Literature Searching

1. Catalogues

The Newton catalogue is your most immediate resource to find specific books or hard copy journals. Check the help-page for best ways of searching:
http://ul-newton.lib.cam.ac.uk/vwebv/ui/en_US/htdocs/help/contents.htm

The E-Journals page allows you to search for journals by title. Some providers allow a search by subject but remember this search is limited to journals provided by those services only. http://sfx7.exlibrisgroup.com/cambridge/az

If a title is available as an **e-book** there will be a record in Newton with a link to the provider eg. myilibrary.

2. Databases

Databases that allow you to search across a broad number of journals are available on the e-resources page http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/electronicresources/. These include Zetoc, Web of Knowledge, FirstSearch (US version) and Scopus. Zetoc does not give full text access so it is necessary to go to e-journals to see if the copy is available electronically. The Web of Knowledge sometimes allows full text access

Other databases via e-resources include Westlaw, Justis Celex and Lawtel which cover UK legislation and cases. Lexis-nexis allows you to search all UK newspapers.

Google Scholar searches across many disciplines and sources. If the journal is in the University's e-journals collection there will be a link to the holding.

3. General tips on searching

Use boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) to improve searching - Use parentheses to search for "a phrase" - Use truncation where you are unsure of the exact word you need, e.g. transfer* for transfers, transferred, transferable – Use a question mark to replace a letter e.g. to find globalization or globalisation search for globali?ation.

When you find a work that is closely related to the field you are searching use the bibliography and search outwards from there.

4. Referencing Software

Consider using Endnote to record your references and compile bibliographies. It's available on the PWF. A similar system is Zotero which is freely available from Firefox: www.zotero.org

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