

iSkills: Scholarly literature for your research

Introduction to resources and search tips



Learning outcomes



Introduce you to the various tools
(SOLO, databases A-Z, etc.)



Help you create an effective search
by discovering search tips



Making the most of your results



Find further help

The tools...

- **SOLO - Oxford's resource discovery tool**
 - Holdings of most Oxford Libraries (print and online) e.g. books, journals, theses, conference proceedings, AV materials, official / government papers, databases...
 - Excellent for finding specific items
 - Subject searching limited:
 - Defaults to showing only material held by Oxford Libraries
 - Good for searching for books but less effective for searching for articles, conference papers etc

- * **Databases A-Z – lists Oxford's e-resources subscribed to and/or recommended**
- * **Everything in these lists is also on SOLO but Databases A – Z has some extra browsing features**


Bibliographic Databases

- Search across the scholarly literature (not Oxford only)
- Particularly good for searching for articles, conference papers, theses etc
- Use Databases A – Z to find out which databases to use
- Usually only get brief bibliographic details (author, title etc). To full text go back to SOLO or Databases A – Z

FIND IT @ OXFORD

Useful links

Electronic Legal Deposit

 The British Library is currently dealing with a major system outage and as a result there is no access to Electronic Legal Deposit content. This includes non-print legal deposit books, scores, journal articles and issues, and the UK Web Archive. Access to other BL services including EThOS and inter-library requests is also impacted.

Getting Help

If you have any questions or need help making the most of the extensive electronic resources available to you then please:

- > use our Live Chat service (via the tab on the right of this page)
- > contact us via reader.services@bodleian.ox.ac.uk


Useful links

- > Bodleian Libraries Home Page
- > Subject & Research Guides
- > Find A Library
- > Journal Search | BrowZine
- > Databases A-Z
- > Special Collections Catalogues
- > Digital Bodleian
- > ORA (Oxford University Research Archive)
- > ORLO (Oxford Reading Lists Online)

Signing in

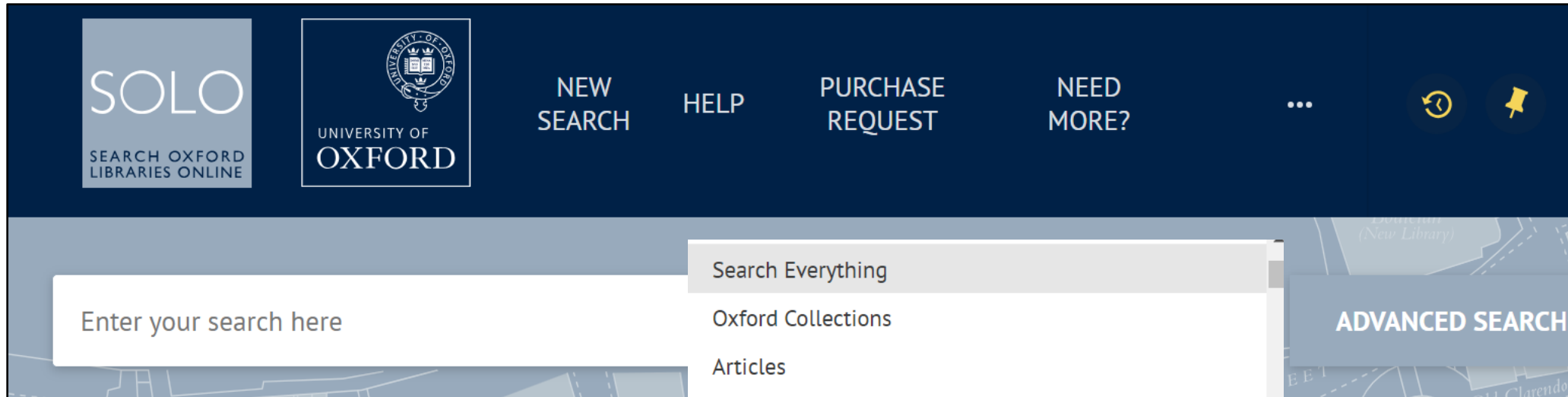
Login using:

Search Everything 
University of Oxford Students & Staff  >

Other Bodleian Card Holders  >

CANCEL

Search tip: SOLO's drop-down menu



The image shows a screenshot of the SOLO search interface. At the top left, there is a logo for SOLO (SEARCH OXFORD LIBRARIES ONLINE) and the University of Oxford crest. Navigation links include NEW SEARCH, HELP, PURCHASE REQUEST, and NEED MORE?. A search bar contains the text "Enter your search here". A drop-down menu is open, listing "Search Everything", "Oxford Collections", and "Articles". An "ADVANCED SEARCH" button is visible on the right side of the search bar area.

Search tip: SOLO's drop-down menu explained



Oxford collections will bring back results of **books** or **journal titles** that Oxford has access to

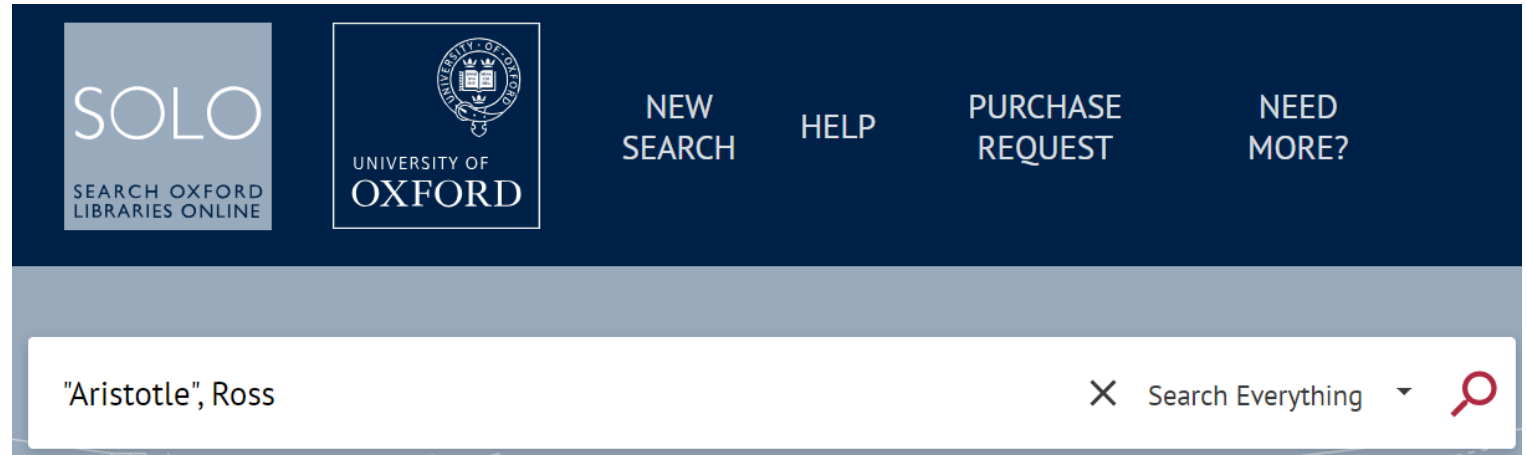


Articles will return results from journal articles if the article is in electronic version



Search everything will return results from both Oxford Collections and Articles as well as peer reviews, and other resources

Search tip:
double
quotation
marks “ ”



SOLO
SEARCH OXFORD
LIBRARIES ONLINE

UNIVERSITY OF
OXFORD

NEW
SEARCH

HELP

PURCHASE
REQUEST

NEED
MORE?

"Aristotle", Ross

X Search Everything

Search tip:
replacing
0 or 1
characters
(wildcard ?)



Search tip:
replacing
0 or 1
characters
?

The screenshot displays the SOLO search interface. At the top, there are navigation links: "NEW SEARCH", "HELP", "PURCHASE REQUEST", and "NEED MORE?". The search bar contains the text "woman" and a "Search Everything" button with a magnifying glass icon. Below the search bar, the text "Sort & Filter Results" is visible. In the bottom right corner of the results area, the text "1-25 of 9,697,617 Results" is circled in red. Other elements include a "SELECT ALL" checkbox, "0 selected", "PAGE 1", and a "Save query" button with a red pin icon.

Search tip:
replacing
0 or 1
characters
?
results

The screenshot shows the SOLO search interface. At the top, there are logos for SOLO (SEARCH OXFORD LIBRARIES ONLINE) and the UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD. Navigation links include NEW SEARCH, HELP, PURCHASE REQUEST, and NEED MORE?. A search bar contains the query 'wom?n' and a 'Search Everything' button. Below the search bar, the results section shows 'Sort & Filter Results', a 'SELECT ALL' checkbox, '0 selected', 'PAGE 1', and '1-25 of 13,417,994 Results' (circled in red). A 'Save query' button is also visible.

Search tip:
replacing
0 or multiple
characters
used in word
endings
(truncation *)



Search tip:
replacing
0 or
multiple
characters
*

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Search tip:
replacing
0 or
multiple
characters
*

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Boolean
operators

AND

OR

NOT

AND

Boolean
operators:
AND

Iliad AND Odyssey ✕ Search Everything ▾

Sort & Filter Results *SELECT ALL* 0 selected PAGE 1-25 of 3,256 Results ▾ Save query

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing the query "Iliad AND Odyssey". Below the search bar, there is a section for "Sort & Filter Results" with a "SELECT ALL" checkbox and "0 selected" text. To the right, the text "PAGE 1-25 of 3,256 Results" is displayed, and this entire text is circled in red. Further right, there is a "Save query" button with a red pin icon.

OR

Boolean
operators:
OR

Iliad OR Odyssey

Search Everything

Sort & Filter Results

SELECT ALL 0 selected PAGE 1 1-25 of 78,202 Results Save query

The screenshot shows a search interface with a search bar containing 'Iliad OR Odyssey'. Below the search bar, there is a 'Sort & Filter Results' section. In this section, there is a 'SELECT ALL' checkbox, the text '0 selected', 'PAGE 1', and a dropdown menu showing '1-25 of 78,202 Results'. A red circle highlights the dropdown menu. To the right of the dropdown menu is a 'Save query' button with a red pushpin icon.

NOT

Boolean
operators:
NOT

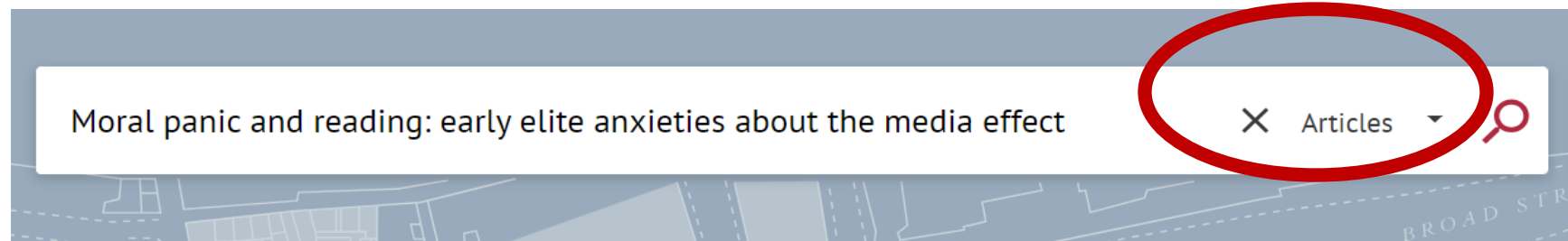
Iliad NOT Odyssey ✕ Search Everything ▾

Sort & Filter Results *SELECT ALL* 0 selected PAGE 1 **1-25 of 16,293 Results** ▾ Save query

Searching for specific articles



Furedi, F. (2016) 'Moral panic and reading: early elite anxieties about the media effect' *Cultural Sociology* vol. 10 (4) pages 523-537



SOLO: advanced search

SEARCH CRITERIA BARCODE SEARCH ^

Search Profile: Search Everything ▼

Search filters

Any field ▼ contains ▼ **Cultural Sociology**

AND ▼ Any field ▼ contains ▼ Enter a search term

+ ADD A NEW LINE **↻ CLEAR**

Material Type
All items ▼

Language
Any language ▼

Start Date:
Day ▼ Month ▼ Start Year

End Date:
Day ▼ Month ▼ End Year

↳ Any field contains **Cultural Sociology** AND Any field contains _____

SEARCH

More
advanced
search
options:
Left side facets

Sort & Filter Results

Include results without full-text access

Sort by Relevance ▼

Show only: ^

Available Online

Peer-Reviewed
Articles




Resource Type ▼






Author/Creator ▼

Publication Date ▼


Journal Title ▼

Adding items and searches to your favourites

SELECT ALL 0 selected PAGE 1 1-25 of 16,293 Results  Save query  

1  **BOOK**
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Exporting your results

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Further help

- For tips on searching SOLO follow the tutorials on the Bodleian Libraries website <https://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/solo/help>
- More iSkills training www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ask/workshops
- Contact your subject librarian www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/ask/subject-librarians

What have you learnt?



Understand **the different tools** to help you with your search



Understand how to **search for resources on SOLO**, the resource discovery tool for Oxford University



Discover search tips **using special characters**



Understand how to use **Boolean terms** in your search



Find further help

Thank you for
attending

