LibrarySearch lets you find and access resources you need for your study and research.

With LibrarySearch you can:

- Search the University's print and digital collections in a single search
- See what's available at each campus
- Go straight to digital full text content where available
- Access your library account

Find LibrarySearch from the Student link at the top of the main University of Kent homepage or access www.kent.ac.uk/library where you will see the LibrarySearch box in the centre of the page.

To find a book:

- **Step 1** – put the author’s surname and one or two title keywords into the search box. Example austen persuasion.
- **Step 2** – if you get a list that is too long, use the choices on the left hand side to select further.

To find an article: Put the whole title into the search box.

To find information on a topic:

Put your keywords into the search box

**Results page:**

Use the filters on the left when searching for items held in the library (including individual ebook titles)

Use the filters on the right when searching for electronic resources (e.g. journal articles, ebooks held in collections)
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**Additional Information**

LibrarySearch gives you access to all of the following:

- Print and ebooks
- Print and ejournals, and articles in ejournals
- Dissertation
- Theses
- Conference papers
- Abstracts
- Book and article reviews

We recommend that you sign in to LibrarySearch with your University of Kent login to gain access to the resources.

You do not need to pay to access an article – seek help at the support desk in the library. If we do not have a copy already, we can give advice on how you may be able to access a copy.

**LibrarySearch offers:**

- Increased accessibility features - easily adapted to suit all learners;
- Available on a wide range of devices - no need to be on campus;
- A wide variety of subjects, including highly specialist niches – great for projects and dissertations.

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