

LibrarySearch – A Quick-Start Guide

LibrarySearch lets you locate the resources you need for your study and research.

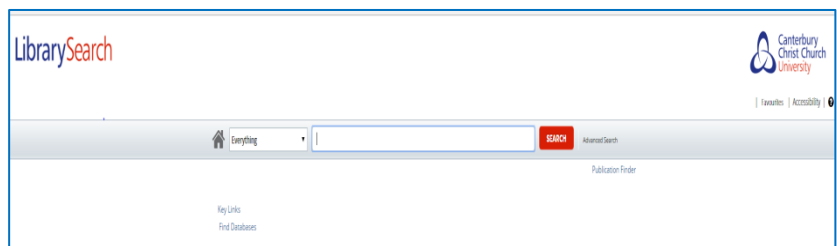
With LibrarySearch you can:

- Search the University's print and digital collections in a single search.
- See what's available at each campus.
- Go straight to digital full text content where available.
- Access your library account.

Find LibrarySearch at <http://libsearch.canterbury.ac.uk>

To find a book:

- **Step 1** - type the author's surname and one or two title key words into the search box. Example: *dickens bleak*
- **Step 2** – if you get a list that is too long, use the choices on the left hand side to select further.



1 Home screen

To find an article: Put the whole title into the search box.

To find information on a topic: Put your keywords into the search box

Use the filters on the left when you are searching for items held in the library (including individual ebook titles)

Use the filters on the right when you are searching for electronic resources, e.g. journal articles, or ebooks held in collections

2 Results page

For more in-depth literature searching:

	Task	In LibrarySearch	Example
1	Decide on your keywords	Think of other words that mean the same thing or alternative keywords. You can use the Advanced Search to find all your keywords or an exact phrase.	<i>Find items that have any of these words e.g. environmental OR green</i> <i>Find this exact phrase e.g. healthy cities</i>
2	Identify research items that are relevant	Use <i>the Advanced Search</i> to exclude any unwanted terms	<i>Don't show items that have these unwanted terms e.g. medicine</i>
3	Refine your results	Use the filters to refine your search using different criteria	e.g. peer reviewed, language, date published, etc.

Summary tips:

- Don't be too broad (you will get too many results).
- Don't be too specific (you won't find anything).
- Don't expect to find the perfect match (your research will very likely involve ranging through other people's research, that's what makes it, and you, original!).
- Don't give up! (try different search terms).

Additional information:

LibrarySearch gives you access to all of the following library holdings:

- Print and ebooks.
- Print and ejournals, and articles in ejournals.
- Theses.
- Information about DVDs, music scores etc.
- Specialist subject databases.

We recommend you always Log in to **LibrarySearch** using your University username and password to ensure you get smooth access to full text and database resources.

Who can I contact for more help?

- Check out our [subject guide pages](#)
- [Contact us](#) by email or phone