

About English Literature Databases

This guide is intended for students studying English Literature. It outlines the information sources available to help you research for assignments, essays and dissertations.

What is a database?

If you want to find journal articles on a topic, and you don't already have the journal reference, you will need to use a subject database. Some subject databases provide the full text of journal articles, which you can download, while others provide bibliographic information only, but this information is enough to help you find the full article in The Library's printed journal collection, or order it using The Library's Document Delivery service.

How do I access the databases?

To access SOLAR go directly to: <http://students.salford.ac.uk/> and choose the **SOLAR Library Search** link under the **Web/ICT Resources** tab.

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

The screenshot shows the 'Find Databases' interface. At the top, there are search filters: 'Name:' with a text input and a 'Contains' dropdown, 'Type:', 'Subject:', and 'Sub-category:' each with a dropdown menu. Below these are 'Find databases' and 'Clear Selection' buttons. A red bar labeled 'All Databases' is followed by an alphabetical index 'A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z #'. Below the index, a list of databases is shown, including 'Academic Search Premier (EBSCO) (Network username and password required Off-Campus)', 'ACCA Research Reports', and 'Digital Library (Network username and password required off campus)'. Each entry has a 'Show Info' link.

If you know the name of the database you can search using the A-Z lists.

You can search by subject to find databases. Click the **Subject** tab and choose your subject from the Subject menu. The relevant subject databases will then be listed.

Click the **title link** to go directly to the database.

The list will also tell you if your network password is needed for off campus access.

- There are help pages on most databases that you can access for more information. You can also ask at the Enquiry Desk in the library for help.

Which one do I choose? Key Subject Databases for English Literature

These are some of the databases which have been chosen by your academics and specialise in your subject area. They are not available freely via the web and contain access to quality, peer-reviewed material.



Literature Online

Literature Online is a leading online resource for the study and teaching of English & American Literature. Includes the texts of over 350,000 works of literature with huge resources of criticism and reference. Provides access to the full text of poetry, drama and prose fiction from the 8th century to the present day.



JSTOR

An archive of some of the major journals in a variety of disciplines. Allows you to access full text journal articles, all peer reviewed so ensuring that the articles you find have been reviewed by other academics before publication.



MLA International Bibliography

This resource offers a detailed bibliography of journal articles, books and dissertations, includes links to full text. Subjects consist of literature, language and linguistics, folklore, literary theory and criticism, and dramatic arts, as well as the historical aspects of printing and publishing.



JISC Historic Books

Contains the full text or page images of over 300,000 books published in England before 1800. The service draws together content from Early English Books Online and Eighteenth Century Collections Online as well as content from nineteenth century books from the British Library collection.

Please note that not everything you find will be available in electronic format. For these items you will need to check SOLAR to see if we have a print copy available. You can also click on the FIND IT tab  to do this and to see if it is available elsewhere. See our SOLAR User Guide for more information: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/user-guides>

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 Enquiry Desk by visiting the Library, phone 0161 295 5535 or email library@salford.ac.uk if you have problems.

To access some resources you may need to set your web browser to authenticate you as a Salford user. See the Library Computing Guide Web Authentication – access to restricted web pages from off campus for details: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/user-guides>

Further help and assistance

Documentation on individual services provided by The Library is available at Library Enquiry Desks or through your Academic Support Librarian at: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/academic-support>.

Please get in touch if you would like any further help, advice or arrange a 1-2-1 appointment.