Construction and Building Abstracts

Construction and Building Abstracts (CBA) contains abstracts from over 110 international journals in the subject area of construction, architecture, civil and structural engineering, materials, energy, building and the built environment.

CBA will not supply you with the full text articles; you will need to type the title of the article into the ‘Find journal articles and more’ search on the MyLSBU library page to search for the full text article.

Access

1. Login to MyLSBU
2. Click on the Library & Academic tab, then Library in the drop down list.
3. Type ‘construction and building abstracts’ into the first search box under Quick Search and click on Search
4. Under ‘Construction and building abstracts’, click on Resource and Login with your LSBU username and password

Searching

Click on Search in the menu at the left of the screen.
For a quick search, type your search term(s) in the first **All fields** box. You can use the wild card symbol * at the end of your term to stand for any combination of letters e.g. **sustainab** will retrieve results which include the terms **sustainable** and **sustainability**.

If searching for an exact phrase use speech marks e.g. “**green building**”.

To narrow a search, type an additional term in the second **All fields** box. If you want to broaden your search, change **AND** to **OR** in the drop down box next to the search field e.g. The search **Lifts AND escalators** will find records with both these terms, whereas a search for **Lifts OR escalators** will find records with one of those terms rather than only records with both terms.

If you want to search within a particular journal, click on the drop down box in the Journal field and select the relevant title as shown below:

To browse by subject, click on the **Search by subject page** link below the search fields.
Marking, saving and printing records

The number of hits for a search will be displayed on the top left-hand side of the screen.

To save individual records click in the box by the record then click on the Add to basket icon on the top right-hand side menu. When items have been added to the basket, the basket button on the left-hand side of the screen will display the number of added records. Click on this button to view saved records.

You can also download, print or email marked records as you go along by clicking on the appropriate icon on the top right-hand side of the screen:

Finding full text articles

Once you’ve found records of articles, you can then check to see if the full text versions are available at LSBU by using the ‘Find Journal articles and more’ search on the My LSBU library homepage.
If you can’t find the full text this way, you can also check to see if we subscribe to the journal that the article is published in:

1. From the same My LSBU library page, click on the Journals tab
2. Enter the journal title e.g. Blueprint and click search:

3. If we hold the journal it will be listed. Click on the journal title in the list. We may subscribe to the print and/or electronic version.

4. If we have an electronic version, the databases (e-resources) that contain the journal will be listed. Choose the one that covers the date of the article.

5. Once the database is open, find where the past issues are listed by year. Navigate to the correct year, then click on the correct volume and issue number. Alternatively, enter the article title in the search box if available.

6. In the results list, locate the article using the article title or the page numbers.
Further help

You can access further guidance on CBA by clicking on the Help button or by reading the ‘How to search’ advice on the search page.

You can also send any enquiries regarding CBA or finding information in general by contacting your Information Skills Adviser: LLRbea@lsbu.ac.uk

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