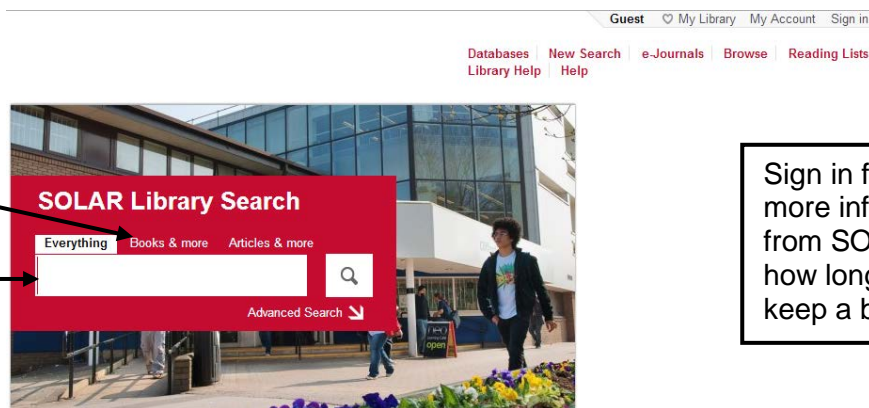


Media Information Sources

The main Library collections for Creative Media students are **online** and at **MediaCityUK (MCUK)**, but you may also find materials in other libraries such as Adelphi and Clifford Whitworth. You can request that materials from other libraries are transferred to your home site – read this Skills for Learning blog post to find out how: <http://blogs.salford.ac.uk/digital-literacy-skills/requesting-book-another-library-site/>

Books and e-Books

All library resources (books, ebooks, DVDs, blu rays, games and more) are accessible via **SOLAR Library Search**.



Type in your search terms and select the tab which will be most useful to your search.

Sign in first to get more information from SOLAR, eg how long you can keep a book for.

To access SOLAR, go directly to the **Student Channel** <http://www.salford.ac.uk/students> and choose the 'Library & Learner Support' section (SOLAR Library Search is one of the options).

Each Library also has dedicated Quick Search PCs for searching SOLAR.

Finding Books

To find both print and electronic books, select the '**Books & more**' tab in SOLAR, type in your keywords, or other book details, and run the search. A list of books will appear.

For books available in print and available in the library, click on the **Get It** tab below the title. You'll see a class number for each title which shows you where it can be found in the library, for example: 302.2345 EVA. For further information on class numbers, see the full help guide here: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/user-guides/general/class.pdf>.

If it is available as an electronic book (ebook), it will say '**View It**'. Click on this tab and it will direct you to login to see the full text of the ebook (you may be prompted to enter a username and password here – use the same one as you logged in to the network with).

For more details of how to use SOLAR see the guide at: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/user-guides/general/SOLAR-March15.pdf>

There are other guides you might find useful at this link, including how to use '**Reading Lists at Salford**': <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/help/user-guides>.

Journal Articles

You can use **SOLAR** for finding journal articles on a particular topic. It is recommended particularly for 1st year students as it is a good way to get started on using journal articles.

To start, from the main SOLAR screen, select the '**Articles & More**' option and then enter your search terms into the search box. When you find an article that looks useful, click on **View Online**. If the full text (complete journal article online) is available, you can click on **PDF** or **Full Text** to view the article.

E-Journals

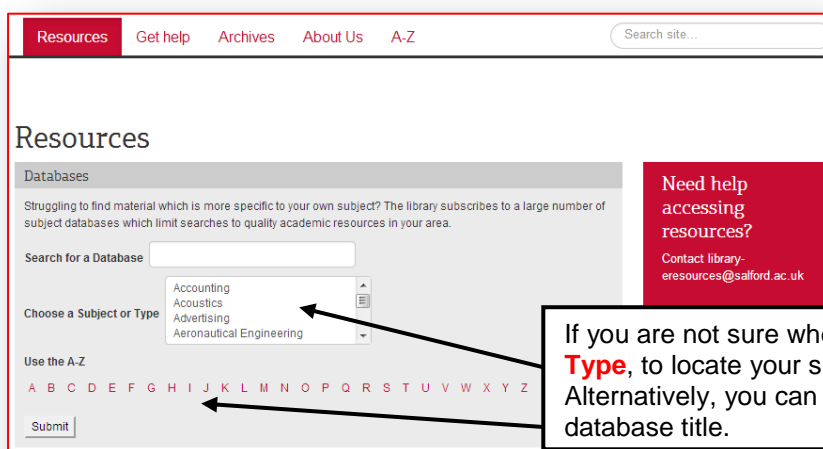
You can also browse specific journal titles, for example, to keep up to date in your subject area. The Library provides access to thousands of electronic journals.

To search for an electronic version of a journal, go to **SOLAR Library Search** and click on the **E-Journals** link (top right of the screen). You can search for a journal title or browse the electronic journals in a particular subject area.

Database Searching

You can use databases to find information (mainly journal articles) on a particular topic. Access to all available electronic resources is via **SOLAR Library Search**.

To find a specific database, click on **Databases** on **SOLAR** (top right of the screen), & choose either 'Media, Music & Performance' from the 'Subject' list or select from the A-Z list.



Key databases in your subject area include:

- **Academic Search Premier** – general full text journal article resource.
- **Arts & Humanities Full Text** - titles include both scholarly peer-reviewed journals and selected trade and consumer titles relevant to applied arts and cultural studies. Subject strengths include music, theatre, film and cultural studies.
- **Box of Broadcasts** - off-air recording and media archive service, allowing recording of TV and radio programmes scheduled to be broadcast over the next 7 days as well as retrieving programmes from the last 7 days from a selected list of recorded channels.
- **Business Source Premier** – general full text journal article resources, very good for

articles on Media topics.

- **Communication & Mass Media Complete** - covering technology aspects of Communications & Mass Media, but also linguistic, sociological and clinical aspects.
- **IEEE Xplore** – electronics database, surprisingly useful for full text articles on virtual dance, drama, theatre, animation, computer & video games.
- **JSTOR** – full text academic journal resource.
- **Nexis** – full text press articles from regional and international **newspapers** and magazines.

Off Campus Access

We recommend that you access all Databases via SOLAR as, where possible, dedicated University of Salford login links have been set up to accept your network username and password (i.e. UIS123 etc). If you access resources via another route, you will usually need to go via the '*Login via your Institution / Library / Organisation / Shibboleth*' link. This route will also require your network username and password. If you encounter any problems, please contact the Enquiry Desk (0161 295 5535, library@salford.ac.uk).

Media Sources

The Library at **MediaCityUK** has:

- **DVDs**
- **Blu-Rays**
- **Sound Effects and Background Music CDs**
- **Shorthand CDs**
- **Computer games** (PC and Playstation)

All materials can be found using the SOLAR Library Search or by browsing the shelves.

Dissertations & Theses

Specialist indexes, accessible from **SOLAR Library Search** (choose **Databases**), for tracing theses and dissertations include:

- **Dissertations and theses** – covering mainly North American doctoral dissertations and Masters theses. Indexing 1861 - ; Abstracts 1938 -
- **Index to theses** – covers theses accepted for higher degrees by the universities of Great Britain and Ireland. Volume 1 1950/51 to date (abstracts from vol. 35).
- **ETHOS** - Provides access to UK doctoral theses with some links to full text.

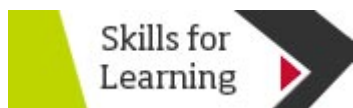
Can't Find What You Need?

The Library may not stock everything you require throughout your course. However, we can often obtain or borrow material from other libraries or the British Library. Details are available at: <http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/use/document-delivery>

As a member of the University of Salford you also have access to a number of local and national libraries:

- **NoWAL** (North West Academic Libraries) – allows access to all NoWAL members' University library catalogues.
www.nowal.ac.uk/resources_for_nowal_members.php?page_id=14
- **British Library Catalogue** – lists over 13 million items in the British Library collection
<http://catalogue.bl.uk>
- **COPAC** – provides access to the online catalogues of some of the largest university research libraries in the UK and Ireland. <http://copac.ac.uk/>
- **SCONUL** - you can sign up to use the free Sconul Access scheme which allows students from one member institution to use the library of another of the 175 member institutions. Further information, and a list of the institutions involved, are here: <http://www.sconul.ac.uk/>.

Further Help



If you need further help, visit the **Skills for Learning** website (<http://www.salford.ac.uk/skills-for-learning>). You can find resources to help you with all aspects of studying, for example, how to use the library, carry out research, write to an academic standard and reference the Salford way.

Your Academic Support Librarian – Nicky Freeman

You can contact Nicky for help with using the library, finding resources or to arrange a one-to-one appointment.

T: 0161 295 6183

E: N.Freeman@salford.ac.uk

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

Blog: <http://blogs.salford.ac.uk/digital-literacy-skills/>

Twitter: [@thelibraryuos](https://twitter.com/thelibraryuos)



Please note: Information contained in this Subject Guide was correct at the time of publication. A more recent version may be available at www.salford.ac.uk/library/userguides