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# Searching the library catalogue

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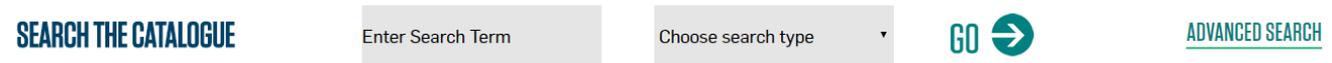
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# Introduction

The library catalogue contains the details of all the printed and electronic resources available from both campus libraries. Searching the catalogue will give you information on the location and availability of books, journals, audio-visual materials, electronic books (e-books) and electronic resources (e-resources). It is much quicker to find what you are looking for by searching the catalogue than by looking through every book on the shelves!

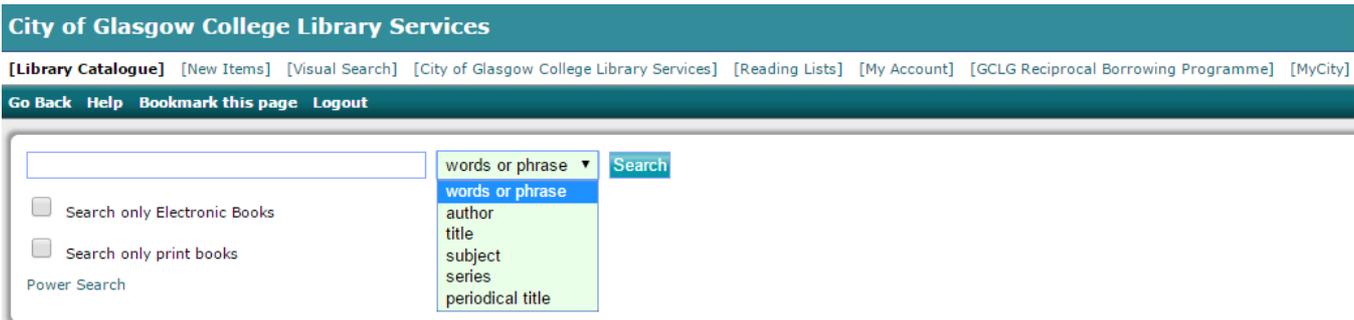
It can be accessed on the catalogue terminals in both libraries or online on the library website: <http://library.cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk>



# Basic Search

Depending on how you access the catalogue, you will be presented with one of two main search pages.

1. **Accessing directly from the library website** – towards the bottom of the screen there is a search bar (see above image).
2. **Via the catalogue terminals in the libraries, or within the catalogue site itself** - the search page looks like the image below.



Both search pages allow searching by word/phrase, author, title, subject and periodical title (i.e. a magazine or journal title). The second search page also allows searching by *series*

(e.g. a series of books) and gives the option to search only the *print* or *electronic books* (e-books) collections.

## Results Screen

A *title* search for 'sport psychology' will return a list of items that have those words in the title, like this:

The screenshot shows the library's search results page. At the top, there is a teal header with the text 'City of Glasgow College Library Services'. Below this is a navigation bar with links: [Library Catalogue], [New Items], [Visual Search], [City of Glasgow College Library Services], [Reading Lists], [My Account], and [GCLG Reciprocal Borrowing]. A secondary navigation bar contains: Go Back, Help, Limit Search, New Search, Next, Bookmark this page, and Logout. The main content area is titled 'Search Results' and shows a search for 'sport psychology' which found 48 titles. The first three results are listed:

- 1.**  **Sport psychology [electronic resource] : contemporary themes**  
Lavalley, David, Ph. D.  
2004  
1 copy available at City of Glasgow College: North Hanover St Library in CITY [NH] - Electronic Resource  
<https://www.dawsonera.com/Shibboleth.sso/Login?entityID=https://idp.cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk/idp/shibboleth&targdest=http://www.dawsonera.com/depp/reader/protected/external/AbstractView/S9781403937704>  
[Link to Item](#)
- 2.**  **Foundations of sport and exercise psychology Sixth edition.**  
Weinberg, Robert S. (Robert Stephen),  
2015  
3 copies available at City of Glasgow College: North Hanover St Library
- 3.**  **Sport psychology**  
Allen, Mark (Writer on sports psychology)

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We can see that **the first search result is an electronic resource**, as this is stated in the title in square brackets. This particular one is an **e-book**. To access it, click on [Link to Item](#) then log in using your City Account details (student number + your password). \*

\*Please note: if '**PDA e-book**' appears within the title in brackets, this means that the e-book is not



Search for 'illustration' in the title, but NOT 'fashion'

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[Library Catalogue] [New Items] [Visual Search] [City of Glasgow College Library Services]

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title	illustration	Not
title	fashion	And
title		And
subject		And
series		And
periodical title		

Search Reset

language: ANY

format: ANY

match on: Keywords

pubyear:

sort by: None

As you can see, a number of other options and filters are also available.

### I can't find what I'm looking for!

If the catalogue cannot find any items that match your search criteria, a screen like the one on the next page will appear with alternative suggestions based on the word you entered. As you can see from the screenshot, the *word-or-phrase* search for 'bunnies' yielded no results.

words or phrase "bunnies" found no matches in the library you searched.

You may change your search, or select a new search from the closest matches below.

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| 1. | <b>Bumppo, Natty (Fictitious character)--Fiction.</b>  |
| 2. | <b>Buratti, Marco (Fictitious character)--Fiction.</b> |
| 3. | <b>Bureaucracy</b>                                     |

## Tips to improve your search results...

- **Change your search word**
  - Try synonyms (words that have the same meaning) – maybe search for ‘rabbits’ instead of ‘bunnies’ or even use a different form of your original search word, e.g. ‘rabbit’ instead of ‘rabbits’, or ‘travel’ instead of ‘travelling’.
- **Select a different search option**
  - For example, searching by *title* limits the search more than if searching by *words or phrase* – the more general your search, the more results you will get, but that does not necessarily mean they will be useful results!

***If all else fails, ask Library staff*** 😊

