Finding information using library resources

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Learning outcomes

After this session you should...

1. Be more familiar with library services.
2. Have a deeper understanding of the wide variety of information sources available.
3. Know how to find quality information for assignments.
4. Recognise contacts who can help you in the library.
Books

A written or printed work of fiction or fact (may be electronic).

Good for –
Clear overview of a topic

Not so good for –
Up to date information
Visit UL Library on YouTube for a video tutorial on how to find books in the library and other scholarly material online.
Finding a book

• Search for the book in library catalogue

• Take note of the call number:

A call number is read from left to right.

Each subject-area is assigned a number (so the number reflects the content of the item), and books are shelved sequentially.

Numbers following a decimal point reflect a particular topic in that subject.

Then letters indicate the author-surname.
Finding a book
# Borrowing

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**Short loan borrowing times**

**At what time can I borrow 3 hour loan material so that I can have it overnight?**

- Loans
  You can borrow 3 hour short loan material from 18:00 Monday - Thursday and keep it overnight.
- Returns
  The overnight 3 hour short loan material must be returned by 11:00 the following morning in order to avoid fines.
A regular publication containing **articles** on a particular academic subject. Usually presents new research and developments in a field of study.

**Good for –**
Latest research.
Reliable because they are critically reviewed by experts before publication.

**Not so good for –**
Broad overview of a subject.
A database is an organized collection of data, generally stored and accessed electronically from a computer system.

Good for –
• Accessing articles and other types of information (reviews, abstracts, images, etc.).
• Combining and refining search-terms (keywords) to find specialist information.

Not so good for –
• Can be tricky to get used to.
https://www.ul.ie/library/
Newspaper

A regular publication containing current events, informative articles, diverse features and advertising.

Good for –
• Daily information.
• Wide variety of information.

Not so good for –
• Balance
• Well-researched information.
Register for classes using the calendar.
Classes updated weekly.

Email me jesse.waters@ul.ie to organise an individual consultation.
To support your learning, we have created a series of interactive online tutorials. These tutorials can be done in your own time and at your own pace.

- **Finding & using information** – learn how to search for and evaluate information.
- **Smart searching** – learn how to put together a search strategy for your assignment.
- **Citing & referencing** – learn about the importance of academic integrity and how to cite and reference sources.
- **Endnote Online** – video-tutorial on how to set-up and use Endnote Online.
- **Systematic searching** – learn how to undertake a search and review of research literature.
Quick online tools to assist you with references (be aware they’re not always perfect)

Want to get started with Endnote Online? Watch the library’s YouTube tutorial to register and start your own library

Title: EndNote Online Tutorial - Glucksman Library, University of Limerick

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtnwblU5PpQ
Who can help?

- Peer Advisors (Sorry - Not here at the moment)
- Information Desk
- Library Attendant (walking around with trollies)
- First Year Librarian
- Faculty Librarians