iSkills: Scholarly literature for your research

Introduction to resources and search tips

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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

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

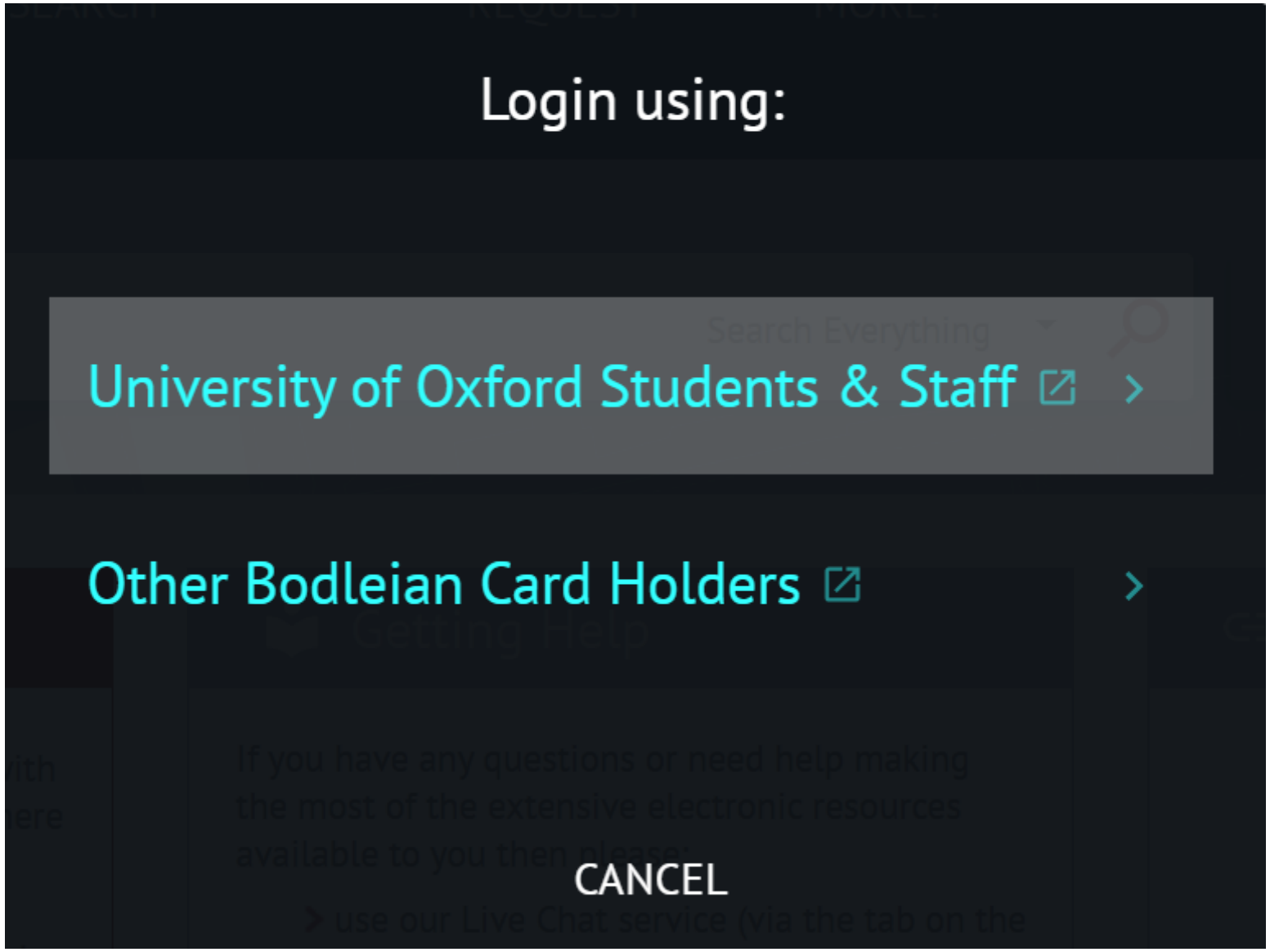
If you have any questions or need help making the most of the extensive electronic resources available to you then please:

- 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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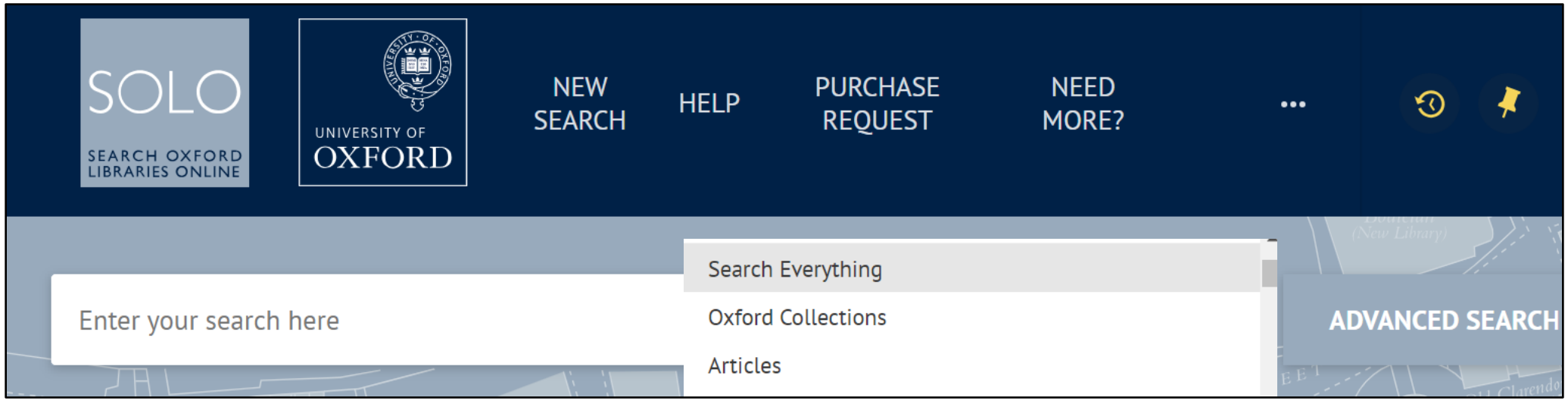
Search tip: SOLO's drop-down menu



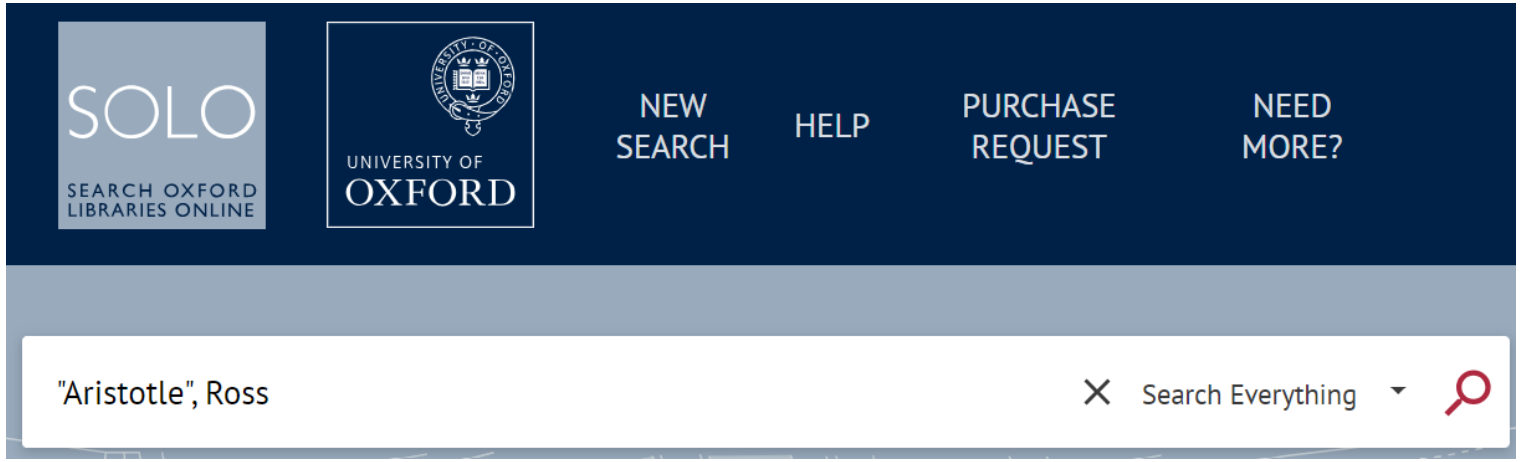
Search tip: SOLO's drop-down menu explained

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 “ ”



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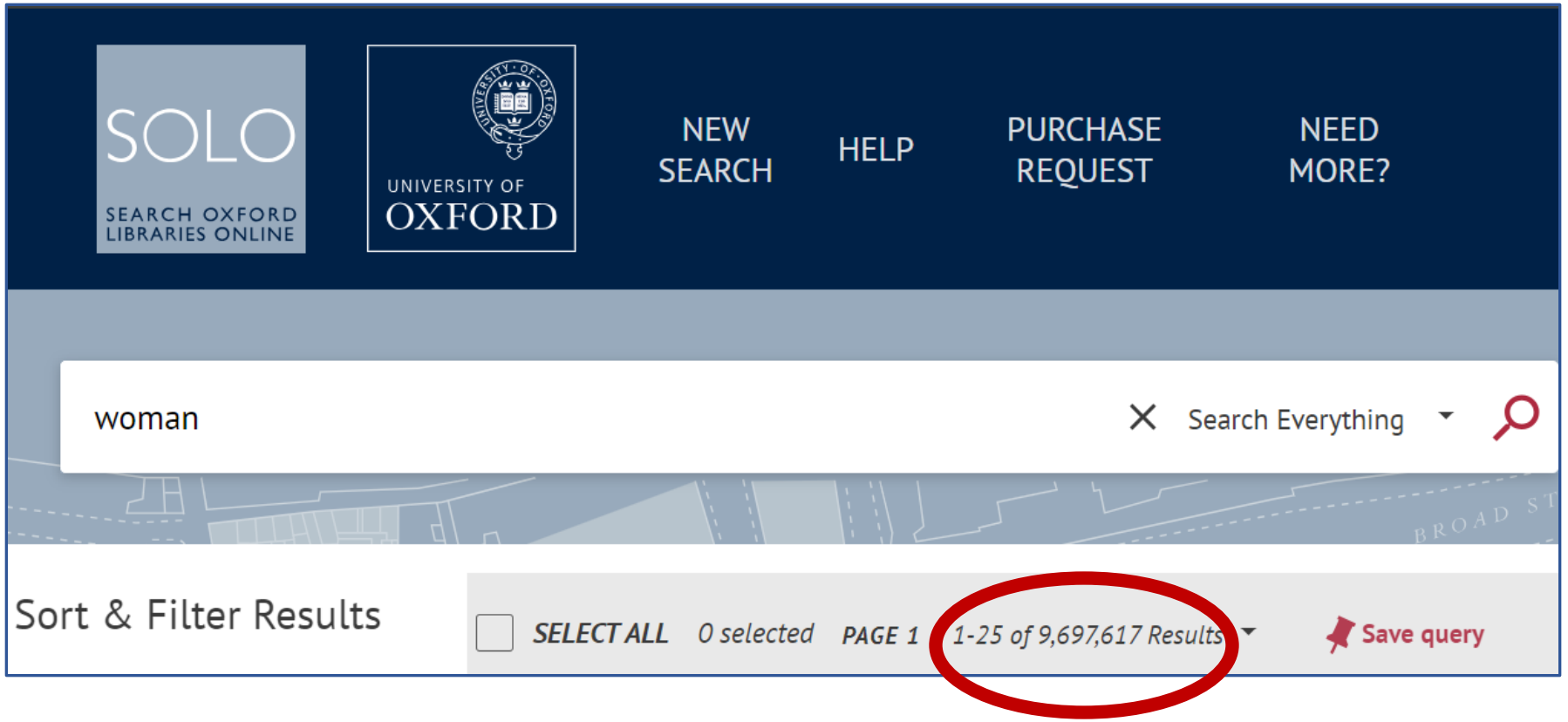
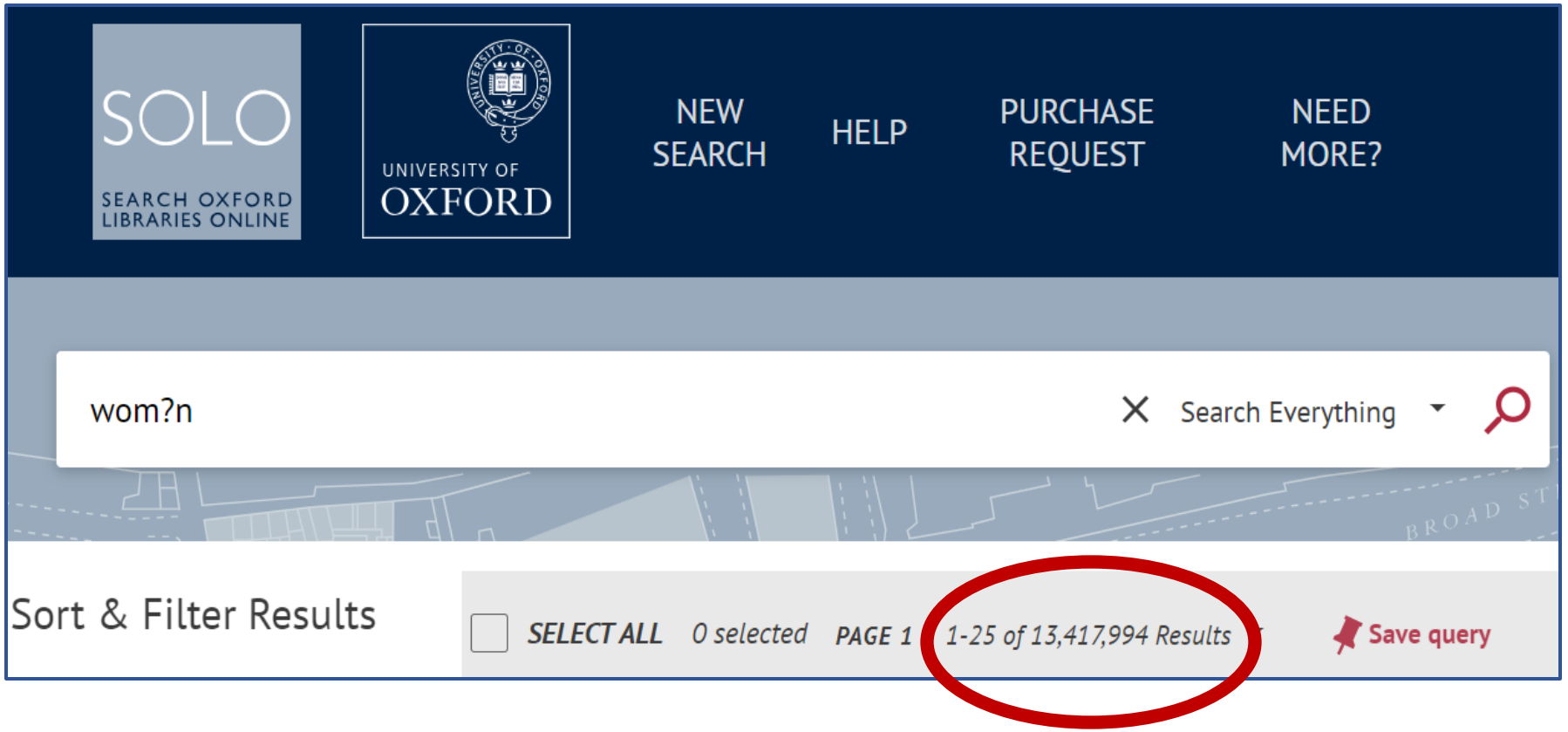


Search tip: replacing 0 or 1 characters **?** **results**



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

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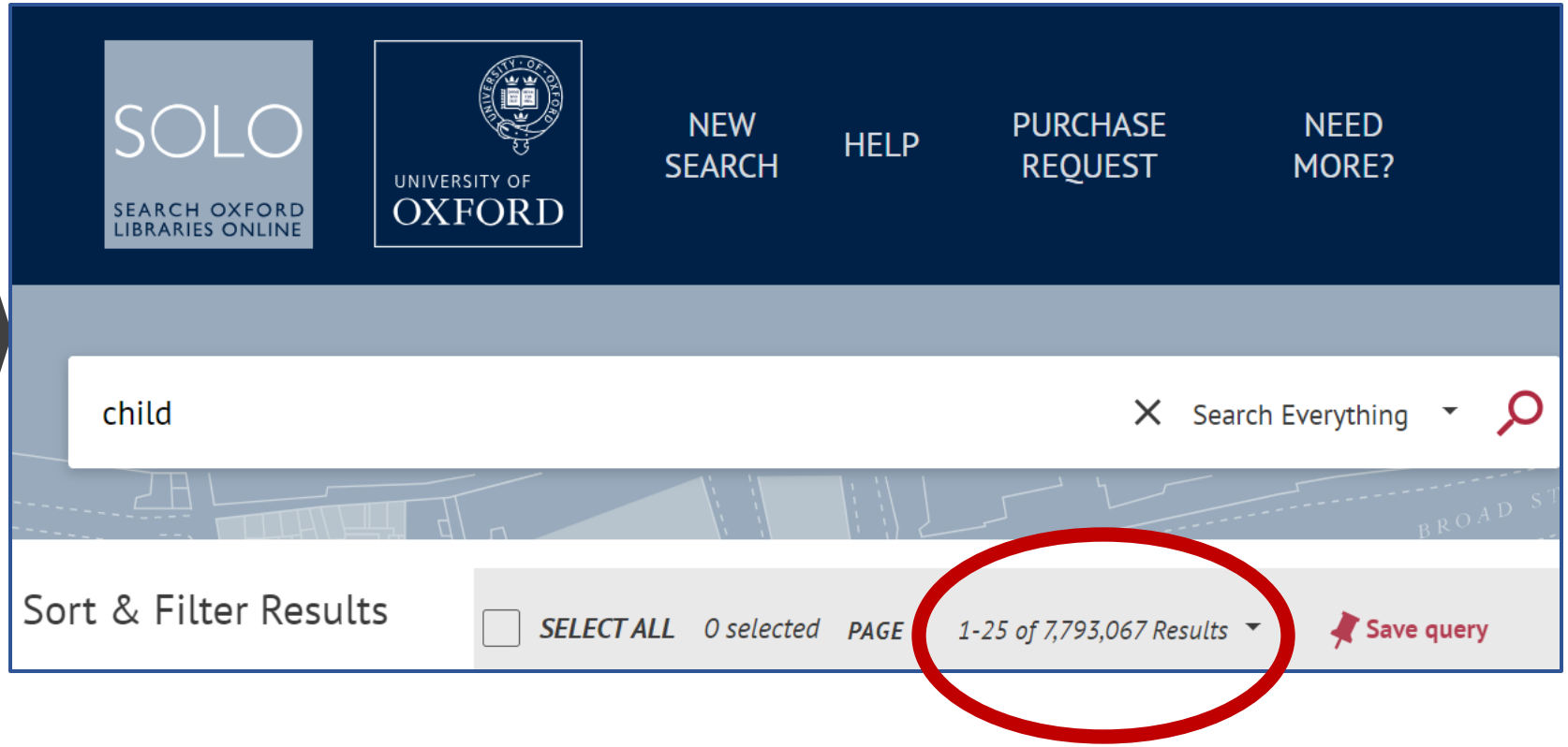

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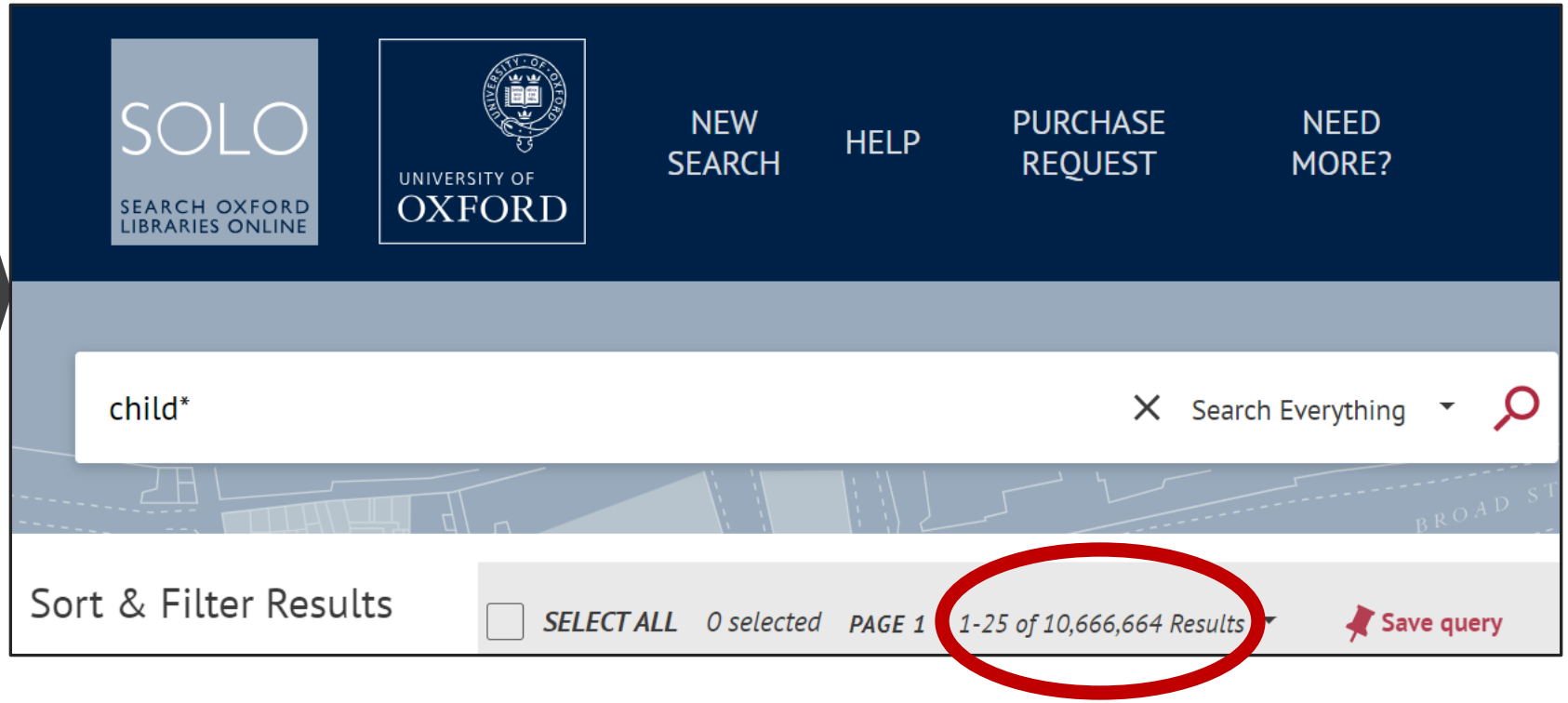

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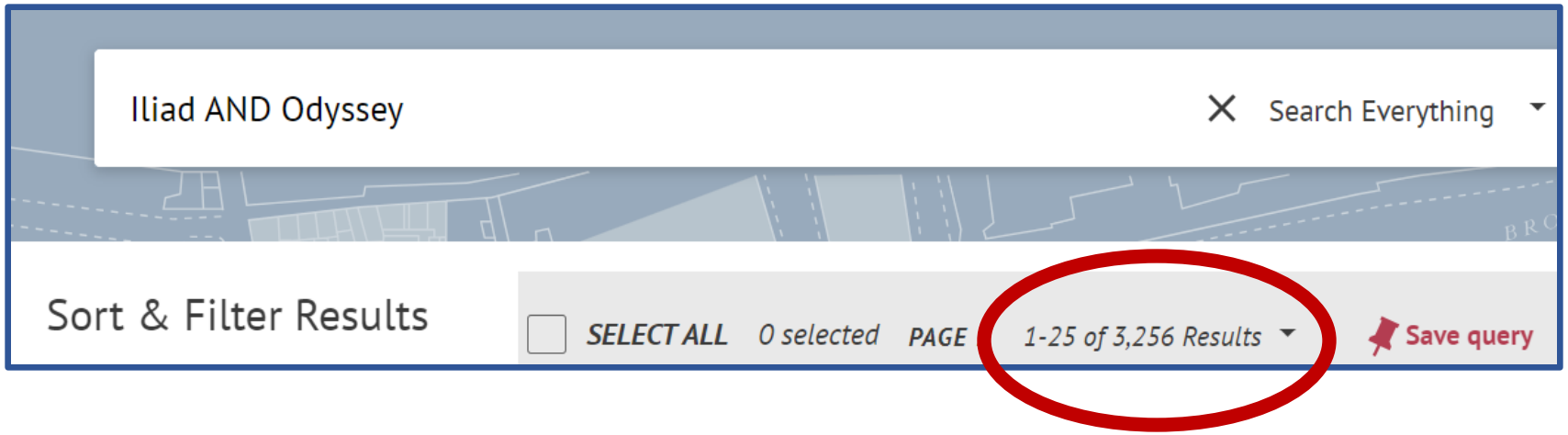

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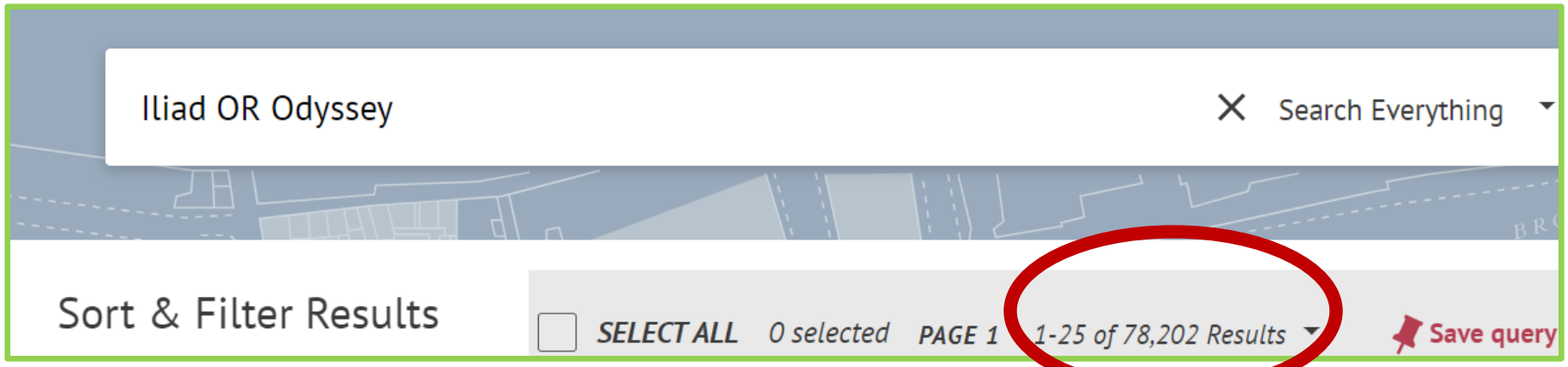

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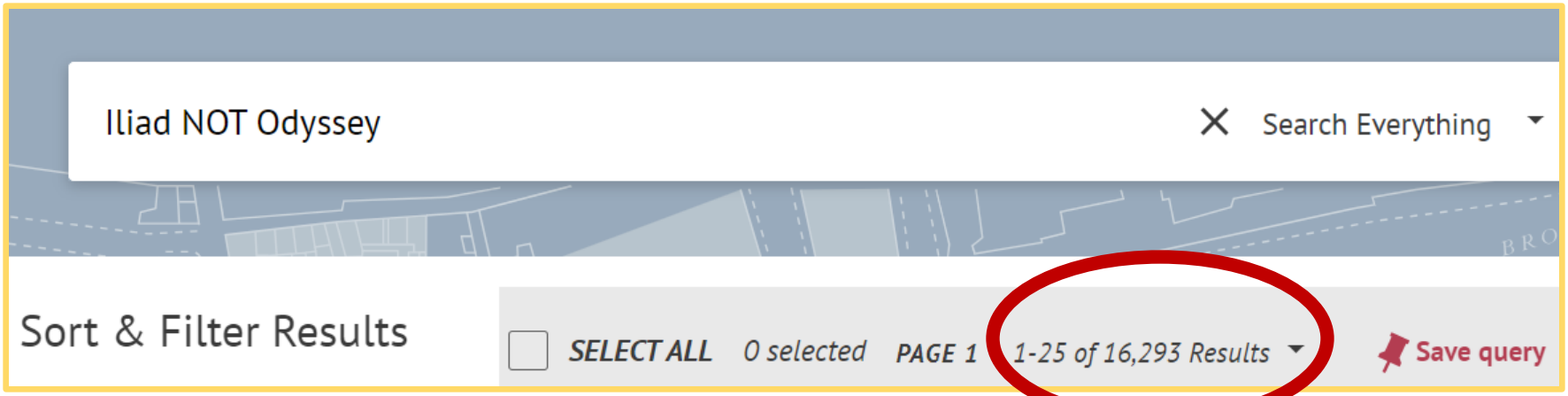
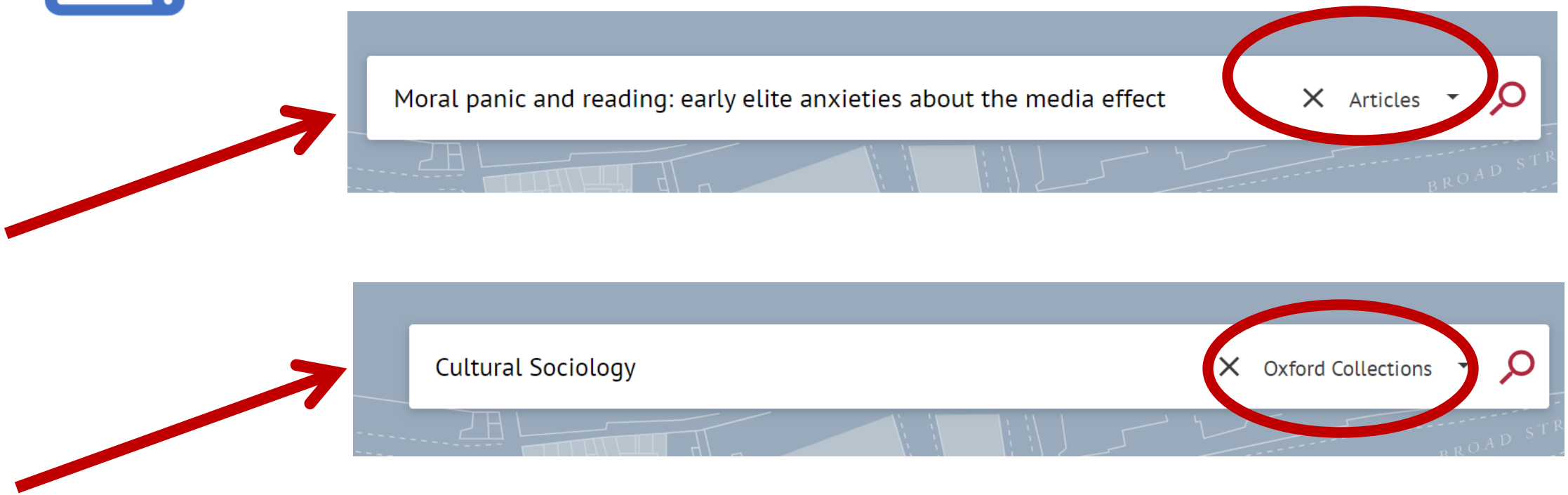
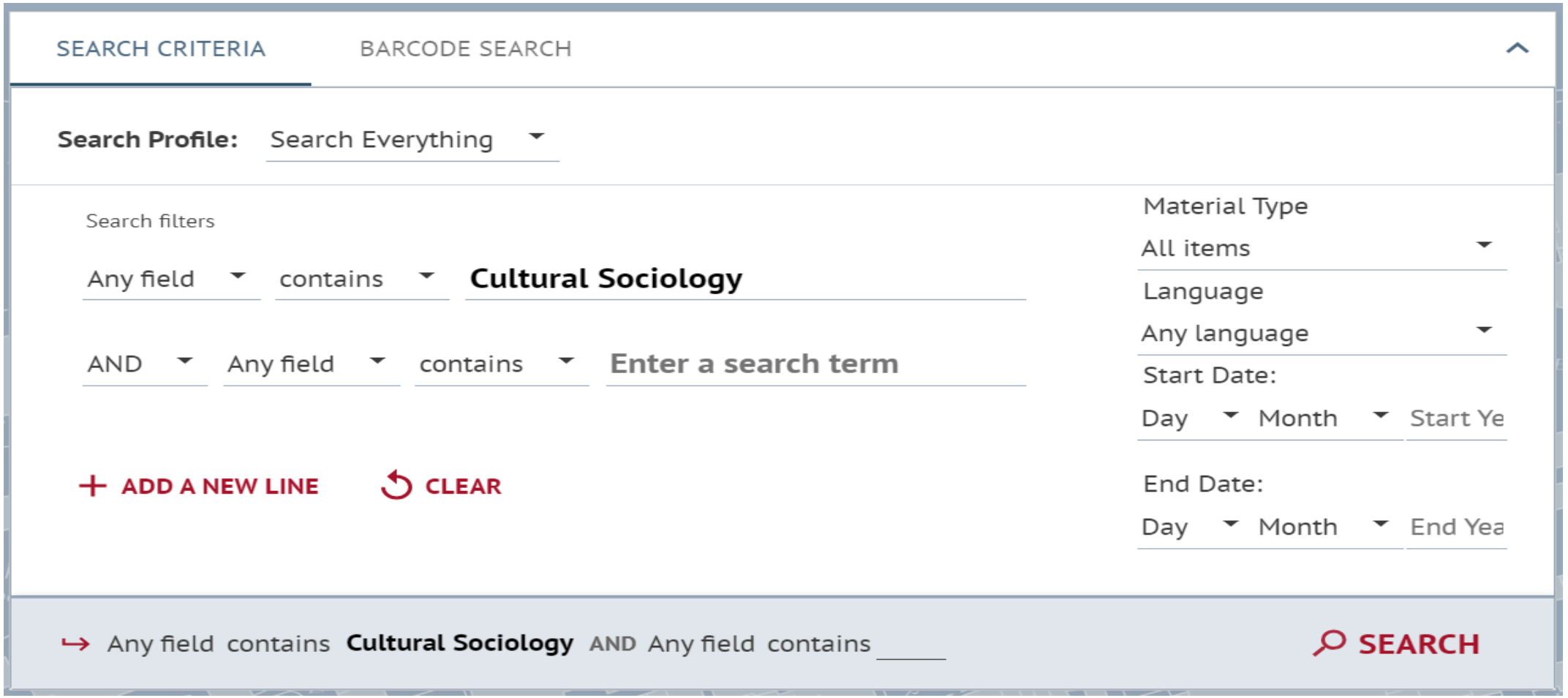


Searching for specific articles

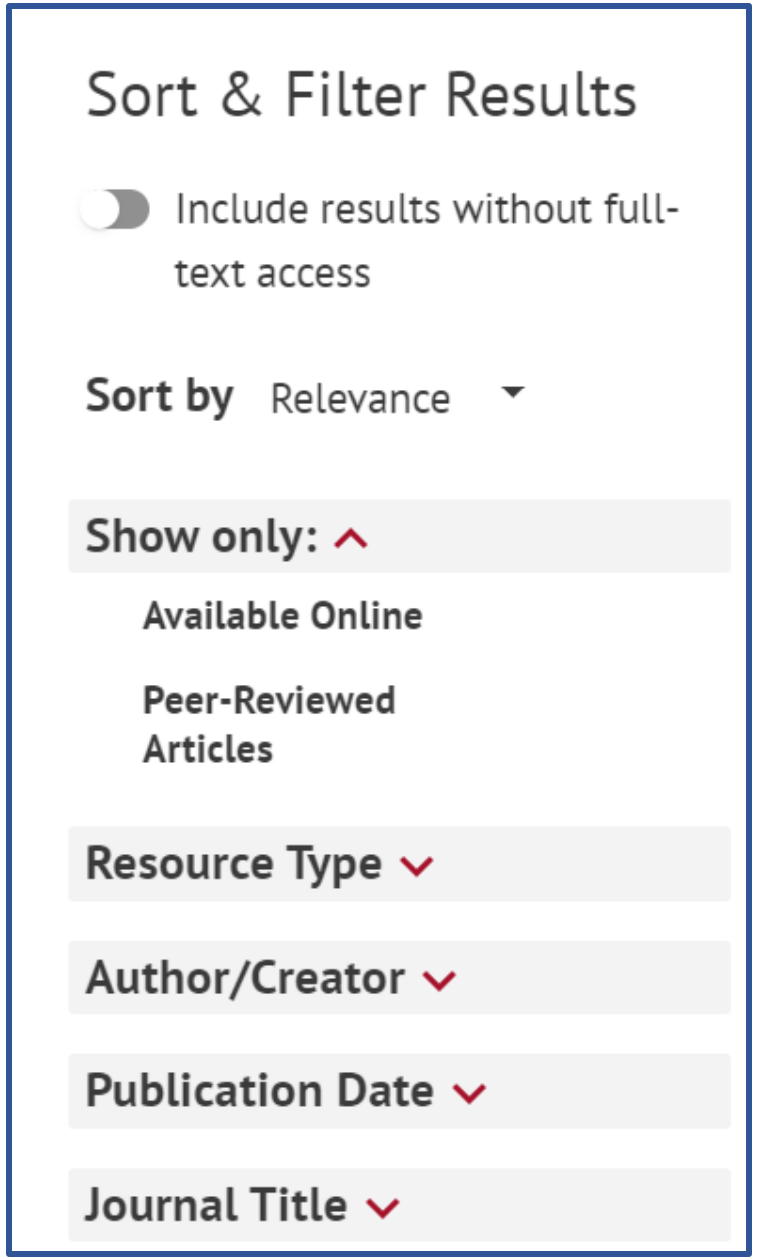
Furedi, F. (2016) ‘Moral panic and reading: early elite anxieties about the media effect’ Cultural Sociology vol. 10 (4) pages 523-537



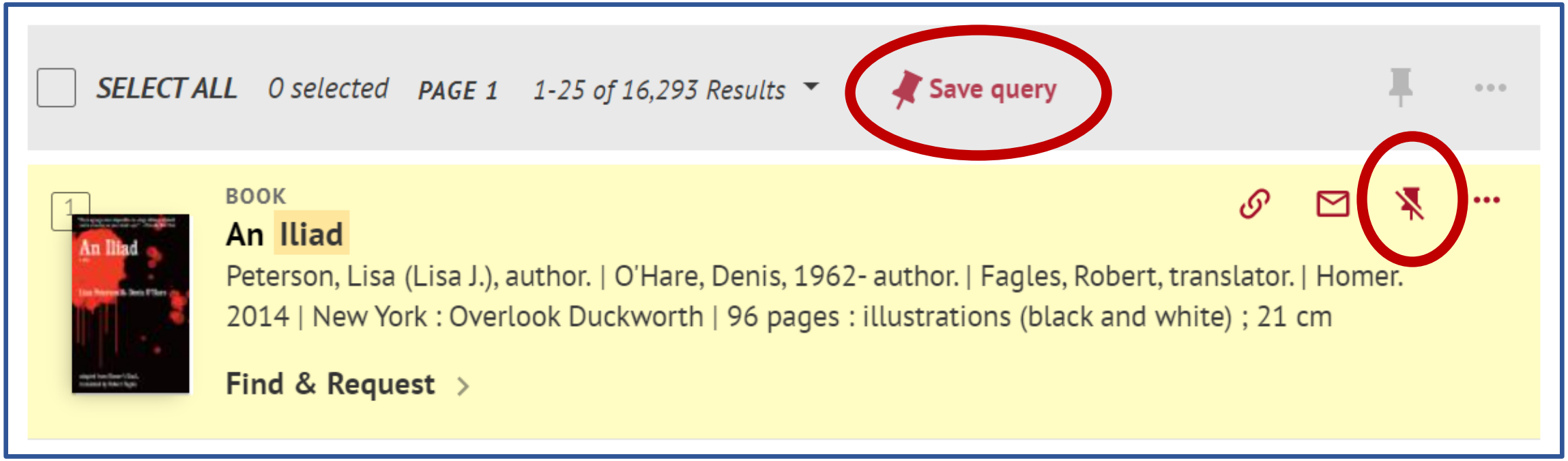
SOLO: advanced search



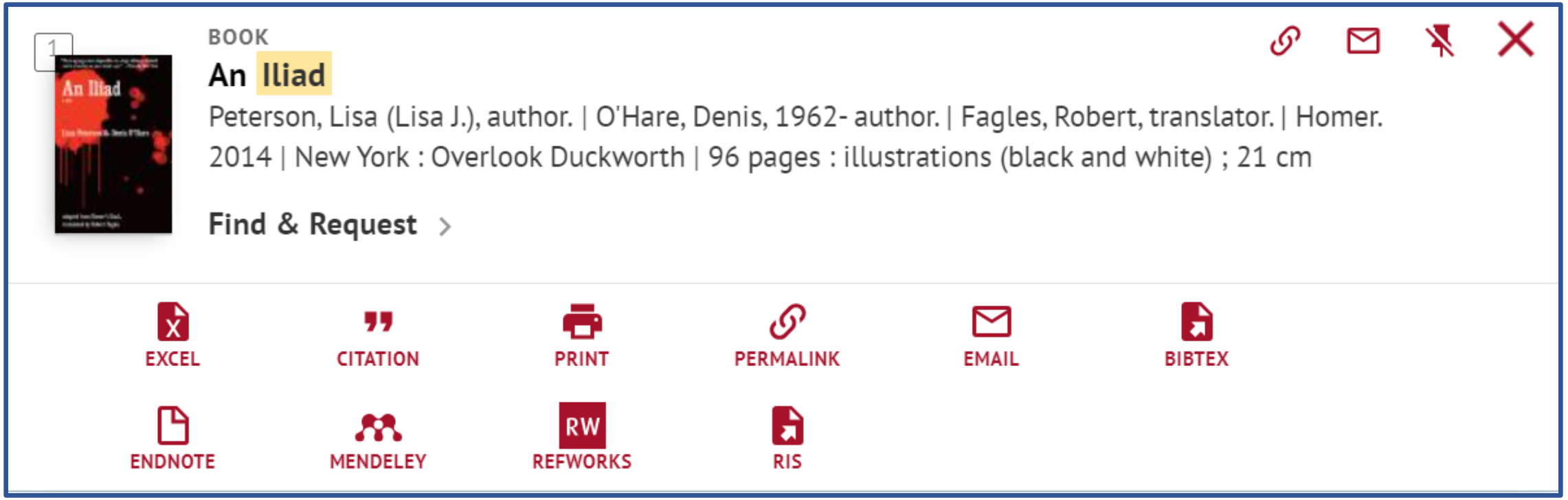
More advanced search options: Left side facets



Adding items and searches to your favourites



Exporting your results



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