Introduction to the library

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Learning outcomes

1. Become 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
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**.
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.
• Accounting and Finance
• Architecture
• Brexit
• Chemistry & Environmental Science
• Cite It Right: Guide to Harvard Referencing Style
• Civil Engineering & Material Science
• Collection Development & Management Policies
• Computer Science and Information Systems CSIS
• Design and Manufacturing Technology
• Digital Foundations
• E-books
• Economics
• Electronic and Computer Engineering (ECE)
• European Documentation Centre
• Finding and Using Information
• First Year Experience
• Guide to Copyright
• History
• Law
• Life Sciences
• Management & Marketing
• Mathematics & Statistics
• Mechanical, Aeronautical and Biomedical Engineering MABE
• Medicine
• Modern Languages and Applied Linguistics
• Newspapers
• Nursing and Midwifery
• Physical Education and Sports Sciences
• Physics & Energy
• Politics and Public Administration
• Psychology
• Referencing & EndNote
• Research Services
• School of Allied Health
• School of Education
• Scoil na Gaeilge, an Bhéarla, agus na Cumarsáide | School of English, Irish, and Communication
• Searching Systematically For Your Research
• Sociology
• Special Collections & Archives
• Systematic Reviews
• Work & Employment Studies
• World Academy of Music and Dance
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
- Information Desk
- Library Attendant (walking around with trollies)
- First Year Librarian
- Faculty Librarians