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Introduction to Library resources

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Objectives

- Library homepage
- Library Collections
- Search tips
- Library Search/Databases
- Library guides - Citing and referencing
Accessing Resources

Library homepage

- Reading lists
- Databases
- Library guides
- Research & Learning Online

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Useful Links for Students

Library services for all Monash students

You can access our range of resources and services in a variety of ways – online, in person at our libraries and through Research and Learning skills activities provided by our staff through the academic program.

The Library's online resources are offered through this website, through Moodle and the Library tile on my.monash. They include:

- **Library guides** - These guides are a starting point for researching your subject area.
- **Research and Learning Online** - These online tutorials are designed to build your academic skills and performance.
- **Quick study guides** - Tips to help you settle in to university, deal with examinations, tackle assignments, and for many other situations.
- **Reading lists** - Your unit's reading list has been prepared in conjunction with your lecturer and will provide links to articles you need to read.
- **Databases** - Access specialist information through our Databases guide
- **Electronic books and journals** - Access them through **Search**
- **Purchase suggestion form** - Suggest the Library purchases an item.

At our **libraries** on each campus you can:

- use a computer or your laptop - **find a computer**
- borrow books using your Monash ID card - see **About borrowing**
- print or photocopy - see **Printing, copying and scanning**
- **book a discussion room** - for use with your project group, where available
- attend a library class or activity - see **Programs and drop-ins**
- get advice from a librarian or learning skills adviser at a **drop-in session** on how to tackle an assignment, find the information you need or improve your academic communication and study skills.

Read our **Research and learning skills brochure** to find out more.
Library Search – primarily for books, ebooks,

Example topic search: Farming practice in Ancient Egypt
Activity 1

Use Search to find one of the following on crops or food sources in Ancient Egypt

- Book, Book chapter, Journal article
- Tip: try using Advanced Search

Leutemann, H. (1866) Ancient Egypt: farming and hunting, (coloured engraving)
Herbert M. (1885-1950) Farmers sow seeds in fields near the pyramids of Giza (coloured lithograph)
Images courtesy of Bridgeman Education database
Developing a Search Strategy

What do the elite burials in the Royal Cemetery at Ur tell us about Sumerian attitudes toward life and death?
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Search Tips (Boolean Searching)

AND

“Elite burial”  Ur
Search Tips

OR

burial  tomb
Search Tips

Phrase – use quotations:
“Royal tomb”
“Elite burial”

Truncation symbol *:
archaeol*
can also be $
archaeology,
archaeologist
archaeological,
Databases

Jstor, ProQuest, Academic OneFile
Activity 2

- What do the elite burials in the Royal Cemetery at Ur tell us about Sumerian attitudes toward life and death?
  - Using one of the following databases, find a recent journal article or book chapter and report back on how you selected it.

Databases
- Proquest
- JSTOR
- Academic OneFile
- Google Scholar
Evaluating resources

Peer reviewed journals articles Vs newspaper articles/websites

- Hand around selection of articles
- Who is the author – where are they based, what institute?
- How can you tell if it is a reliable source/peer reviewed?
- How would you use it when researching your essay?
Evaluating Information

- Abstract
- 8+ pages in length
- Who wrote it?
- Lots of references
- Appropriate language
Library Guide

http://guides.lib.monash.edu/archaeology
For help …

- Drop-ins at the Research and Learning point at ALL libraries
- Moodle library lesson
- RLO – Research and Learning Online
- Archaeology Library Guide