Library Workshop for ELL Honors Students

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Learning Outcomes

1. Know your library privileges, services, and tools.
2. Identify the different library resources relevant to your topic.
3. Learn search strategies to retrieve relevant information for your topic.
Itinerary

1. The Library
2. Where (Exactly) to Search
3. How to Search (Better)
4. Activity
5. Library Tools
The Library
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- One search for all library resources
- Library news and events
- Important links and information
- Library opening hours and event calendars
## Services for Honours Students

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Where (Exactly) to Search
How much can Google really help your research?
Main Library Sources

FindMore
For an overview of everything within the library’s collection

LINC (Library Catalog)
For specific titles except articles

Databases
For eBooks, eJournals, and online articles relevant to your topic
FindMore — The Quick Search

Library search engine that searches across everything in the library’s collection, such as:

- Books (print and online)
- Journals (print and online)
- Newspaper articles (online)
- Theses (online)
FindMore

Filter your search using the left panel

Format your saved search results based on the citation format that you want
LINC — The Book or Media Search

- **Library INtegrated Catalogue**
- Use LINC if you already know the title or call number.
- **Don’t** use LINC to search for:
  - Journal articles
  - Newspaper articles
  - Book chapters
  - Theses (online)
Interpreting LINC — Journal Titles

Online access via:

- NUS Libraries [JSTOR (4-yr embargo applies)] v11n1 (01 Sept. 1957) - 13 July 2013
- NUS Libraries [Humanities International Complete] 01 Sept. 1974-
- NUS Libraries [Academic Search Complete] 01 Sept. 1974-

Print version

- Location: CL Current Journals
- Call #: AP2 VS
- Stack #: D279255
- Status: REQUEST ITEM

Archived print versions of older volumes in the library closed stacks

View additional copies or search for a specific volume/copy
Interpreting LINC — Book Titles

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2.6 Databases — The Focused Search

- FindMore can be ‘find-too-many’, and LINC can be ‘find-nothing’.
- Databases are subject-focused.
- More focused searching = more relevant results

Think of databases in terms of the results using the Foodpanda or Deliveroo websites, compared to Googling “food delivery.”
## Recommended English Literature Databases

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<th>Database</th>
<th>Features</th>
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| MLA International Bibliography (MLAIB)       | • Modern literatures  
• Literary theory and criticism  
• Film, television and theater  
• Rhetoric and composition  
• Folklore |
| Literature Online (LION)                     | • Poetry, prose, and drama  
• Encyclopedic entries of literary authors, works, and criticism |
| Project Muse                                  | • Multidisciplinary, with focus on the Humanities and Social Sciences |
| ProQuest Dissertations and Theses (PQDT) Global | • Multidisciplinary  
• World's most comprehensive collection of dissertations and theses from around the world  
• Collection spans from 1743 to present |
## Other Recommended ELLTS Databases

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| Linguistics and Language Behavior Abstracts (LLBA) | - Anthropological linguistics  
- Applied linguistics  
- Descriptive linguistics  
- Discourse analysis  
- Learning disabilities  
- Nonverbal communication  
- Phonology  
- Psycholinguistics |
| Performing Arts Periodicals Database (PAPD) | - Coverage from 1864 to present  
- Dance  
- Theater  
- Circus performance  
- Film  
- Mime  
- Opera  
- Puppetry  
- Radio, TV, and video |
| International Bibliography of Theater and Dance (IBTD) | - Full-text database  
- Theater  
- Performing arts  
- Music  
- Dance |
| Digital Theatre Plus | - Primary sources  
- English theater productions  
- Behind-the-scenes interviews with theater personnel |
DB #1: MLAIB
(Modern Language Association International Bibliography)

- Scholarly articles covering different aspects of literature, including:
  - Modern literature
  - Literary theory and criticism
  - Rhetoric and composition
  - Folklore

- Also covers topics in linguistics, language teaching, and performance
References are also an indirect but quicker way to find more relevant information.

Check the results and format them based on your preferred citation style.

Cited by tells you which other papers have referenced this article. This can be an indirect way of finding relevant information.

No full text available? Click on the Find It! @ NUS Libraries button to see if this article could be found elsewhere within the library collection.
DB #2: Literature Online

- Works like a directory/encyclopaedia that includes:
  - Author information
  - Author’s works
  - Criticism about the author’s works
  - Reference articles about the author and/or his works

- More than 350,000 works of English and American poetry, prose and drama
Author Page

Katherine Mansfield

Also known as: Beauchamp, Kathleen Mansfield/Mark, Julian
Dates of Birth/Death: 1888-1923
Gender: Female
Literary Periods: Inter-War Period, 1918-1939; Modernist Period, 1899-1945; Twentieth Century, 1900-1999
Literary Movements: Modernism c.1899-1945; Postcolonialism, 20th Century
Nationality: New Zealander/Oceanian

Resources for Katherine Mansfield
- Texts: View texts by this author | Search within Texts
- Criticism: View journal articles and citations about this author
- Reference: View reference materials for this author | Bibliography | Biography

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Multidisciplinary database

185 literature journals and counting

Full-text access to over 400 high quality humanities and social science journals from over 100 leading university presses and scholarly societies
The print option is the quickest way to view your saved citations in your desired format.
2.7 Finding Theses

**FindMore >> Content Type >> Dissertation/Thesis**

**ETD (Electronic Theses and Dissertations) in ScholarBank**

**PQDT (ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global) Database**

**Thesis LibGuide**
Need a break?
Try one of these in Google.
1. Search ‘do a barrel roll’
2. Search ‘atari breakout’, then click on Images.
How to Search (Better)
Why Bother?

that which is relevant
that which is not

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A Search Plan For Your Topic

- Identify keywords
- List similar keywords
- Apply Boolean searching
- Create search string
- Refine search string

Having a search plan helps enhance your search. Combine it with the library sources to get the best number of relevant results.
3.2 Identify the Keywords

Topic: Graphic novels in culture and society

Keywords:
- graphic novels
- culture
- society
Authors may use different terms to describe the same thing, so listing synonyms and similar words helps us maximize the possibility of getting more but still relevant results.
**Boolean – AND / OR**

**AND** retrieves results containing **all** keywords
- Narrows your search
- Fewer results

**OR** retrieves results containing **any** of the keywords
- Widens your search
- More results
Truncation *

→ Retrieves different forms of a word
→ More results

• cultur* → culture, cultural, culturalism…
• societ* → society, societies, societal…
• phonolo* → phonology, phonological, phonologist…

Note the placement of the *, but have fun nonetheless!
• roman* → Romans, romance, romantic, romanization…
• colon* → colons, colonel, colonial, colonization, colonist…
3.2 Phrase Searching “ ” and Grouping ( )

Phrase Searching “ ”
→ Retrieves the exact phrase
→ Fewer results

• graphic novel = 447,383 results
• “graphic novel” = 19,843 results

Grouping ( )
→ Groups the synonyms and/or related keywords
→ Fewer results

(“graphic novel” OR “comic book”) AND culture
→ “graphic novel” AND culture
→ “comic book” AND culture
3.2

Create a Search String

Topic: Graphic novels in culture and society

Search string

(“graphic novel” OR “comic book” OR “illustrated book”)
AND
cultur*
AND
(societ* OR social)
3.2

Refine Your Search

Start with a simple search string e.g. with keywords, and the Booleans AND/OR.

Slowly add the other Booleans to see what other results you get. Experiment and explore — there is no right or wrong answer.

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Proxy Bookmarklet

Your VIP pass to access full-text E-Resources subscribed by NUS

- Works on Google Scholar too

Google this article and try accessing it.

Dramatic Monologue, Detective Fiction, and the Search for Meaning

Next, append the proxy bookmarklet and see what happens!
Find It! with Google Scholar

Search this article using the following keywords:

narrativity detective fiction

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Includes all the library sources that were covered today, and more.

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- English Literature
- Theater Studies
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