Welcome to Information Sources

Get Ahead Sessions 2019
In this session we’ll talk about…

- Popular vs Scholarly Sources
- How to search for academic materials
- Web resources
By the end of this session you’ll understand…

✓ What academic sources are
✓ Where they can be found
✓ How to search for information using keywords
Icebreaker Quiz

Go to www.menti.com and enter code 62 49 63
Popular vs Academic Information

The Information Cycle

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f-17MbjEws4&feature=youtu.be
ACADEMIC SOURCES
Online access to reading lists for all your course modules

https://lsbu.rl.talis.com/index.html

Browse by:
Your school
Your department
Your degree title

Google search: LSBU reading lists online
Your turn!

From your reading list...

• Find a book from your reading list by clicking the title of the book – this links to the catalogue
  ▪ What is the class number?
  ▪ What floor will you find the book on?
  ▪ Is it available as an e-book?
Why are academic books important?

Best place…

- Introduction to a subject
- History/background
- Theories and theorists
- In-depth information
Library Catalogue

https://libguides.lsbu.ac.uk/subjects/home

Books and e-books tab

Search box
What is a journal article?

A **journal** is an academic magazine.

- Published on a regular basis
- Generally every 3-4 months
- Focusses on a particular subject or area of research

An **article** is a piece of writing or essay or case study.

- Several articles in each issue of magazine
- Different articles in each issue
The Discovery Service

Library Catalogue
- Books
- DVDs
- Databases
- Journals
  - Limited filters
  - No journal articles

Discovery Service
- Books
- DVDs
- Databases
- Journals
- Journal articles
- Newspaper articles
  - Good for seeing what’s out there
  - A lot of information
Your turn!

Search the Library Catalogue for **study skills**

How many results do you get back?

Search the Discovery Service for **study skills**

How many results do you get back?
Refining your search

Date – up-to-date research; evidence based
Peer-reviewed – quality check by experts in that subject area
Format – academic journals; magazines; reports – all useful for assignments

Phrase searching – “study skills”
More keywords – “study skills” AND nursing
Synonyms – “study skills” OR research OR academic writing
## Databases

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Most databases are subscription databases and will require a LSBU username and password.

Some databases are free-to-use – will differ from subject to subject.
WEB RESOURCES
Google

won’t find everything!
Alternatives to Google

**Bing**  [https://www.bing.com/](https://www.bing.com/)
- the world’s second most popular search engine, run by Microsoft
- Fewer ads

**DuckDuckGo**  [https://duckduckgo.com/](https://duckduckgo.com/)
- Doesn’t retain your data or manipulate results

**Dogpile**  [http://www.dogpile.com/](http://www.dogpile.com/)
- Metasearch engine – Google, Yahoo, Yandex
- No ads!
Wikipedia

Wikipedia can be a good starting point, **BUT** you should not use it as a source for your assignments.

- Anyone can edit pages
- Wikipedia is a dynamic site; no article is ever "finished" - they are constantly being edited/added to.
- Articles can vary wildly in quality and comprehensiveness.
- There is no systematic process to make sure that "obviously important" topics are written about.
- Many contributors do not cite their sources.
Google Scholar

- Separate search engine from Google
- A good way to identify journal titles and authors connected with subjects of interest
- Finding grey literature like conference proceedings
- Accessing books and articles in a single search
- Locating more information on partial citations
Accessing LSBU resources

• Go to scholar.google.co.uk
• Click on Settings
• Click on Library links
• Search for London South Bank University
• Save
Preoperative assessment for **difficult intubation** in general and ENT surgery: predictive value of a clinical multivariate risk index.

J Arne, P Descois, J Fusciardi... - British journal of ..., 1998 - British Jnl Anaesthesia

... Page 6. Multivariate predictors of **difficult intubation** and ... tion. During spontaneous ventilation, the patient may constrict airway muscles, reducing the laryngoscopic view, thus overestimating intubation difficulty. We ...
Search Tips Game

Using the cards, match the word/symbol to the description.
## Answers

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<td><strong>OR</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NOT</strong></td>
<td>Used to exclude concepts</td>
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<td><strong>“……”</strong></td>
<td>Used to search for specific phrases</td>
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<td><strong>! , ?, #</strong></td>
<td>Symbols can replace one of more characters within a keyword to find alternative spellings of words</td>
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<td>Shortens a word to its stem so you can search for words with different endings</td>
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Questions?
Thank you for listening!


