Library Bitesize:

Ten Top Tips for finding academic literature

Academic Support Librarians

www.ed.ac.uk/is/subject-guides

These slides:

http://www.docs.is.ed.ac.uk/docs/Libraries/PDF/TenTopTipsFindingAcademicLiterature.pdf

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Learning outcomes and objectives

By the end of this session, you will be able to refer back to tips on:

- Finding relevant academic literature.
- Getting hold of material the library does not have.
- Getting more help.

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Expand results beyond Library Collections

Records for articles etc you may not be able to read from the library immediately.
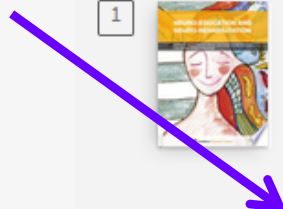
"Expand results beyond Library Collections"

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Phrase marks

"neuro-rehabilitation" OR neurorehabilitation ✕ 🔍 ADVANCED SEARCH
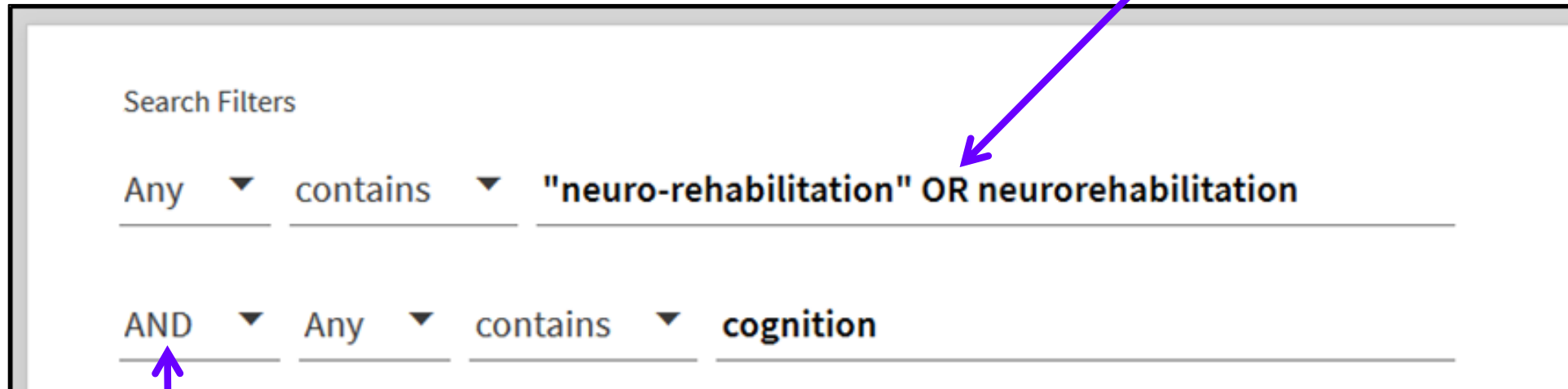
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AND / OR

Search Filters

Any ▼ contains ▼ **"neuro-rehabilitation" OR neurorehabilitation**

AND ▼ Any ▼ contains ▼ **cognition**

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Truncation symbol

Search Filters

Any ▼ | contains ▼ | **"neuro-rehabilitation" OR neurorehabilitation**

AND ▼ | Any ▼ | contains ▼ | **cognition**

AND ▼ | Any ▼ | contains ▼ | **"young adult*"**

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Add findit@Edinburgh to Google Scholar

Measuring social **cognition** in **adolescents**: Implications for students with TBI returning to school

FindIt@Edinburgh

LS Turkstra, WH Williams, J Tonks… - …, 2008 - content.iospress.com

… identifying appropriate measures of social **cognition** in **adolescents** with TBI, we present preliminary data using three tests commonly used for children and **adolescents**: the Strange Sto…

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e.g., *Harvard*

☑ Open WorldCat - Library Search
☐ Edinburgh Napier University - ViewIt@EdinburghNapier
☐ Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh Learning Resource Centre - eresources @ QMU
☑ University of Edinburgh - FindIt@Edinburgh

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Abstracting & Indexing databases

Include material not found in DiscoverEd or Google Scholar.

Contain details of millions of articles from 1000s of publications.
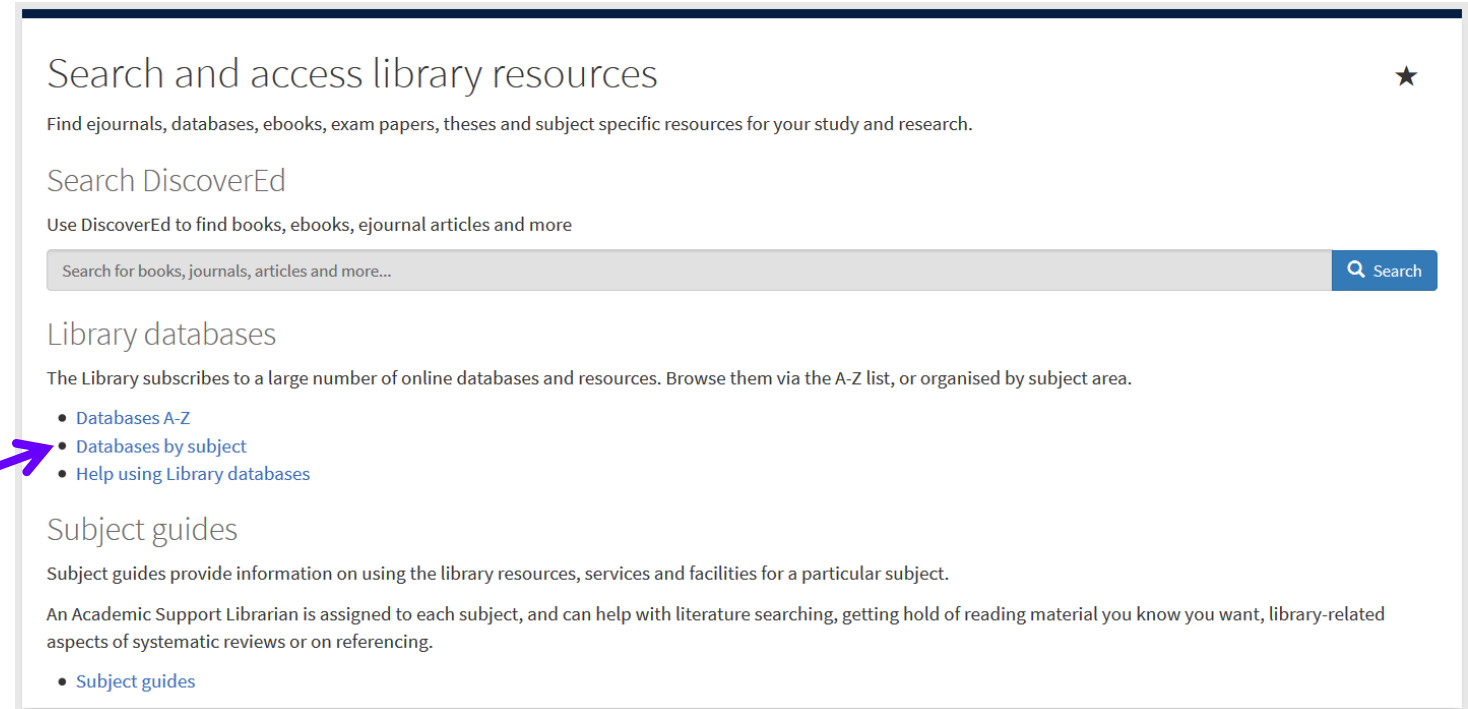
MyEd > Studies >
Library column

- Conference proceedings, journal articles, book chapters, reports and standards.

Subject specific databases.

Databases by subject

www.ed.ac.uk/is/databases-subjects

Search and access library resources

Find ejournals, databases, ebooks, exam papers, theses and subject specific resources for your study and research.

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Library databases

The Library subscribes to a large number of online databases and resources. Browse them via the A-Z list, or organised by subject area.

- Databases A-Z
- Databases by subject
- Help using Library databases

Subject guides

Subject guides provide information on using the library resources, services and facilities for a particular subject.

An Academic Support Librarian is assigned to each subject, and can help with literature searching, getting hold of reading material you know you want, library-related aspects of systematic reviews or on referencing.

- Subject guides

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Search History function

Investigate the differences changes to search terms and their combinations make.

You do not have to "get right" AND "boolean operator*" AND (clauses OR "synonym* set*") – in one go.

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Concepts and Search terms

(truncation opportunity)

What prevents some people from getting vaccinated?		
general public	**vaccinated**	**prevents**
adult(s)	vaccinat(ions)	prevent(s)
	immunis(ation) immuniz(ation)	barrier(s) / complian(ce)
parent(s) mother(s) father(s)		attitude(s) / behav(iour)
	MMR / covid19	

Synonyms

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Useful alternatives:

Useful alternatives

UK / North American English

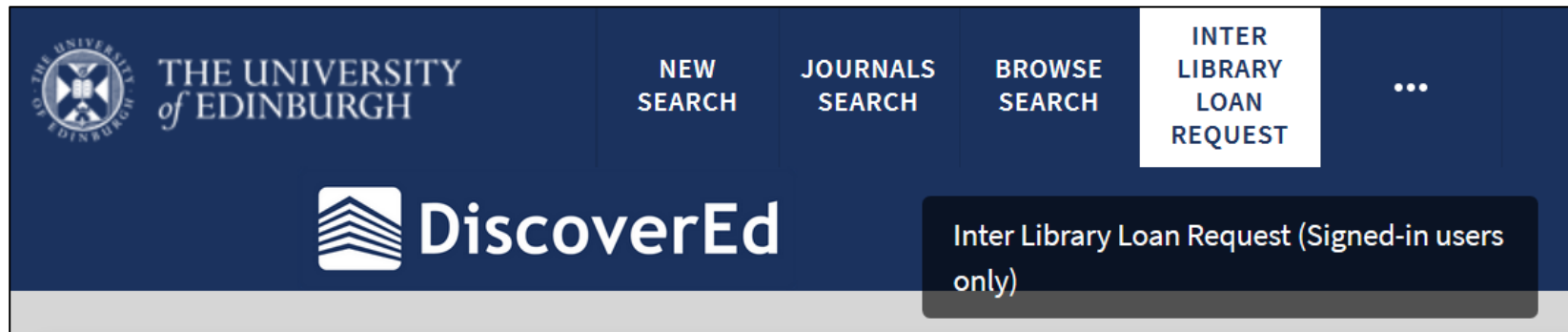- Named programme/problem/vaccine.
- Specific population being vaccinated, *eg* children for whom the attitude of the parents is what determines uptake?

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Inter-Library Loan (I.L.L.) for what we do not have

30 free per year – postgraduates.
  5 free per year – undergraduates.

- then £5 per request received
- 2 renewals which are done via Helpdesk or I.L.L. staff.

www.ed.ac.uk/is/inter-library

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Journal check

DiscoverEd

transactions of the royal society of edinburgh ✕ 🔍

Journals ▼   with my exact phrase ▼   in the title ▼

Full-text links not working?

Double check you cannot get what you need from the library.

The Library may have bought what you want from somewhere standard search engines cannot tell you about

10% extra free – Referencing
www.ed.ac.uk/is/subject-guides-referencing

Choosing a reference manager.

- www.ed.ac.uk/is/skills/ref-man
- Bibliographic management tools - comparison table (pdf)

Direct import of records from databases.
Group records and attach files to them.
Cite while you write in Word.
Export chosen references in BibTeX format.

Clarivate™
EndNote™

EndNote desktop for free
(not Schools of Informatics,
Maths or Physics)

Cite Them Right Online

Principles around referencing
How to cite specific material types in a range of bibliographic styles
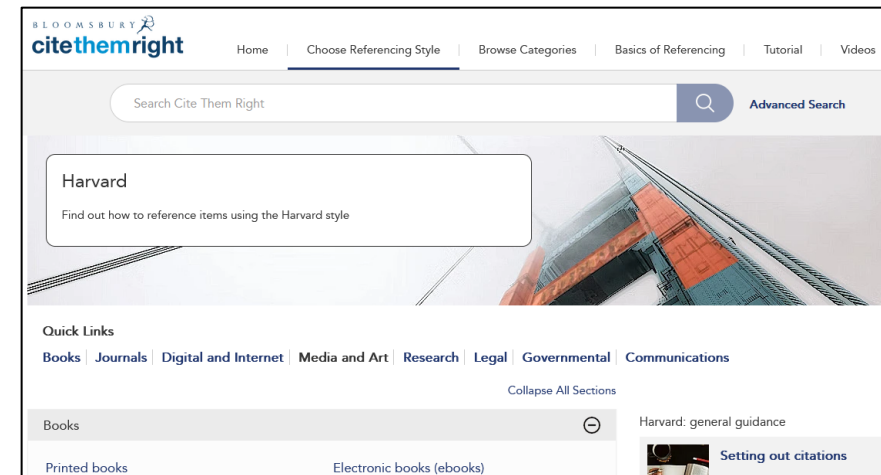
Help

Literature Search Clinics or *Library consultations* – one to one sessions.

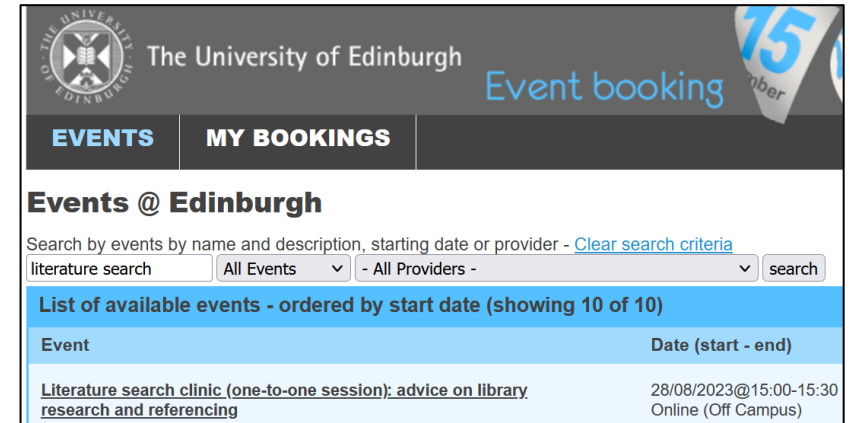Library Subject Guides include contact details for your Academic Support Librarian.

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The Little Book of Literature Searching - Summary of what we have covered plus a little more

LibSmart - information literacy course on Learn

LibSmart I : Foundation skills for online resources and creating search strategies.

LibSmart II : Subject specific modules, *eg* Business Information, Data for Dissertations, Systematic Reviews & more

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