

Module 2.6 Where to Start Searching

Once you have developed a research question, you should begin the process of finding library resources. The library resources can be tricky to navigate so let's have a look at the library website.

On the library homepage, the main search box is "Search the Library". It searches the NEOS Libraries Catalogue, so you are finding books, ebooks, database titles, journal and eJournal titles, musical scores and recordings, films, and more. The Search Tips button explains what kind and type of information can be found using the different searches tabs on the library homepage.

If you are looking to use articles for your research, how can you determine which ones are best for your research needs? There will be overlap of content between databases but there will also be unique content. There is no one database that will cover all subjects, therefore, it is important to never limit your search to only one database as you could be missing a very important resource for your research.

To assist you in determining the best databases for your research you can look on the libraries homepage and click the "Subjects Guides" tab, or scroll down the page to reach the subject guides section. In this section, you can select the subject guide or databases that seem most appropriate for your research. For example, if you were looking for information on an education topic you would go to the databases link under Education.

If you select the Guides tab, the subject is broken down into specific topics. Most guides provide database suggestion, recommended books, suggested keywords and searches, and other helpful tips or resources.

If you are looking to find articles, select the Database tab. There you will find recommended databases, along with other related databases. Hovering over the database name provides more information about the scope covered by that particular database.

If you find that you have questions as you work on your research, please do not hesitate to contact your subject librarian.