Finding resources for your assignments
Changes in the library

- LRC is no more!
- Student and IT Support has moved into the library
- 1 East Helpdesk – library enquiries
- 1 West Helpdesk – IT enquiries
- Undergraduates can now borrow **15 books**
- New MFDs
- New library website

Reminder: we are cashless!
The aim of today’s session

To help you find good quality information

By the end of this session you will:
• be able to identify which LSBU resources will provide good quality material on your topic
• have practiced using some of these resources
• be able to identify where you can find good quality resources outside LSBU
Game Design LibGuide

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/gamedesign

- Library catalogues
- Databases
- Training materials
- Contact details
- Current awareness
Journal articles

Written by experts in your area:
• Academics
• Practitioners
• Researchers

Can be:
• results of a piece of research
• a literature review
• a case study

Peer review
• Quality check
• A process by which the methodology and results are discussed and checked by independent experts in the same field.

How to access them
• Not via Google!
• Mostly online
• Massive databases containing thousands of journals and millions of articles

You are expected to use journal articles in your assignments
Searching for journal articles

- Keywords
- Identify alternative terms
  - synonyms (similar/identical meanings)
  - alternative spellings

- Keep a note of every search you do
  - adjust key words as you go along
Researching your topic

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Focussing and broadening your search

Use **AND** to focus your search (this will give you fewer results)
 eg virtual reality **AND** storytelling

Use **OR** to broaden your search (this will give you more results)
 eg sound **OR** audio **OR** acoustic

Use **NOT** to exclude a topic (this will give you fewer results)
 eg game design **NOT** computer systems design
Truncation and phrase searching

Use * to find different possible endings to a word
eg manag* would find manage, manages, manager, managers, managing, management etc.

Use “” [quotation marks] to search for a phrase
eg “digital storytelling” AND “creative coding”
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Online databases

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/gamedesign/journals

- Academic Search Complete
- SAGE Premier
- Taylor and Francis
- Science Direct
Getting materials we don’t have at LSBU

- **SCONUL** – using other universities’ libraries
  - Usually reference only
  - Can access Eduroam with your LSBU credentials
Referencing

• LSBU Harvard Referencing Style

• Reference as you read & ask for help early!

• Online guides and workbooks on my.LSBU

• Guides, links to interactive materials on Moodle, workbooks – all on the Games Design Libguide
Further training

• Workshops
  • Harvard Referencing
  • Refworks
  • Literature searching

• Book on via the calendar on the Training tab
Where to get Help
1:1 support

Book a 1:1 with an Information Skills Librarian
• Database Searching e.g. Journal articles
• Referencing
• Using RefWorks

Email queries: askalibrarian@lsbu.ac.uk

Research Helpdesk
3 Bridge
Mon-Fri 12.00-4pm
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Thanks for Listening!
Any questions?