

Information Skills Refresher 2: Dissertation research - getting started (Looking for books)

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Steps to Finding Reliable Information

- Step 1: Get ready to manage the information you find
- Step 2: Plan your search
- Step 3: What sort of information – sources?
- **Step 4: Look for books - use Primo and ebook collections**
- Step 5: Look for research level material, e.g. journal articles. Use the Find Databases option in Primo to identify relevant databases, then link and search
- Step 6: Look for support materials - Use Google or other search engines
- Step 7: Keep track of your references, avoid plagiarism

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Step 4: Look for books...

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 - “phrase search” e.g. **“oil spill”** looks for these exact words in this exact order
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 - **OR** linking word must be in capital letters

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An ecosystem services approach to assessing the impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico

National Research Council (U.S.). Committee on the Effects of the Deepwater Horizon Mississippi Canyon-252 Oil Spill Ecosystem Services in the Gulf of Mexico, issuing body.; National Research Council (U.S.). Division on Earth and Life Sciences, issuing body.;
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Synthetic aperture radar imaging mechanism for oil spills

Marghany, Maged, author.
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Dynamics of sediment microbial communities following hydrocarbon exposure

Potts, Lloyd Douglas.; Witte, Ursula.; Anderson, James A. (James Arthur), 1962-; Gubry-Rangin, Cécile.; Gontikaki, Evina.; University of Aberdeen. School of Biological Sciences.; Natural Environment Research Council (Great Britain); British Petroleum Company.; Intertek Group.

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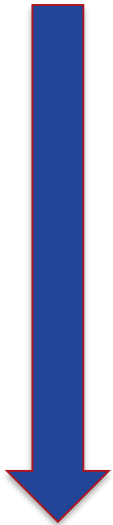
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