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Learning to love your literature search

HOW DO YOU START?

Starting your lit review

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- Define your topic of study
  - consider sub-topics to explore
- Find research and read critically
  - Consider key findings
  - Does the evidence confirm your view or provide a counter-argument?
  - Take notes! References, page numbers etc
- Organise thematically
  - Themes based on your readings
  - Can provide headings within your review

Starting your lit review (cont.)

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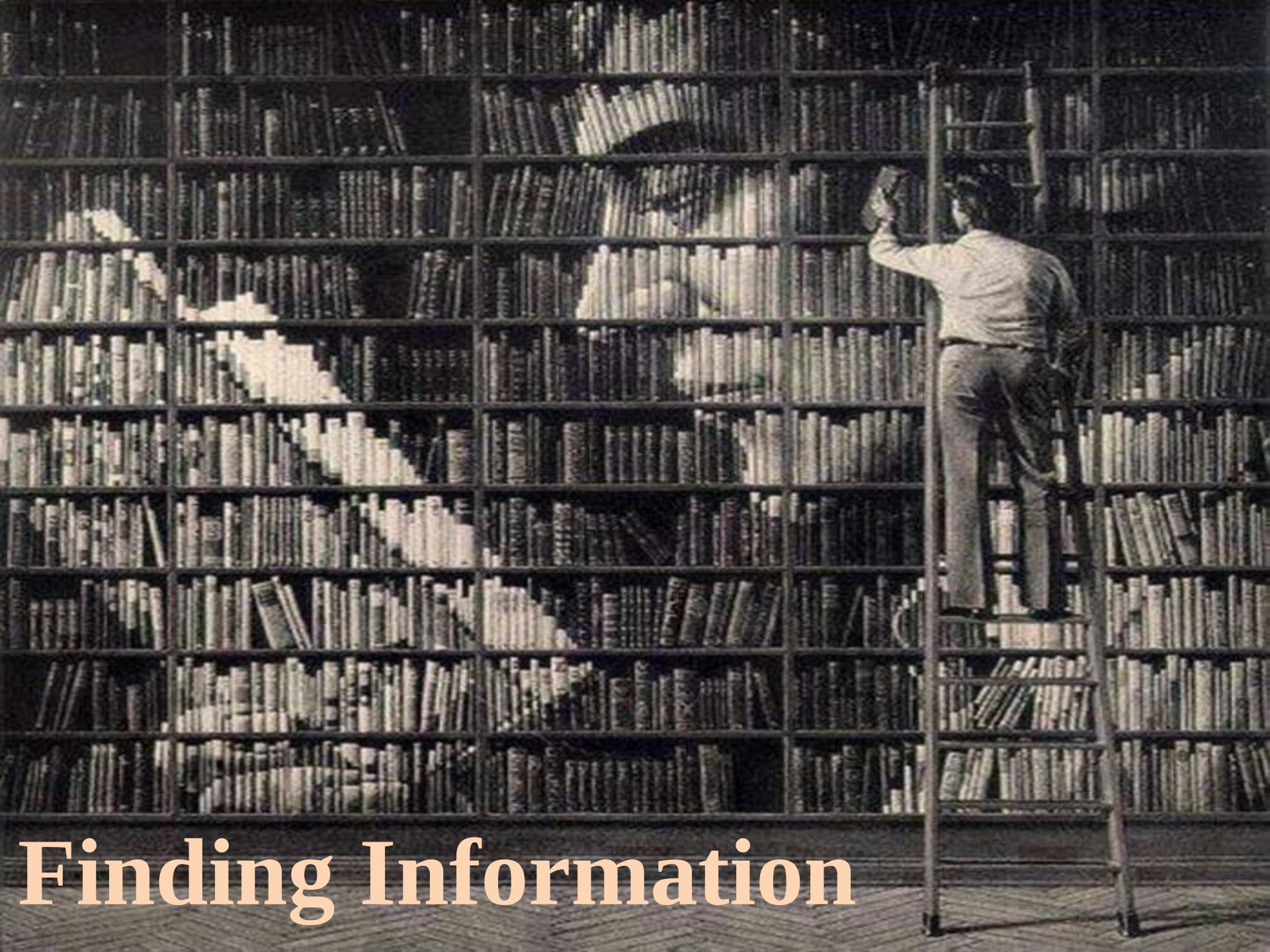
- Define what you're looking for
- Identify key concepts & terms, including broader, narrower and related terms (use a dictionary, thesaurus etc)
- Write out your keywords and concepts
- Set limits
    - geographic (UK, EU, US, Worldwide…)
    - date range (before/after 20??)
    - Type of publication

What might you include?

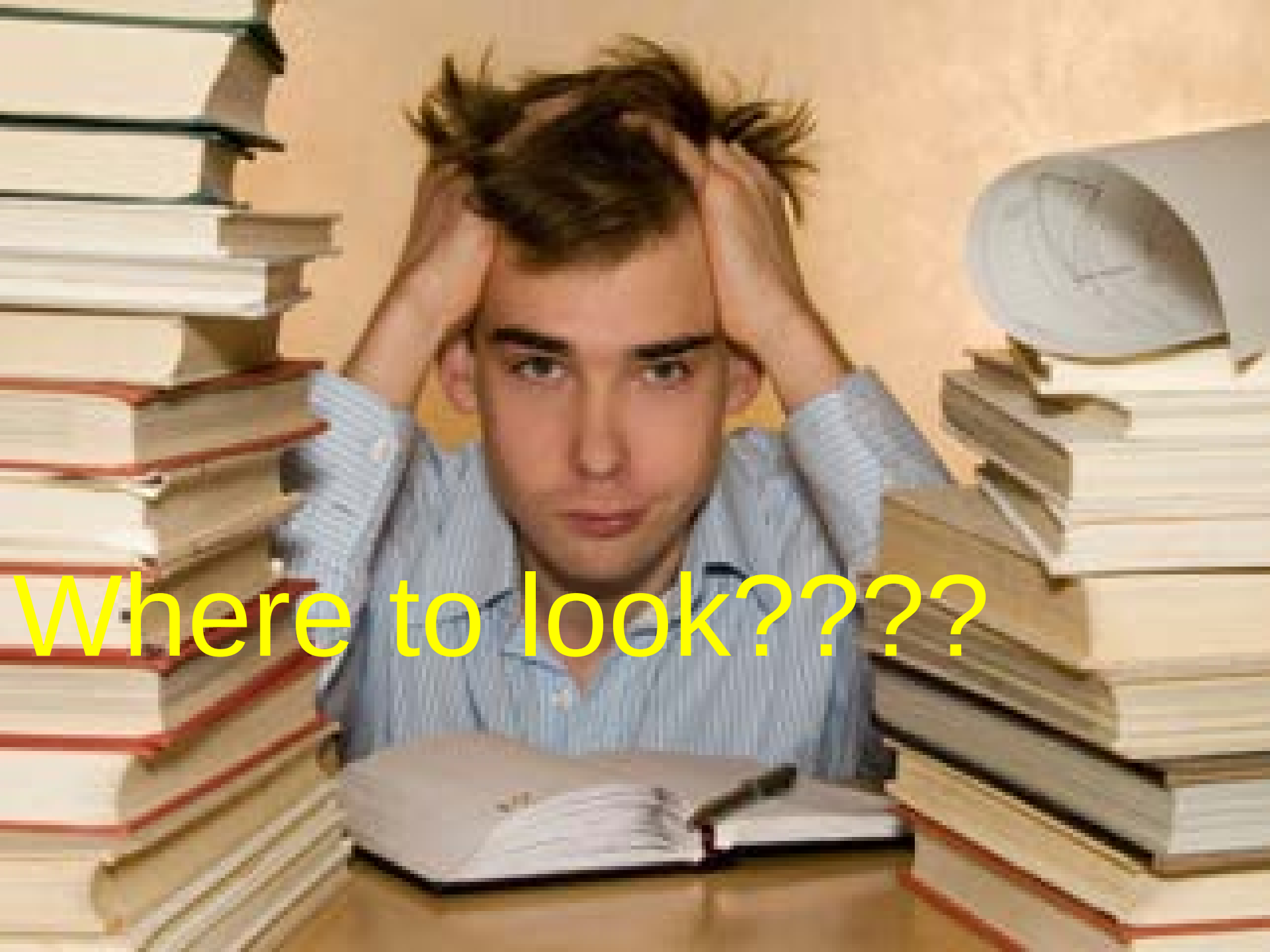
- Academic journal articles
- Working papers
- Conference papers
- theses

But perhaps also

- Financial data?
- Company information?
- Market information?



Finding Information


Where to look????

LibrarySearch

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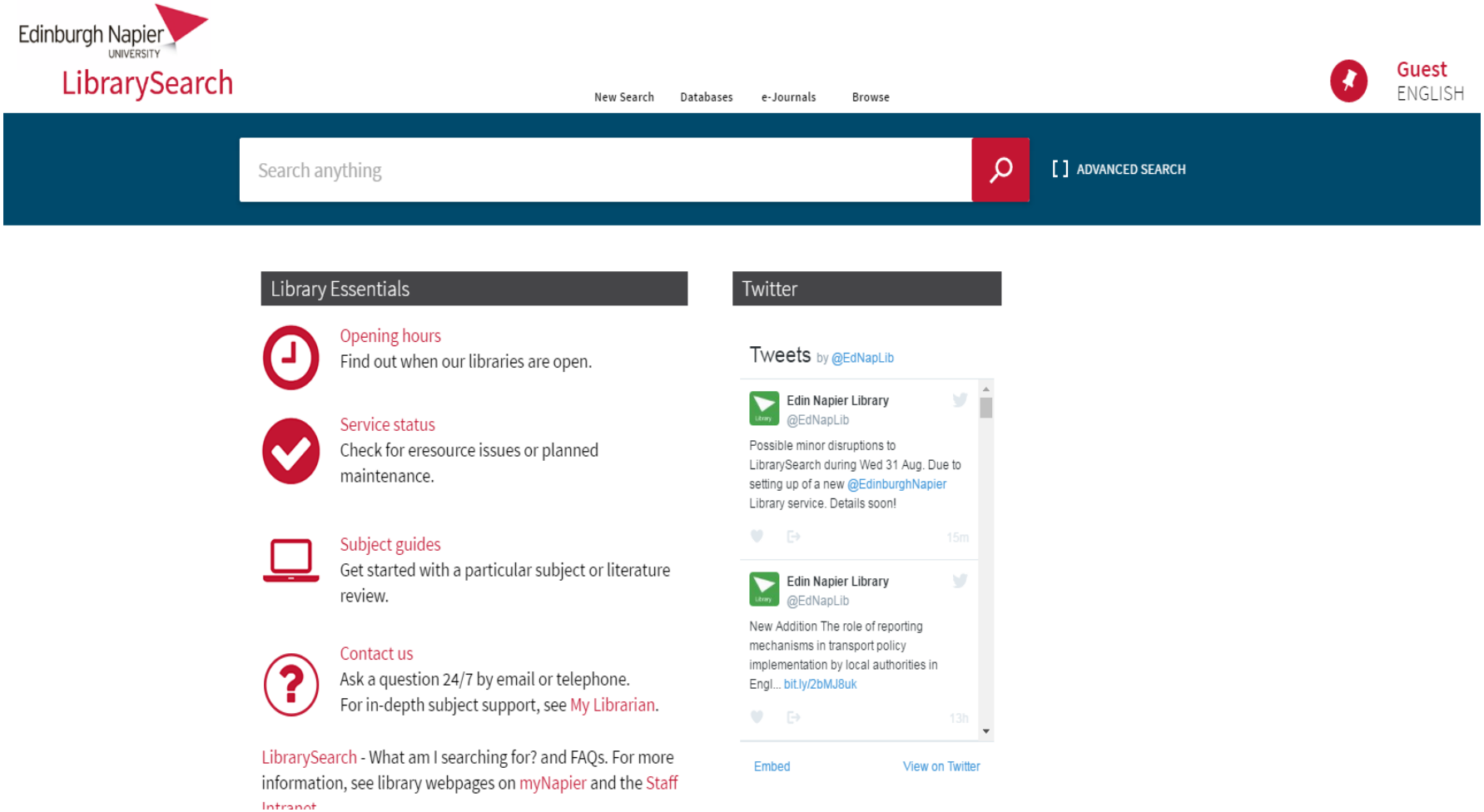
- Access e-books, databases, e-journals and other electronic material



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Or…

ProQuest

ScienceDirect

EUROMONITOR INTERNATIONAL

emeraldinsight

Web of Science

Lexis® Library

iServices
Information Services

Databases

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Journal article databases

- **ABI/INFORM Global**
- **Wiley-Interscience**
- **Science Direct**
- **Taylor & Francis**
- **Sage**

Nexis UK – database of newspapers and company information. Worldwide coverage

Passport GMID –Market & Country reports providing market overviews and statistical data.

FAME- good business inf. Profits/Loss sheets, share ratios etc

Research Databases

- **Web of Knowledge:** produced by the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) and provides access to the following indexes:
- Web of Science:
  - Science Citation Index
  - Social Sciences Citation Index
  - Arts and Humanities Citation Index
- ISI Proceedings1990-
  - Science and Technology

The Citation indexes contain complete coverage of journal content dating back to 1981 and each week up to 22,000 new references and 365,000 new cited references are added.

- **Index to Theses**
  - Database detailing Theses published throughout the UK & Ireland. Some full text. Available via ABI Inform
- **ETHOS**: British Library thesis service. Some full text.

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Google Scholar

Articles Case law

Stand on the shoulders of giants

Go to Google Scholar

Google Scholar

- It does have its uses
  - Easy to use
  - Citation information

BUT

- Only covers c.10% of published academic material
- Need to change settings to show what Edinburgh Napier subscribes to
- More info here https://libguides.napier.ac.uk/googlescholar

SAGE Research Methods

New Resource!

- Quantitative Methods
- Qualitative Methods
- Literature Review
- Data Analysis

Great new resource that explains research methods. Links to e-books, encyclopaedia entries, dictionary definitions, videos

http://srmo.sagepub.com.ezproxy.napier.ac.uk/

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Information Services

Electronic sources - search tips

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- Set limits
    - geographic (UK, EU, US, Worldwide…)
    - date range (before/after 20??)
    - scope (overview, case study)
- Free text — searches the whole record
- Field search — title/abstract/author
- Phrases — use quotation marks e.g. “lean production”
- Boolean — *and* = both terms; *or* = either 1st or 2nd term; *not* = find 1st but not 2nd term
- Truncation — econom*
- Wildcard — may be a $? or another symbol; e.g. organi?ation

Business School Library: Home

Calendar of Events

« August 2017 »

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Upcoming Events:

New Students Welcome event
Sat, Sep 2, 2017 10:00am

Reading Lists Foyer Roadshow
Tue, Sep 26, 2017 11:00am

Open Access Week foyer roadshow
Mon, Oct 23, 2017 11:00am

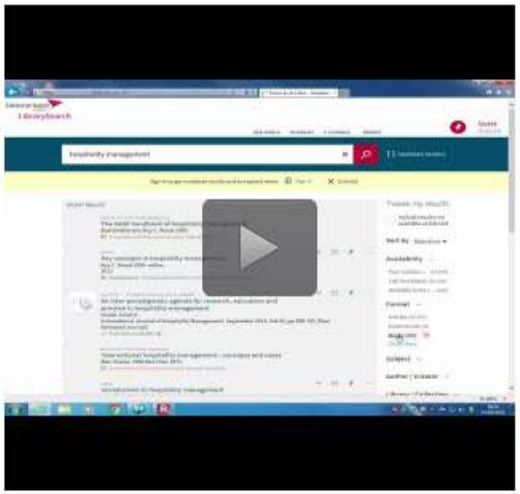
Twitter Feed

Tweets by @EdNapLib_Keith

Keith Walker Retweeted

Kathryn Simpson

How To Do Stuff - Find an Ebook and a journal article



Subject Librarian - Business & Law

Keith Walker

Email Me

Contact:

Social:

Obtaining journal articles?

Can you view the full text online?

If not…

- Able to guide you to holdings elsewhere
  - Other academic libraries with SCONUL Access
  - National Library of Scotland
  - Inter Library Loans from the British Library

Remember and leave time though!

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What to read/evaluate first…

- Any recent review papers?
  - Outline literature in area
- What have the good quality journals published recently?
  - Chartered Association of Business Schools journal guide
- Citations
  - How many does the paper have?
  - If new, is there an Altmetric score?

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Staying up to date

- Register with individual databases
- Save searches
- Set up alerts
  - Daily
  - Weekly
  - Fortnightly
  - Monthly

Notification of new papers using your search terms will be sent to you via email.

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Keeping Records

- note titles consulted
- note keywords used
- note <u>full</u> details of any useful references
- note locations of items found

Reference List

Any sources that you quote or cite need to go in your **Reference List**

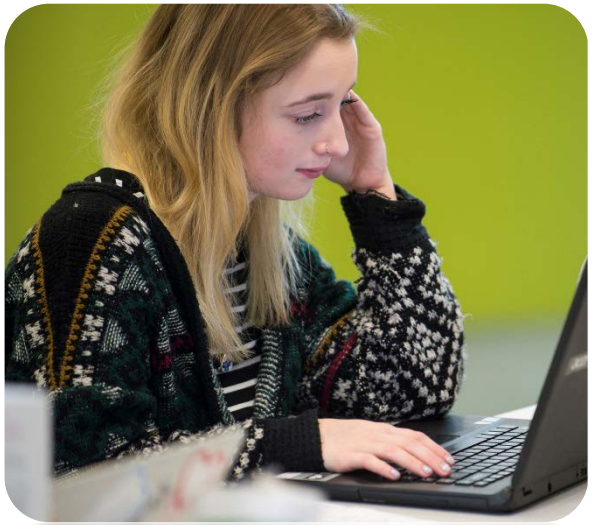
Purpose:

- To acknowledge the sources consulted
- To enable other readers to access the material themselves
- To provide an overview of the literature relating to the topic

We use the APA 6th Referencing System

Reference Management

- Endnote is available on all Napier PC's via network applications.
- Available off campus through VDS.
- Mendeley another option
- Free to download



- Both integrate with MS Word so you can import citations into your text as you are writing (cite while you write)

Other Services

- Virtual Desktop Service (VDS)
  - Access networked services anywhere via VDS
- Free anti-virus software
- Free Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus
- Software Downloads Service:
  - NVivo
  - SAS 9.1.3
  - SPSS 23

Writing up!

- Literature review needs structure
  - Introduction
    - Broad context of research
    - Main topics of investigation
    - How review is structured
  - Main body
    - analysis of literature theme by theme
    - Show how your research builds on previous work
  - Conclusion
    - Summarise state of research in your field
    - Identify gaps in knowledge
    - Show how your research is going to address gaps

Plan your time !!!

- The material you require may be out on loan. Remember that you can use the Library Catalogue to Place a Hold (reservation) on an item.
- The material you require may not be available at an Edinburgh Napier Library. You may have to visit another library to consult it on a reference basis, or you may have to request it on inter library loan.

Questions?

- Please feel free to ask anything.
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