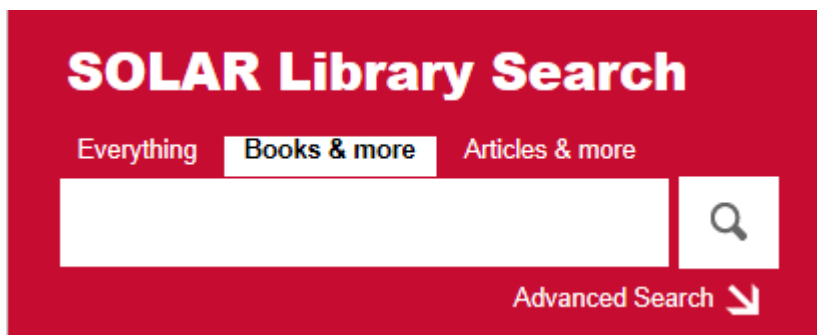


### Languages Information Sources

The Library provides access to a wide range of resources including books, DVDs, journals, databases, theses, and newspapers. This guide will help you to find and locate relevant resources for your subject area.

#### Finding resources

All library resources, both in print and electronic format, are accessible via SOLAR. It can be accessed through the **SOLAR Library Search** link under the **Library & Learning Support** tab on the **Student Channel** at: <http://students.salford.ac.uk>



Information on how to use SOLAR is available in the guide **SOLAR: Searching Our Library's Academic Resources** under the General tab at <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/user-guides>

#### Easy Readers and Audio Visual Collection

The Library has a number of Easy Reader and Graded Reader books which are small versions of popular fiction. The English Easy Readers are shelved at **428.64**.

There are also language CDs and DVDs available in the Audio Visual collection on the second floor of Clifford Whitworth library (in the Lady Hale extension) and in the Language Resource Centre (LRC). They are kept in number order, just the same as the books. Some of the most useful language material will have the numbers **420 to 428**.

#### Using Databases

The Library subscribes to a number of electronic databases that are quick and easy to search. Some of these databases provide full text journal articles which you can print or download. Other databases provide bibliographic information only, but this is enough to help you find the full article in the library or to order it via Document Delivery. To access the databases within **SOLAR**:

- Select the **Sign in** tab in the top right of the **SOLAR** screen and you will be prompted to enter your network username and password.
- Click on the **Databases** heading (top right of screen).

The screenshot shows a web page titled "Databases" with the following elements:

- Search by title to go directly to the database:** A callout box pointing to a text input field labeled "Search for a Database".
- You can choose a subject or type from the list. The relevant subject databases will then be listed:** A callout box pointing to a dropdown menu with options: Accounting, Acoustics, Advertising, and Aeronautical Engineering.
- If you know the name of the database you can search using the A-Z lists:** A callout box pointing to a horizontal list of letters from A to Z.

Other visible text on the page includes: "Struggling to find material which is more specific to your own subject? The library subscribes to a large number of subject databases which limit searches to quality academic resources in your area." and a "Submit" button.

A list of Subject Databases relevant to your chosen subject will be displayed. There are help pages on most databases that you can access for more information. You can also ask at the Student Support Desk in the library for help.

Useful databases in this subject area include:

- **Academic Search Premier** - A full text scholarly database with full text for 1800 publications as well as images, for nearly every academic field of study.
- **Applied Social Sciences Index and Abstracts (ASSIA)** - This database abstracts and indexes over 500 journals and periodicals, from more than 16 countries.
- **British Education Index** – Provides information on research, policy and practice in education and training in the UK.
- **British Humanities Index (BHI)** – An international abstracting and indexing tool for research in the humanities. Covers humanities journals and weekly magazines, as well as newspapers.
- **JSTOR** – A database which covers Languages and Social Sciences; full text is from volume one onwards, although the most recent volumes are not covered.
- **Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts** – A key database which covers international literature in linguistics and related disciplines in language science, including phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax and semantics.
- **MLA International Bibliography** – A key database which covers literature, language and worldwide linguistics, literary theory, criticism and dramatic arts.
- **ScienceDirect** – Provides access to over 3000 peer-reviewed journals in a wide range of subject areas, most of which have full text articles from volume one onwards.
- **Translation Studies Abstracts & Bibliography of Translation Studies** – A database which covers all aspects of research within the fields of translation studies and cross-cultural communication.
- **Web of Science** – A huge database of reference journal articles. Sources available include the Arts and Humanities Citation Index and Social Sciences Citation Index. Some links to full text.

## Box of Broadcasts

- **Box of Broadcasts**, frequently known as BoB, is a useful resource for playing back and requesting off-air video and audio recordings. It is provided by the British Universities Film & Video Council (BUFVC) and can be used to record, store and create clips from television and radio broadcasts. BoB is a streaming service **available to you personally for academic purposes** during your time at the University of Salford. BoB can also be accessed through the **Databases** tab in SOLAR.

## Newspapers

- **Nexis Business and News**. This is a web based service containing full text coverage of major British and American national newspapers as well as many local and regional newspapers from both countries. It also contains an extensive collection of other international news sources, including major European newspapers such as Le Monde, La Stampa and El Pais.

We also have access to other newspapers via SOLAR such as The Guardian, The Telegraph, The Times, The Independent and Die Zeit.

## Dictionaries

There are also some electronic versions of dictionaries which you can access via SOLAR. One particularly good resource is **Oxford Reference Online** which includes English and bilingual dictionaries, as well as subject dictionaries and reference books.

## Theses

We have access to a number of theses collections, some of which provide fulltext. To find out about current research in your subject area you should consult:

- **DART Europe E- theses Portal** – provides European full text dissertations and theses.
- **ProQuest Dissertations & Theses** – Hosts the world's most comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses, spanning from 1716 to the present day.
- **ETHOS** – The British Library electronic theses online.
- **Index to Theses** – provides abstracts of theses accepted for higher degrees by the Universities of Great Britain and Ireland since 1716.
- **Salford University e-theses** – Full text online database, showcasing research theses submitted and passed by the University of Salford.

You can find these by selecting **Databases** in SOLAR then **Choose a Subject or Type - Dissertations and Theses**.

Salford University's postgraduate theses are listed in SOLAR.

From the SOLAR home page choose **Advanced Search**, enter Material Type **Theses**, enter your keyword, and click **Search**. Most theses are now available online.

## Off Campus Access

You can gain access to many databases off campus (outside the University) by using your network username and password. Contact the Library Student Support Desk by visiting the Library, phone 0161 295 5535 or email [library@salford.ac.uk](mailto:library@salford.ac.uk) if you have problems.

## Document Delivery

The Library may not stock everything you require for a specific subject, but we can often obtain items for you from another library through Document Delivery.

See <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/use/document-delivery> for additional information on how to order an item and the costs.

Please remember to allow enough time for the Library to fulfil your request. This takes an average of two weeks, but can take much longer if the material you require is not available in this country.

## Finding resources in other libraries

As a member of the University of Salford you can use many other libraries in the UK and Ireland via the **Sconul Access Scheme**. This is a free scheme and it allows students from one member institution to access the library of another member institution. For further information, and to register, please see <http://www.sconul.ac.uk/>

## Skills for Learning

The **Skills for Learning website** at <http://www.salford.ac.uk/skills-for-learning> brings study support together in one easy to find place. It covers all the main areas of:

- Reading and writing
- Finding and understanding information
- Using and referencing information
- IT and digital skills
- Working with numbers
- Group work and presentations
- Assessment, revision and exams
- Supporting your dyslexia or disability

Support is available via eLearning, videos and guides, by booking onto a workshop, calling into a drop in or arranging a one to one appointment.

## Help and advice

Each library site has a dedicated Student Support Desk available during the key opening times. They will be happy to help you find any material you require and answer any general questions you may have about using library material.

You can also contact your **Academic Support Librarian, Maree Green** for help:

Web address: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/academic-support>

Email: [M.E.Green@salford.ac.uk](mailto:M.E.Green@salford.ac.uk)

Phone: 0161 295 6680.

Please get in touch if you would like any further help, advice or arrange a one to one appointment.

Please note: Information contained in this Subject Guide was correct at the time of publication. A more recent version may be available at: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/user-guides>