

Finding law books and ebooks

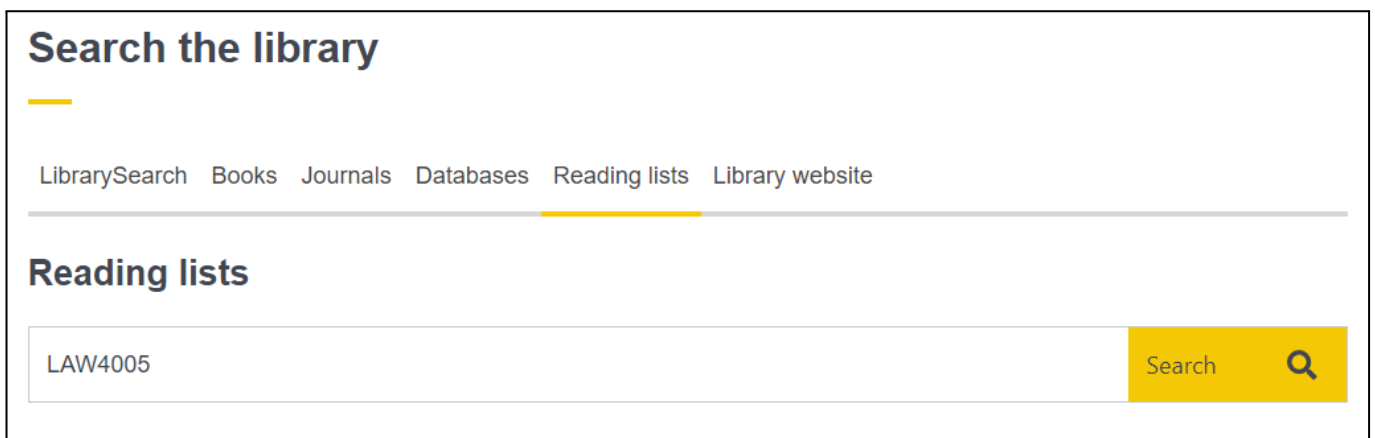
This guide is aimed at law students and will help you find books and ebooks. You can find additional information and ideas on [the law page of the library website](#).

1. Get started

Start from the library homepage (www.brookes.ac.uk/library). From here you can get to your module reading lists, to Law Trove and to LibrarySearch, all of which are described in more detail below.

2. Use your online reading list

You can find the **reading list** for any module by typing the module number in the “reading list” tab of the search box on the [library homepage](#):



The screenshot shows a web interface titled "Search the library". Below the title is a horizontal menu with several tabs: "LibrarySearch", "Books", "Journals", "Databases", "Reading lists", and "Library website". The "Reading lists" tab is highlighted with a yellow underline. Below the menu is a search box with the text "LAW4005" entered. To the right of the search box is a yellow button with the text "Search" and a magnifying glass icon.

If you go to one of your modules on Moodle, you can also find its reading list there. Just look under “key resources”.

If you click on the title of any book on a reading list, you will see live information showing you:

- where in the library you can find this book, and
- how many copies are available.

If it is an ebook, there will be a button on the right saying “view online”, which will take you straight to that ebook.


Using your online module reading lists is the quickest and easiest way to locate the things your module leaders recommend you read.

3. Explore Law Trove

Law Trove is a collection of online law textbooks. The library has paid for all law students to have access to these online textbooks.


Look at your module reading lists (see section 2). If we have a title as an ebook, you will see a 'view online' button on the right. This will take you directly to the ebook content, which is often on Law Trove.

Semester 1 Week 2: Introduction to criminal law



Criminal Law Directions
Book - by Nicola Monaghan - 2022 - Seventh edition - Essential

[VIEW ONLINE](#)

 Read pages 1-21

You can also start from Law Trove itself. Go to [the library's page for law students](#) and click on the "Law Trove" button at the top. If you see the Oxford Brookes login screen, enter your student number and password.

There is a search box at the top of Law Trove, which you can use to search a topic or a case.

If you click on "subject" near the top left you can then pick an area of law e.g. Tort. You'll then see a list of all of the tort textbooks you have access to.

Even if your module leader only uses one textbook for the whole module, it can be really helpful to have access to alternative textbooks on the same area of law. If you struggle with the way your assigned textbook explains something, see if it's clearer in another book. Similarly, if you want to dig deeper into a topic, see if there's an alternative textbook that covers a topic in more detail.

[Get more help with using Law Trove.](#)


4. Find a book when you know its title

Go to the search box on the [library homepage](#) and select the "books" tab:

Search the library

LibrarySearch Books Journals Databases Reading lists Library website

Books

Search 

You can also use the "LibrarySearch" tab to find books and ebooks, but you will also see additional search results such as journal articles.

To get a shorter and less cluttered list showing just books and ebooks, we recommend using the "books" tab.

You do not need to type in the full title of the book – just use enough words to make the search precise. For instance, the words *family* and *law* together would return a huge number of results, whereas *family, law* and

feminist would return a much shorter list of results, making it easier to spot the book you need.

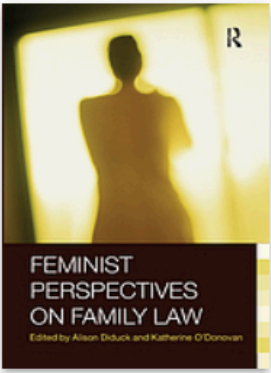
If even the full title gives you too many results, try putting the author or editor's surname in the search box as well.

Remember, if it's a chapter you're trying to find, you need to search for the book title not the chapter title. Once you have the book in front of you, you can then look for the title of the chapter.

If you get a long list of results you can use the filters down the left of the results list to refine your search.


If the book is available as an ebook, you will see a button labelled "view ebook". Click on this and enter your student number and password if prompted.

If there is a print book available, make a note or take a photo of the **call number**. In this example, it is 346.015 FEM. This information will help you find the book on the shelves in the library. (Go to section 6 to learn more).




Feminist perspectives on family law

Authors: [Alison Diduck](#), [Katherine O'Donovan](#)

 **Print Book** ©2006
Abingdon, UK ; New York : Routledge-Cavendish, ©2006.

Summary: Examining specific areas of **family law** from a **feminist perspective**, it had upon **family law**. It explores issues of legal and political preoccupation, such initiatives in regulating **family** practices through criminal **law**.

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5. Find books on a topic

You can also use the books tab of the search box if you don't have a specific book in mind.

Think carefully about search words. If you just search for *law*, then you will get an extremely long list of results! On the other hand, if your search is too narrow, then you may end up with zero results.

You're not searching the full text of books, so your search words need to be broad enough to be included in the book's title or description.

6. Where are the law books in Headington library?

In Headington library, the books are on levels 2, 3 and 4. Most law books are on level 2, but you may find useful books in any section of the library.

You can [download a library map](#) or pick one up from the Library Welcome desk on level 1 of the JHB. On the landing of each floor, you will also see a map of that floor.

If you found a book's shelfmark on [LibrarySearch](#) or your [reading list](#), use the map to get to the right area of the library. Then look for the signs on each set of shelves with number ranges. Follow these until you find the range that includes that call number.

The books are in numerical order on the shelves, so look along the shelves for that particular number. The last 3 letters will help you to find the item within the numbered section. These are arranged in alphabetical order within the section.

Please ask at the Library Welcome desk on level 1 if you find it difficult to find the book you want. That's what we're here for!

Books on similar topics are shelved together. So, once you've found the book you want, have a look at what books are on either side of it. These may be useful and relevant too.

7. Borrow books from the library

The number of books you can have on loan depends on what type of student you are. [Find out how many books you can have on loan at one time](#).

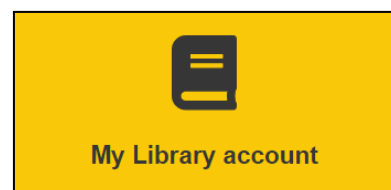
It is free to borrow books from the library. But, if you return your books late, then you may be charged.

To borrow books, you will need your student card. You can use a self-issue machine to borrow books. There is a looping animation on the machines that shows you what to do, but the first step is always to scan your student card.

If you're not sure how to use a self-issue machine, go to level 1 and ask at the Library Welcome desk. One of our friendly team will walk you through the process.

You will receive email confirmation, confirming which books you have borrowed and when they are due back. If no one else places a hold on your books (see section 9 for more about holds) then they will be renewed automatically.

To check what books are on loan to you and when they are due back, click on the "my library account" button on [the library homepage](#).



8. Read ebooks

We have a huge collection of ebooks, but publisher restrictions and high pricing mean that we cannot buy every title as an ebook.

Ebooks are hosted on several different platforms, so they won't all look the same. Most of them will allow you download or print a selection of pages.

Some ebooks allow an unlimited number of students to read the book simultaneously, whilst others have a more limited licence. If you are turned away, we recommend trying again later.

Many law textbooks are available as ebooks via LawTrove. See section 3 of this guide for more information about Law Trove.

[Learn more about library ebooks](#).

9. Request a book that is on loan to someone

If you want to read a book that is on loan to another student, or you want to read a book from another Oxford Brookes campus you can place a **hold** on the book.

To do this click on the book's title on [LibrarySearch](#). This will open up a page with more information about the book. You should now see a "place hold" button.

You'll need to log in with your student number and password and choose which campus you want to collect the book from.

You'll get an email letting you know when the book is ready to collect. If you change your mind and want to cancel your hold you can do that by clicking on "my library account" on [the library homepage](#).

10. Reading books that aren't in your library

Oxford Brookes library has access to a huge range of print books and ebooks but we don't have everything. If you'd like to read a book that we don't have, check out [Go Further, Get More](#). Here, we explain some of the different options you have and how you can suggest books to us.

Getting help and finding out more

More information and support can be found on the law page of the library website:

<https://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/resources-and-services/course-resource-help/law>