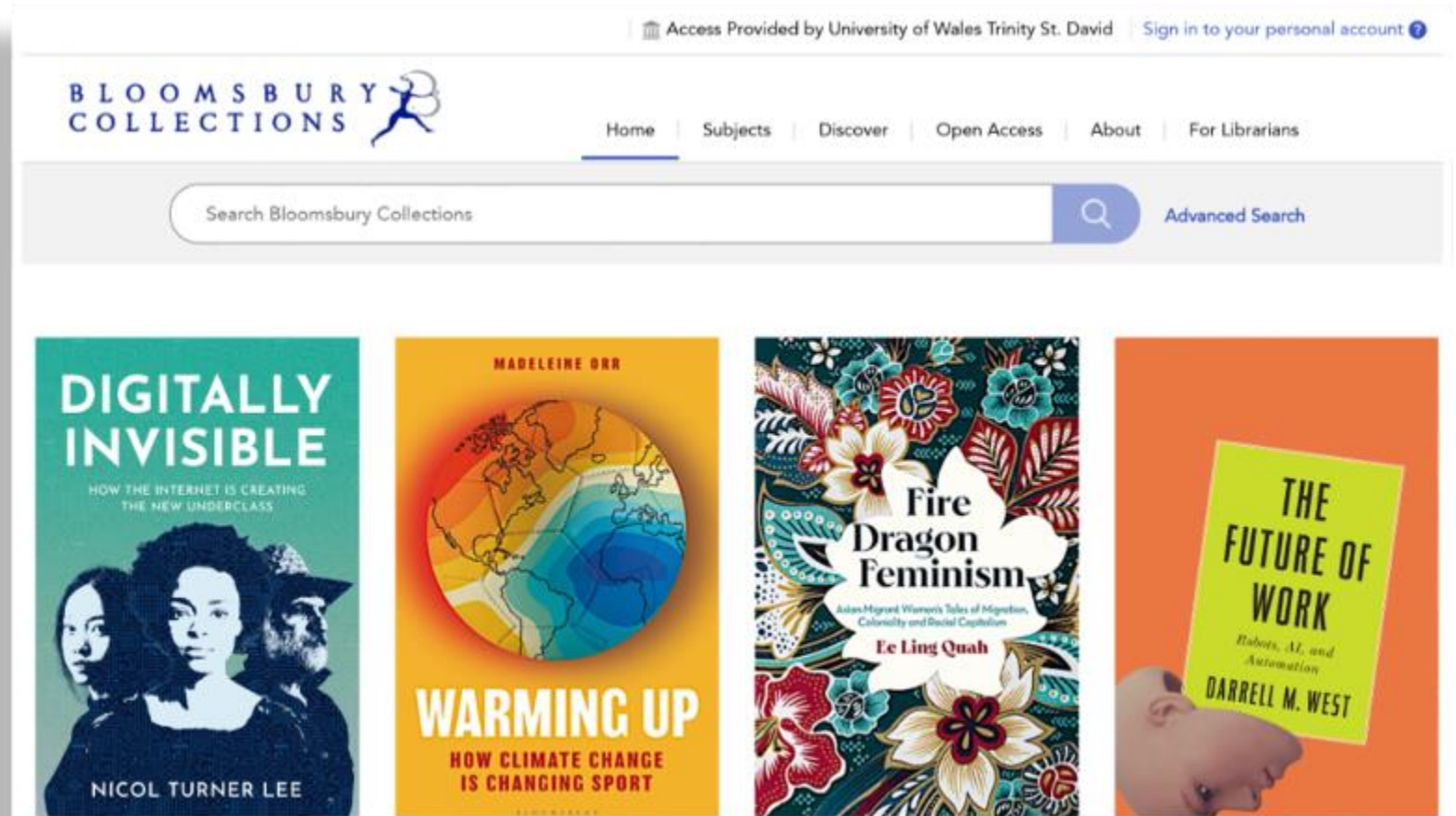
[Database Search](#)



Bloomsbury Academic

- Explore collections by Subject (346 books in the music and sound studies collection).
- Limit to content you have access to.
- Read online or download books or chapters.
- See related books.

[Bloomsbury Academic](https://www.bloomsbury.com/academic/)

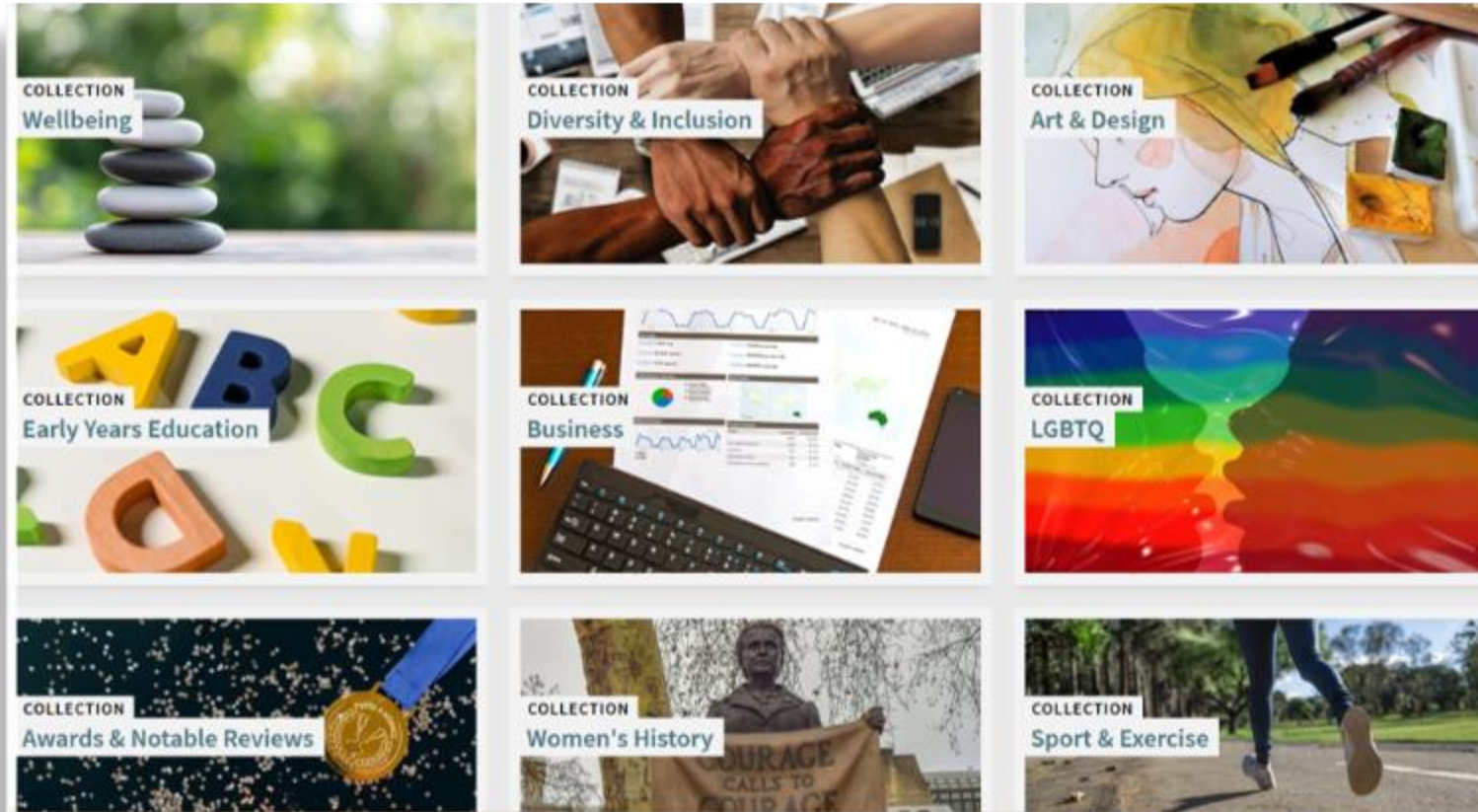


Ebook collections



Click on the ellipsis [...] at the top of the library catalogue to find the Collection Discovery link.

Here you can find some of our curated ebook collections as well as recently added books to the library.



[Collection Discovery](#)



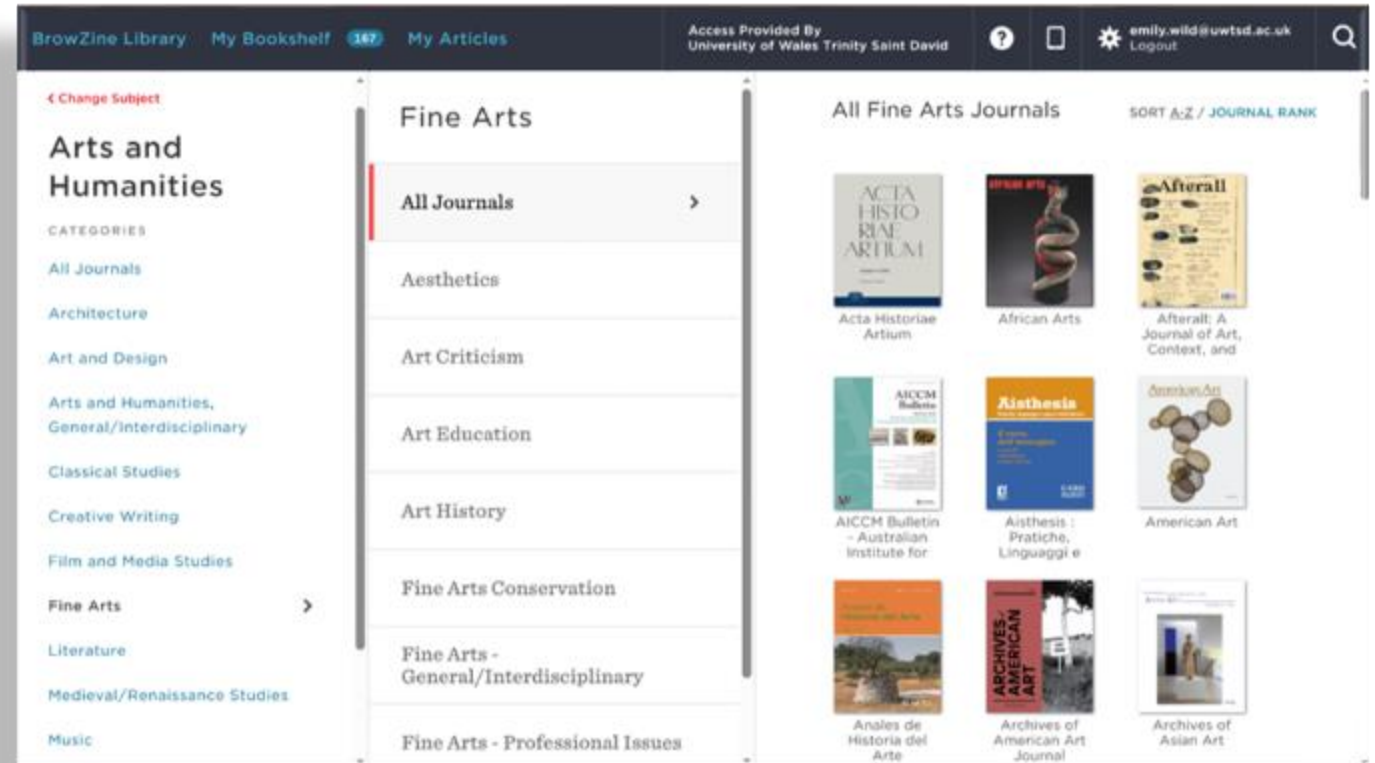
Search for journals - Browzine

Searching for Journal Articles

Keep up-to-date with the latest issues of your favourite journals.

Browse by subject or use the search box and search by title, subject or ISSN.

Use My Bookshelf and My Articles to save favourite content.



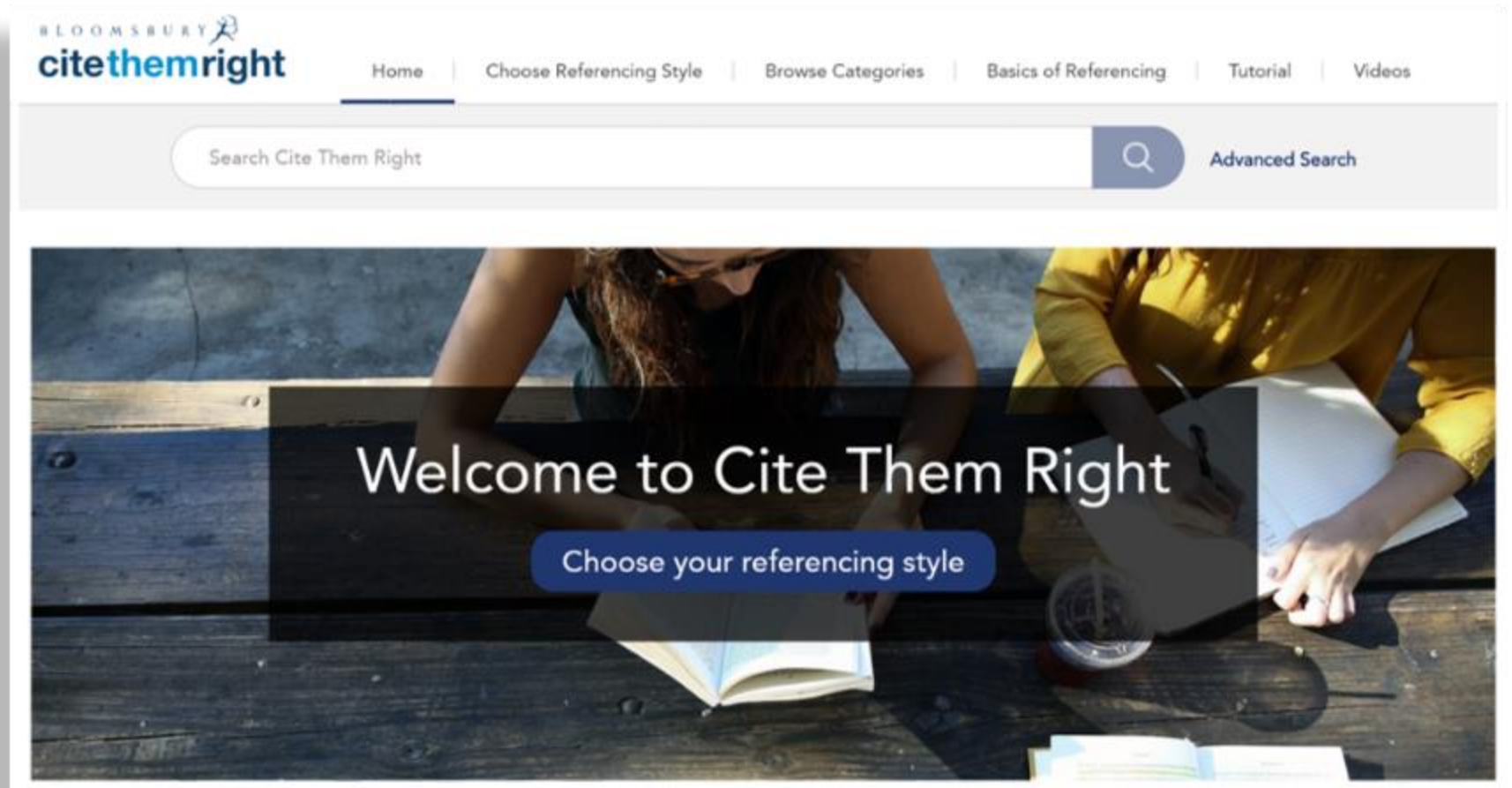
Browzine



Cite Them Right

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

[Cite them right online](#)



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

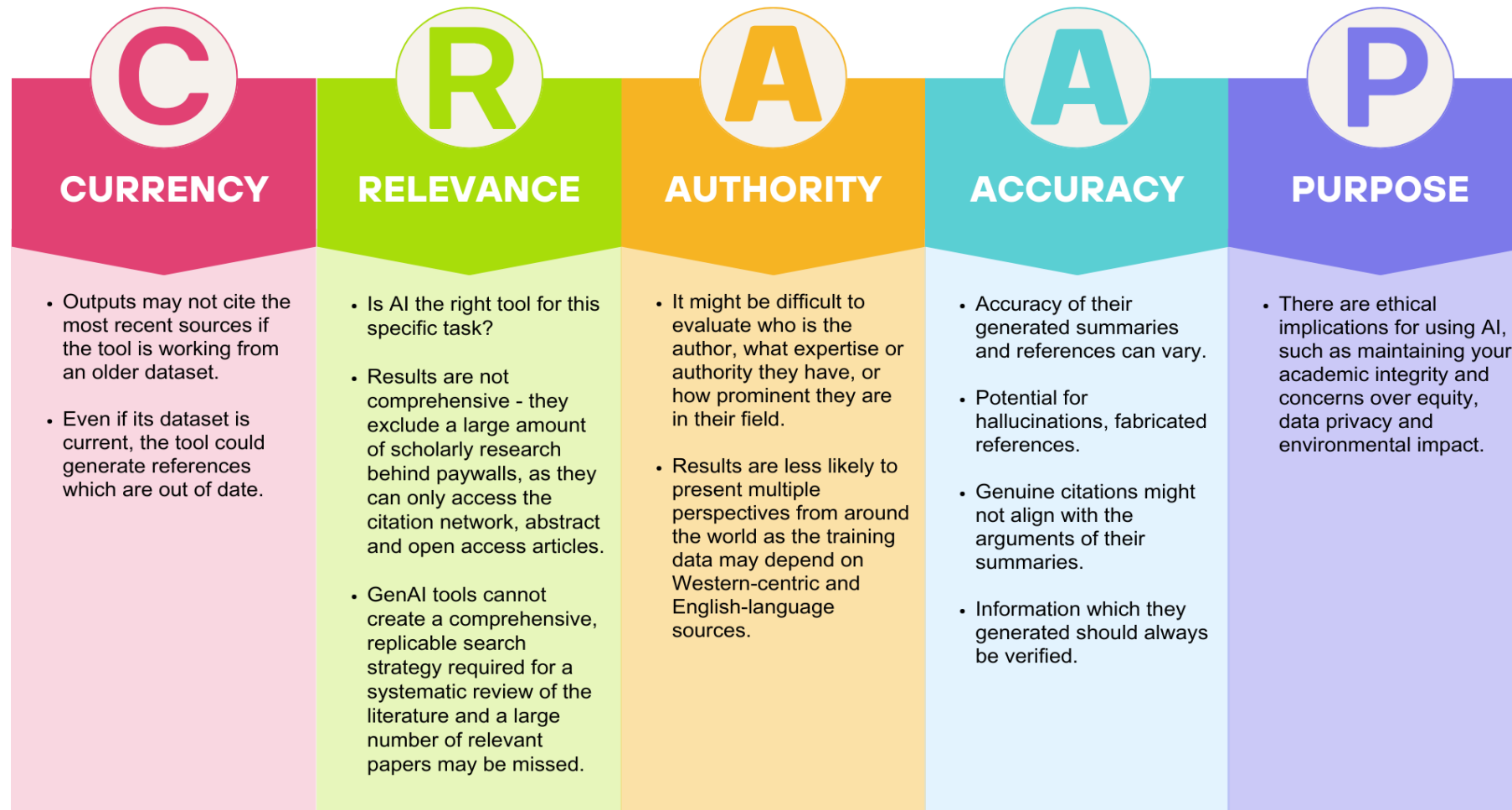
Relevant

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[ACORN](#) (article and video)

AI CRAAP Test

Generative AI



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Develop your skills

Advanced Searching

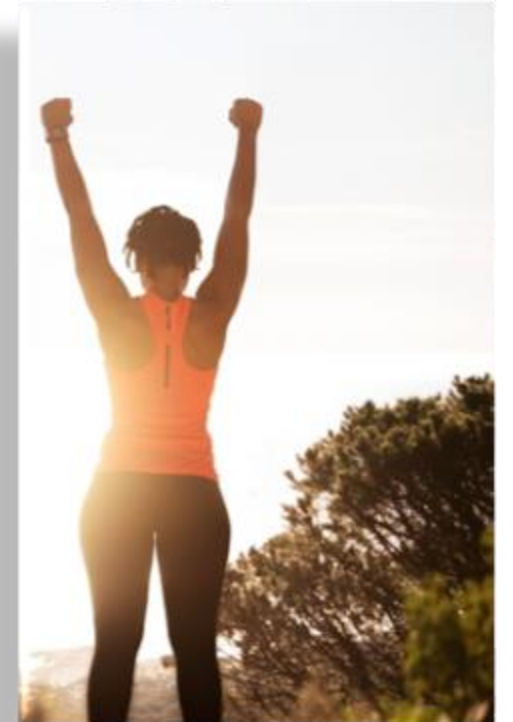
Improved familiarity = improved confidence = improved searching and results!

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.



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Library Chat:



Let us know how we did...

If you have 5 minutes, please scan the QR code and complete our short feedback form.

