

Finding books and e-books for English Literature, Drama & Creative Writing

1. How do I find books on my reading lists?

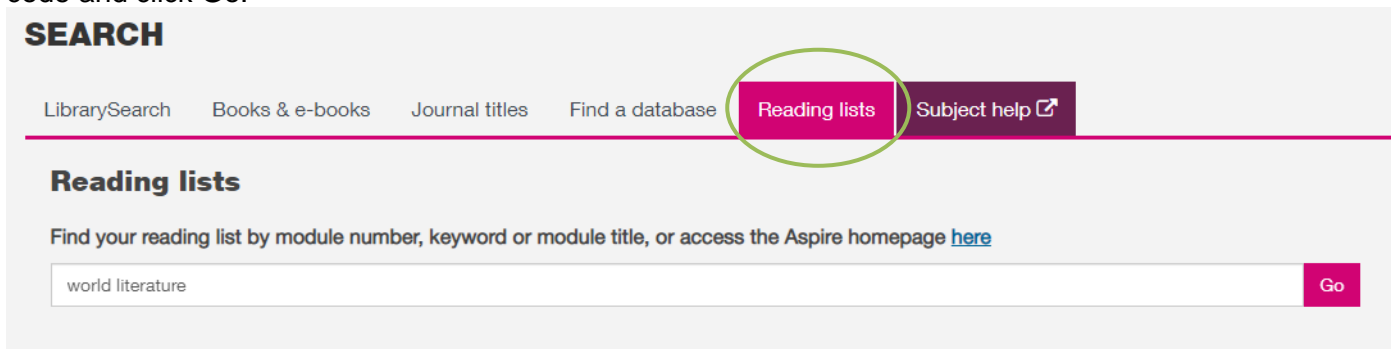
Reading lists for each of your modules are usually available online and include links to the relevant resources. To find a list for a specific module, go to your [Moodle course](#). There will usually be a link to the complete reading list in the right-hand menu.

Your tutor may have added links to weekly readings within your Moodle course – look for an option like this:



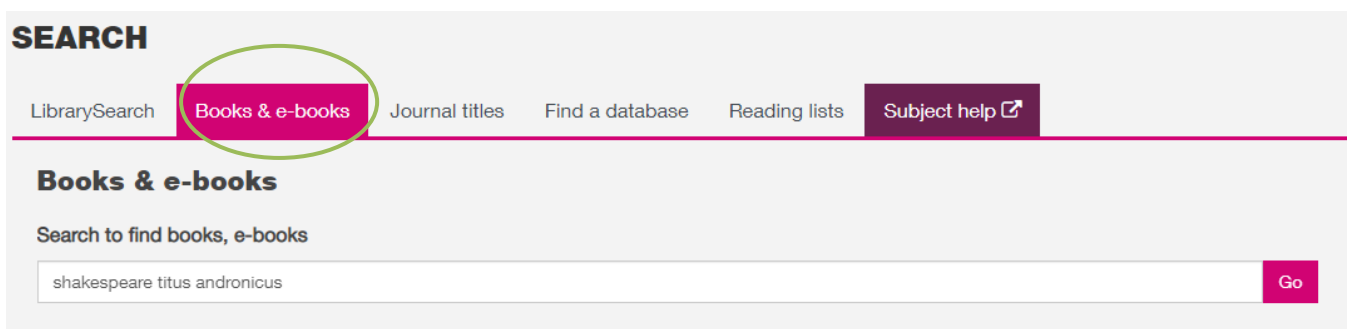
Your reading list may include links to other kinds of resources such as online journal articles and web pages. Click on the **Online resource** button to connect to the resource.

You can also access reading lists for any module through the Library home page at <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/>. Click on the **Reading lists** tab and type in the module name and/or code and click Go.

A screenshot of the Library website's search interface. At the top, under the heading 'SEARCH', there are several navigation tabs: 'LibrarySearch', 'Books & e-books', 'Journal titles', 'Find a database', 'Reading lists', and 'Subject help'. The 'Reading lists' tab is highlighted with a green circle. Below the tabs is a search bar with the text 'world literature' and a 'Go' button to the right.

2. How do I search for books & e-books?

From the Library home page at <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/> click on the **Books & e-books** tab. Type in the type in the author, title or subject that you are interested in and click Go.

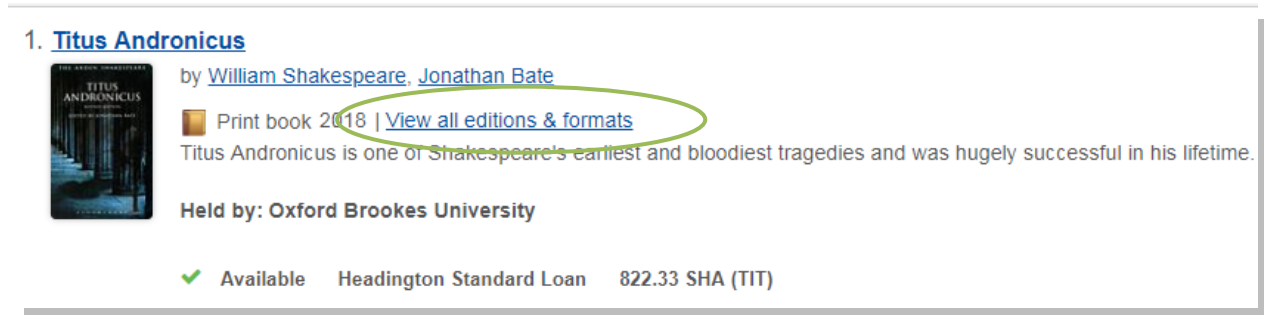
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Can I use the main LibrarySearch tab instead?

Yes, this is the default search. Books will usually come up at the top of your search results, but you will also find articles and other resources. To see only the book results, scroll down the **Search Tools** box on the left of the screen. Look for the **Format** option and tick the box next to **Book**.

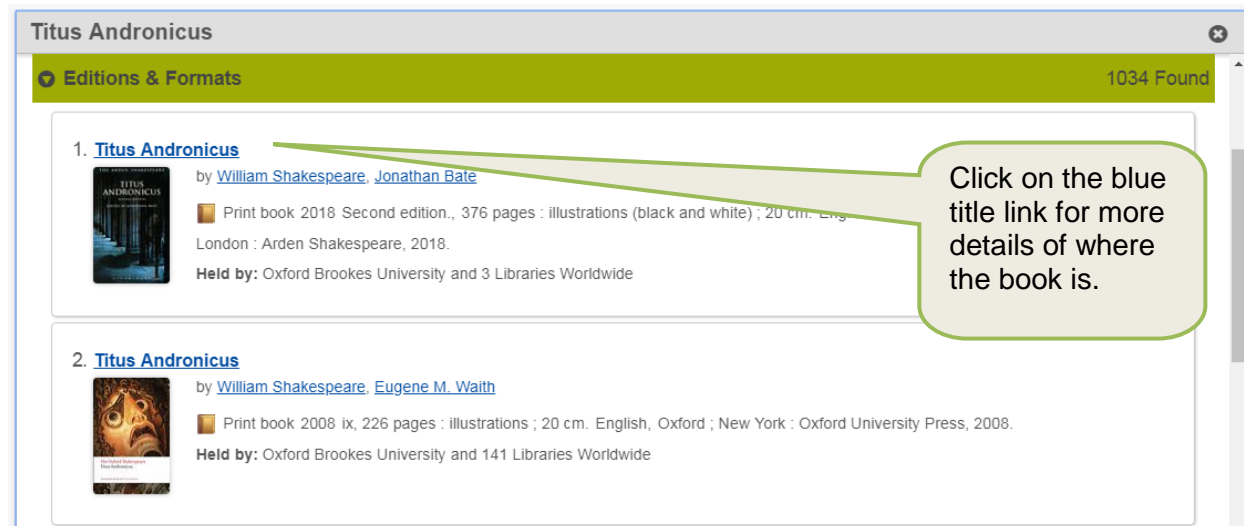
Click on the blue title link for a specific book to find out where it is.

Sometimes you will see a **View all editions & formats** link, as in the example below:



1. [Titus Andronicus](#)
by [William Shakespeare, Jonathan Bate](#)
Print book 2018 | [View all editions & formats](#)
Titus Andronicus is one of Shakespeare's earliest and bloodiest tragedies and was hugely successful in his lifetime.
Held by: Oxford Brookes University
✓ Available Headington Standard Loan 822.33 SHA (TIT)

This will show you the different versions and editions of the book – particularly useful with different editions of a literary text. Click on the title of a specific book for more details:



Titus Andronicus

Editions & Formats 1034 Found

1. [Titus Andronicus](#)
by [William Shakespeare, Jonathan Bate](#)
Print book 2018 Second edition., 376 pages : illustrations (black and white) ; 20 cm. English, Oxford ; London : Arden Shakespeare, 2018.
Held by: Oxford Brookes University and 3 Libraries Worldwide

2. [Titus Andronicus](#)
by [William Shakespeare, Eugene M. Waith](#)
Print book 2008 ix, 226 pages : illustrations ; 20 cm. English, Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2008.
Held by: Oxford Brookes University and 141 Libraries Worldwide

Click on the blue title link for more details of where the book is.

Print books have a call number which this tells you where the book is shelved in the Library, for example 823.7 SHE. If the book is on loan to another user or at one of our other libraries, you can put a hold on it. If it's on the shelves, it's quicker for you to go and get it yourself.

If LibrarySearch says the book is 'checked out' or is at another Brookes library then you can **place a hold** to request it.

You'll get an email notification to your Brookes Gmail account letting you know when the book is ready for collection. It can be collected from the section near the Library Welcome Desk on Level 1.

NB You should not put a hold on a book if it's listed as on the library shelves at your home site. It is much quicker to collect it yourself from the library shelves. If you can't find it on the shelves, go to the Library Help Zone on Level 1 and ask staff for help.

Titus Andronicus

by [William Shakespeare](#) (Author.), [Jonathan Bate](#) (Editor.)

Print book 2018

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Availability Found

Google Preview

Oxford Brookes University 4 available

Place Hold

Holding Summary

Local Holdings Available.

Headington Standard Loan ✓ Available (4)

Call Number	Status
822.33 SHA (TIT)	✓ Available

If a book you want is on loan or held at another Brookes library, you can use the **Place Hold** option to request it.

Check the **Call Number** to find out where the book is shelved and the status to see if it's available

Borrowing books

- Use the self-service machines to borrow books (you'll need your student card).
- Students may borrow up to 20 books (staff and researchers may borrow up to 30). Loan periods are 1 or 2 weeks.
- Most items will be automatically **renewed** on the date they are due to be returned. Loans that have been reserved by someone else will not be automatically renewed and must be returned. NB Check your Brookes emails to keep track of your loans and renewals.
- Key books on reading lists may have been put into the **Short Loan Collection** on Level 1 (near the Library Welcome Desk). Loan periods are 24 and 4 hours.

If we have an e-book, follow the **View eBook** link to connect to it. Log in when prompted with your Brookes student number and password.

7. [Shakespeare re-dressed : cross-gender casting in contemporary performance](#)

by [James C. Bulman](#)

eBook ©2008 | [View all editions & formats](#)

Held by: Oxford Brookes University

View eBook

Click on the link to access the e-book

3. If I want to browse the Library shelves, where should I go?

In the Headington (JHB) Library, the main literature and theatre sections are on **Level 4**. Books on a similar subject will be shelved together, making it easier for you to browse. Here are some useful sections of the Library:

Literary studies		Creative writing	
801	Literary theory	808.02	Creative writing
808	Anthologies	808.06692	Writing biography
809	History and criticism of literature	808.1	Writing poetry
810	American literature: general	808.2	Writing drama
811	American poetry	808.3	Writing fiction
812	American drama	Theatre	
813	American fiction	791	Performing Arts
820	English literature: general	791.43	Film
821	English poetry	791.437	Film adaptations
822	English drama	792	Theatre
822.33	Shakespeare's plays	792.0233	Theatre directing
823	English fiction	792.025	Theatre design, scenography
832	German drama, e.g. Brecht	792.026	Costume & make-up
839.8226	Norwegian drama, e.g. Ibsen	792.028	Acting
891.723	Russian drama, e.g. Chekhov	792.0941	British theatre

In the literature section, each number is further divided by time period e.g.
 Elizabethan and Jacobean drama 822.3 Contemporary drama 822.92
 Victorian fiction 823.8 Modern fiction 823.92

Individual authors, such as Dickens, have their own works followed by critical works and biographies e.g.
 823.8 DIC for Dickens - *Great Expectations*
 823.8 DIC/P for Lyn Pykett's *Charles Dickens: critical issues*
 823.8 DIC/T for Claire Tomalin's biography *Charles Dickens: a life*

Open access special collections:

Oxford Brookes Poetry Centre Collection – Level 4. A collection of contemporary poetry books from the UK and beyond. All the books can be borrowed. You can find out more about this collection online at: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/subject-help/english-literature/oxford-brookes-poetry-centre-collection/>

Booker Prize shortlisted titles (reference only) – Level 4
 Africa Publishing Collection – Level 2, Mobile Shelving.

4. Further help for English, Drama and Creative Writing students

- Please contact your Academic Liaison Librarian, Joanna Cooksey by emailing jcooksey@brookes.ac.uk if you can't find the resources you need or would like to make a 1-to-1 appointment for further help.
- Check the Subject Help pages for English Literature at: <https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/subject-help/english-literature>

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