

Library Resources Guide



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Books and eBooks

Books are arranged in the libraries according to their subject area and each book is assigned a number that helps you to locate it on the shelves.

An extensive collection of eBooks is also available to view online. You can browse what is available in your subject area or look for specific titles from your module reading lists by searching **Discover** accessible from the [Library Homepage](#).

Journals

Journals, which can be published weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually, contain the latest developments, research and news in your subject area.

The majority of our journals are available online.

You can find journals on your subject area by clicking on the **Browzine** or **E-Journals A-Z** tiles on the [Electronic Library](#) page.

Locating journal articles

Electronic journal articles are found by either searching **Discover** or searching individual databases. **Discover** and other databases will take you directly to the full text or will point you to the full text in other services.

Discover allows you to search electronic resources relevant to your subject area, searching many of our databases simultaneously. You can access **Discover** via the [Electronic Library](#) where you can also find the tile for **Databases A-Z** to access individual databases for databases not searched by **Discover**.

Most databases can be accessed off-campus. Make sure you read the instructions on the Databases A-Z page for off-campus access.

If full text access is available, a direct link to the pdf or a link to the publisher/database provider is shown underneath the details of the article on the results page. Remember to read the on-screen instructions for any special requirements when off-campus.

If the item is not available, it is possible to make a request through the Inter Library Loan (ILL) service, available within **Discover** under the tab **ILL request**.

Special Collections and Archives

LJMU Special Collections and Archives hold unique and distinctive primary sources which you can use to inspire your academic work.

All access is under supervised conditions in the Special Collections & Archives Reading Room at Aldham Robarts Library (see our webpages for current opening times and access procedure). Please note that advance notice is required to view items from the archives.

Our collections fall into the below categories;

- LJMU History – covering the history of LJMU's founding colleges - The Art School Archive, Byrom Street Archive, FL Calder Archive and IM Marsh College Archive
- Arts, Photography and Fashion – a wide ranging and inspiring visual archive collection covering 19th century fashion, contemporary arts festivals, photography and a collection of 20th century magazines for women and girls.
- Liverpool Theatre and Writing – a number of collections relating to theatre and writing, including the archive of the Everyman Theatre and the extensive personal archive of celebrated Liverpool playwright Willy Russell
- Popular Music and Counter Culture – includes a number of high profile and popular collections covering punk, The Beatles, Eric's Club, Situationism, and 1960s and 1970s counter culture. Material included ranges from NME to fanzines, photographs to gig flyers and everything in between.
- Special Collections - from 19th century periodicals to the Stafford Beer archive, special collections are predominantly books and published material and are often available to browse.

Further information about the collections can be found on our web pages

(<http://www.ljmu.ac.uk/library/archives>) and online catalogue

(<https://archives.ljmu.ac.uk/>), on our blog (<https://ljmuarchives.wordpress.com/>), and

via our twitter feed ([@LJMU_SCA](https://twitter.com/LJMU_SCA)), or for more information contact

archives@ljmu.ac.uk.

Statistics

Statistics fall into two categories 'official' and 'unofficial' statistics. Official statistics are those collected and published by central government departments or by the Office for National Statistics. Unofficial statistics are those produced by organisations such as trade associations, professional and academic institutions and private research companies.

The United Kingdom official statistics appear on the [UK National Statistics](#) website produced by the Office of National Statistics (ONS).

LJMU also has access to the database **Statista** found on the Database A-Z page accessible from the [Electronic Library](#) .

Television/radio recordings

Television and radio recordings can be accessed by students and staff using **Box of Broadcasts (BoB for short)** accessible from the **Databases A-Z** link on the [Electronic Library](#) page. Recordings made by all institutions which subscribe to BoB, together with all BBC TV and radio programmes from June 2007 to date are available from BoB.

Newspapers

An extensive selection of recent issues of British and international titles is available through the database **PressReader**. A large selection of British newspapers is available in the **News** tab of the database **Lexis Library**. **Factiva** is a global news information service providing online access to over 1,700 newspapers from around the world. In addition, we have access to individual archives for tabloid newspapers such as the Daily Mail, Daily Mirror and Daily Star as well as for heavyweight broadsheets such as the Telegraph, the Guardian and the Times.

A link to these services and others is available from the **Databases A-Z** link on the [Electronic Library](#) page. Look for the subject **News and Media** on the left menu to explore more.

Theses or Dissertations

Aldham Robarts Library houses a collection of research degree theses (PhD and MPhil) produced at Liverpool John Moores University. They are kept in Special Collections.

Theses produced by other colleges and universities are indexed in the database **Proquest Dissertations & Theses Global**, a comprehensive listing of theses with abstracts. It is available via the **Databases A-Z** link on the [Electronic Library](#) page.

The LJMU [E-Theses Collection](#) holds the full text of all LJMU PhD and MPhil theses submitted from September 2013 onwards.

An increasing number of UK doctoral theses are available to download free of charge from the British Library Electronic Theses Online Service, [EThOS](#).

Please be aware that you may have to pay a fee if a thesis that you request has not been digitised already. You must register as a user before you may request and download a thesis. Occasionally it may not be possible to obtain a thesis via EThOS. If this is the case you may request it via Inter Library Loan (ILL) service, available within **Discover** under the tab **ILL request**.

Web/Google

There is a wealth of information freely available on the web. However availability of information on the Internet is no guarantee of its quality.

As well as Google, you can also search Google Scholar, which is a better option when searching for articles for your assignment. Google Scholar will also link to many of the electronic resources LJMU pays for. To make the most of Google Scholar:

- Go to [Google Scholar](#)
- Click on the menu icon (top left) then on **Settings**
- Click on **Library Links** and enter in the search box **Liverpool**
- Tick the boxes next to **Liverpool John Moores University**
- Click **Save**

When you search Google Scholar, if LJMU has access to the resource, clicking on the links **Online via LJMU** or **ViewIt@LJMU** will lead you to the full-text of the article.

Searching the Databases

Online tutorials and guides on how to design your search, how to search **Discover** and other databases, how to reference, are available for you to work through at your own pace on the [Library Services](#) web pages (click on the **Skills@LJMU** tile).

Keeping up to date

Current Awareness Services or alerting services help you to keep up to date with the latest articles published in your field by notifying you whenever new information becomes available. Most databases offer the service, you can usually receive automatic updates on your searches either by email or RSS feed.

[ZETOC](#) provides access to the British Library's Electronic Table of Contents of current journals and conference proceedings which dates from 1993 and is updated daily. It is available via the **Databases A-Z** link on the [Electronic Library](#) page.

Getting help

Please do ask for help! [Academic Liaison Librarians](#) are on hand to provide assistance in each of the libraries.

Or complete the [Online Enquiry Form](#)