Similarly for a book you look up in DiscoverEd and see should be available from the results you get there, click on the title/on the result and open up the full record from DiscoverEd to see where we have it or which, if it’s a physical copy, a print copy, what library it is in. It it's an online book, where we have it and where you can read it from.

Similarly to the journals, perhaps, you want to just double check some extra information that is there on the record.

So for this screenshot of “How to get a PhD: a handbook for students and their supervisors”, the holdings information tells you that we have this online and we have it through something called “EBSCOHost Ebooks”. The other information that is in that little section there which is useful is that has “Unlimited concurrent users” which means there is no limit on the number of people which can read that book online at any one time.

That sort of information, sometimes it is “3 simultaneous users” perhaps or there’s a limit on the number of people who can read an online book at any one time: knowing that before you go, is useful and that sort of information is often in the full record of a DiscoverEd entry for a particular online book that we have.

This particular book is also available in print, and the bottom of the screenshot shows you which libraries it is kept in. So, Moray House (which is the Education) Library has a copy and the Main Library in George Square has a copy as well.

The circle around the information in the Main Library entry indicates that it is useful to check that as well before going to the library [mentions Click and Collect service which ceased 11th Sep20] to borrow it because it shows we have bought one copy which has been made available in the Main Library but that also that that particular copy is not available at the moment.

“1 copy” means that's the number of copies bought,

“0 available” means that copy is on loan or is otherwise unavailable to borrow.

“0 requests” indicates no-one has requested it to be brought back early which is an option not available at the moment, but which will hopefully be available in the future. It is a way of shortening the loan period for a book that somebody else has but which you like to read yourself.

So the sorts of information that you would check on the full record of a DiscoverEd entry for a journal title that you wanted to read an article from, there is similar information for the books.

If it the book is available online, it's about where to go, which site to go to and also perhaps about any restrictions on the use of that book when you get there.

For any print copies, you would look at the full record to check what building, which library collection it is held in, how many copies could be on the shelf, how many are available and if anyone’s requested them or not.

The other information on this slide is to indicate that if you Sign In to DiscoverEd, so if you sign in, put in your University Login details [describes Click and Collect service which ceased 11th Sept20] helps with the number of results you get, especially if you are off campus, it broadens the search out. Not so much for book and journal titles but for article level information which is also kept in DiscoverEd. Another advantage is that you see the loan period as it is defined for you.

It is also where you would go to see what books you have out and to renew them. The requesting that we talked about just a few minutes ago, so if a book is out and you wanted to borrow it, you would need to sign in to be able to do that when that service is available.
You would also need to sign in if you want to make and intrA-library loan request. So if there is something kept in the University Collections Facility for example, and you would like it to be made available to you, to be transferred to a central site, then for that service you would also have to sign in to DiscoverEd before being able to use it. But again, those last two options there are not in operation at the moment [1st Sep20].

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