Searching the library catalogue

Study Guide


From here you can search all the TAFE SA libraries at once. If you want to search at a specific campus, use Advanced Search and choose the campus you want from the Locations list.

You can run a basic search by entering terms in the box at the top of the screen (click Advanced Search if you want to perform a more exact search) The drop down menu attached enables you to search for E-books, Streaming Videos, Magazines or E-journals:

A list of results will appear. To find where the book is available click View Availability to see where to find it and its current status (available, on loan etc.)

That display will look like this:

For most online items (websites etc.), the link will appear underneath so you can click on it to go to the site:

For some though, you'll need to log in to your library account to access them - using your student ID number as your Borrower ID, and your date of birth in 4 digit DDMM format as the pin. (See our Online Library Resources guide.)
Database access

On the right hand side of the page click on **Databases**. This will take you to a list of all available databases and how to access them. (You’ll be asked to login before viewing.)

Refining your search

You have many options to refine your search – you can start with a very general search then narrow it down to a more specific one:

You can choose to filter the results using any of the criteria listed:

Or you can sort by relevance:

Reservations

If you wish to place a reservation if you click on the title full details of the book will appear along with a Place Reservation box:

You will then be asked to choose which campus you would like to pick the item up from:

Ask library staff if you need any help.