Media, Journalism and Publishing

A guide to finding information

The aim of this guide is to introduce you to the Library and the resources that will help you during your study of Media, Journalism and Publishing at Oxford Brookes.

Getting started - Library homepage
http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/

Looking for a print book or e-book? Use this.

Need a journal, print or online? Find it here.

Hunting for articles or images for your topic? Search a specialist database.

Find your reading list online and link directly through to LibrarySearch for each entry.

Need help? If the Subject Help pages don't have the answer, contact your Academic Liaison Librarian.
Finding books

LibrarySearch

The key to finding what the Library holds is LibrarySearch. It includes details of all the material held in this Library, as well as in many other libraries worldwide, and where to find it. Material held at Brookes will be prioritised in the result rankings. You can access LibrarySearch from terminals in the Library, any of the pooled computer rooms or off-campus at:

https://oxfordbrookes.on.worldcat.org/discovery

Most stock of relevance to Media, Journalism and Publishing students will be found on Levels 2 and 3 of the Headington Library, though other useful materials will be found on the other floors and at our other sites. LibrarySearch includes details of books, journals (see below) and audio-visual material and will tell you if an item is out on loan and, if so, when it is due back. Items on reading lists may have been put in the Short Loan Collection on Level 1; LibrarySearch will give you this information.

You can log in to LibrarySearch and then select My Account to see what you have on loan and check whether your holds (reservations) are ready for you to collect.

Using LibrarySearch

You can search for books on your reading list using the author and/or key words from the title, eg. Wheeler feature writing. Search for journals and magazines by title, eg. InPublishing. Search by name for people or institutions to find material by or about them, eg. Rupert Murdoch or Publishers’ Association. When you have run a search the side menu gives you the opportunity to focus your search, for example to a particular format or year. Once you have found the item you need on LibrarySearch check to see that it is on the shelves. If it is, note down the full call number, also known as a shelfmark, including the letters at the end, eg. 070.44 WHE. If the item you need is on loan or at another site click the Place Hold button and make a reservation (hold).

Reading Lists

You can search for an online version of your reading list by module name or number. There will also be a link to it on Moodle. Items on the reading list are linked to LibrarySearch so one click will tell you the call number and whether the book is on the shelves.

Browsing

You may find it helpful, even inspirational, to go and look at the books on the shelves to see what is relevant to your work. Use the call numbers below to direct your browsing.

Useful call numbers for Publishing

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Oversize books are shelved separately near the main sequence, which includes books, dvds and videos.

Print reference works

Dictionaries and encyclopaedias

These can be found on Levels 2 and 3 of the Library, most are for reference use only. They are useful for looking up unfamiliar terms or finding explanations of a subject. Dictionaries give helpful definitions, while encyclopaedias give a summary of a subject and can be a good starting point for any research.


Directories and yearbooks

Directories and yearbooks provide information on publishing companies, industry trends and the book trade in general. The following are a useful selection:

*Children’s Writers’ and Artists’ Yearbook*  
Annual. Children’s media contacts and practical advice and information.

*Writers’ and Artists’ Yearbook.*  
Annual. Directory providing detailed information on market, contracts, copyright, research, etc.

Statistical information

Statistics for Media, Journalism and Publishing can be found with the related books. More general statistical data is held in the Statistics Collection in mobile shelving next to Zone B on Level 2. Many statistics are increasingly only available online. The following titles are important in the field of publishing:

An analysis of retail book sales in the UK. Published by The Bookseller.

*PA Publishing Yearbook.*  
An annual publication produced by the Publishers Association. Previously known as the *PA Statistics Yearbook.*

*UK Travel Publishing Yearbook.*  
Online and 070.50941021 UKT

An annual publication. Published by Nielsen BookScan.

Company information, market research and industry surveys

The most up-to-date sources of market, industry and company information are now to be found online (see Databases below).

Media and publishing company websites are a good source of information. Company reports and share data for public listed companies can be found in the Investor Relations section of company websites. There are websites which act as gateways to the home pages of publishing companies worldwide. Most of the information relates to the publishing output of the companies, but there will be more general company information available as well.

Companies in the UK must register with Companies House and file their accounts and annual return. This can be a useful place to start your company research:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house)
Company Reports

Company annual reports are now legally required to be published online. A number of downloaded annual reports of media and publishing companies are available at Headington and can be found in filing cabinets in Zone D on Level 2 of the Library.

Finding journal articles

Journals and newspapers

Journals, magazines and newspapers are useful sources of up-to-date information; articles may cover developments in the industry, which have not yet reached the textbooks. It is a good idea to scan key journals in the subject area regularly to keep abreast of current developments. All our journals, print and online, can be found on LibrarySearch by searching under the title of the journal, use the Journal titles tab. To find individual journal articles on your topic - see Databases section below for guidance on tracing information in journals.

Newspapers, local, national and international, can be useful sources of information for a wide range of subjects, including business and company news, reviews of new books and feature articles on writers. As they are published frequently, they are often the best sources for current, up-to-date information. See below for online sources. More information on searching for news stories can be found on our News and Current Affairs web page:

http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/resources/news-and-current-affairs/

Databases

The Library subscribes to electronic databases which contain details of journal articles (and sometimes book chapters, book reviews and conference proceedings) on particular subjects. You can search these databases using keywords to find details of relevant articles for your assignments and research.

There are three types of database. The first and most basic type is an indexing service only, providing sufficient bibliographic information (i.e. author and title of the article, the name of the journal, dates and pages) to locate the article. The second type also provides an abstract, which is a brief summary of each article's contents. The third type will provide the full text of the article.

Where full text articles are not available online the next step is to check LibrarySearch for the title of journals containing articles you wish to read. When you find the journal you are looking for it is important to check the holdings information to be sure that we have the issue you need. Sometimes we will have a journal in both print and electronic format but the holdings information is likely to be different, you need to choose the format that covers the date you are seeking.

Databases can be accessed on pooled room computers in the Library or in any pooled computer room. Most can also be accessed from outside the University. Usually your Brookes login will be requested, details for those resources with a different login can be found via Library E-resources:

https://sites.google.com/brookes.ac.uk/library-e-resources/home

Details of databases recommended for media, journalism and publishing can be found at:

http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/subject-help/media-journalism-and-publishing/databases-for-media-journalism-and-publishing/

The following databases are particularly useful for media, journalism and publishing:

Media and Journalism

Academic Search Complete
Multi-disciplinary database with access to a wide range of scholarly journals.
Communication and Mass Media Complete
Coverage includes many journals for media and journalism.

Publishing

Business Source Complete
Covers management, economics, finance, accounting and business. Provides access to over 2000 full text journals, including The Bookseller and Publishers Weekly, plus abstracts only from over 540 journals. This database is a good source of publishing company information. It provides access to very useful and up-to-date Publishing Industry Profiles and Company Profiles. Search for Publishing Industry Profile as a publication and select the country or region of interest. Select the More tab at the top of the homepage to find a link to Company Profiles and then you can search for your chosen company. The Marketline Reports contain a company overview and information about key products and services, subsidiaries and top competitors. Searching under the Company Information tab will give you a snapshot of the company and links to relevant articles in other sources such as academic journals, trade publications, newspapers and country reports.

Other electronic resources

Publishing and printing

The Bookseller.com
Access to latest news, features, blogs, rights news, bestseller charts and profiles. First-time users will need to register in order to set up an account. Once you have registered you will also receive separate login details for the latest issue of the Bookseller and the archive back to 11 January 2013. Online full text access to older issues of the Bookseller magazine is available via Business Source Complete from 2002 – 5 August 2011.

Global Publishing Information
Detailed market research reports, market profiles and statistics covering the book industry in individual countries. Continually updated.

Nielsen BookScan
Sales statistics for the consumer print book market in the UK. Reports can be run for individual titles and specific markets or book categories, for example, genre, publisher or author. Passwords and training in the use of this resource will be provided during your course.

Publishers Weekly Digital Archive
Trade publication for the US publishing industry. Includes industry news and book reviews as well as coverage of the British book trade. Digitised content from 1872 to 2013

Business and Management

Fame
UK company accounts. Covers material from the last 10 years.

Mintel
Market research reports on all sectors of the media and publishing industries

Orbis
Accounts and financial details of over a million companies across the globe.

Passport
UK and international market research reports plus information about international retailing. Coverage from 1997.
Newspapers, magazines and ephemera

**ABC (Audit Bureau of Circulation)**
Provides circulation and distribution data for media such as newspapers and magazines, across the range of formats, in the UK and Ireland. Gives access to published ABC certificates for individual titles as well as a range of sector based reports. Our subscription also provides access to the Report Archive and historical data for individual titles, both go back to 2000.

**British periodicals**
Hundreds of full text periodicals from the late 17th century to the early 20th century. Covers a wide range of subjects and types of periodical.

**Burney Collection**
17th and 18th century newspapers and news pamphlets from England, Ireland and Scotland, together with a selection of newspapers from the British colonies in the Americas and Asia.

**Factiva**
International news database. Includes national and local newspapers and trade and professional journals from 152 countries in 22 languages. Also includes company and industry information and some images.

**John Johnson collection: an archive of printed ephemera**
An archive of materials which document everyday life in Britain in the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries. Includes facsimile images of posters, handbills, pamphlets and broadsides. Coverage includes popular entertainment and the booktrade so useful for book history.

**LexisLibrary**
The News tab of this legal database gives full text access to UK national and regional newspapers including the Guardian, Independent, Times and Daily Telegraph.

**19th Century British Library Newspapers**
Full runs of 48 national and regional newspapers.

**19th Century UK Periodicals (Series 1: New readerships)**
A collection of nearly 100 periodicals relating to women and children, sport and leisure and humour and satire. Includes a very informative Topic Guide.

**Proquest Historical Newspapers: The Guardian and The Observer**

**Times Digital Archive**

**Vogue Archive**
Access to the complete run of US Vogue from 1892 to the most recent edition. Contains over 400,000 pages produced as high resolution full colour images.

**Legal**
LexisLibrary UK - UK case law/statute law and relevant journal articles.

**Images**
**ARTstor**
More than a million images, covering a wide range of subjects. The images can be used in coursework and classroom presentations.
Bridgeman Education
Provides art images that are available for educational purposes to Oxford Brookes students and staff. Can search or browse by subject as well as by artist or work.

General

Box of Broadcasts (BoB)
If you have missed a television or radio programme that would be perfect for your assignment search for it on BoB. This off-air recording and media service contains over 45,000 programmes.

Early English Books Online (Full text)
Digital facsimile page images of virtually every work printed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and British North America and works in English printed elsewhere from 1473-1700. This amounts to 97,905 works in their entirety with bibliographic records for a further 8,500.

Oxford Dictionary of National Biography (Full text)
An illustrated collection of articles providing the life stories of over 50,000 people who have shaped the history of the British Isles and beyond, from the earliest times to those who died in recent years. Includes publishers, editors, journalists, writers, illustrators, critics and librarians.

Internet sites

There are a large number of media, journalism and publishing resources available on the internet. A selected list of internet sources of use to Media, Journalism and Publishing students can be found via the Subject help for Media, Journalism and Publishing page at:


Referencing

Acknowledging your sources correctly is a very important part of any academic work you do, failure to do so can affect your marks and may leave you vulnerable to charges of plagiarism. The Media, Journalism and Publishing Department recommends the Harvard (author-date) system, further guidance can be found in your course handbook. The Library produces a guide to citing your references using Harvard, which can be found at the Library Help Zone or online at:

http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/library-services/library-research-guides/

For more detailed guidance you may wish to look at the following:

Cite them right online


If you are still unsure you can talk to your tutor, your Academic Liaison Librarian (contact details below) or Upgrade staff. Upgrade is the University study skills service, for contact details and information about the help it offers go to:

https://www.brookes.ac.uk/students/upgrade/
Managing your references using EndNote

EndNote enables you to collect, store and manage references in your own personal ‘Library’. There is a desktop version available on the Oxford Brookes network, and a Web version freely available to all Brookes staff and students.

EndNote is recommended for anyone, including undergraduates, to improve efficiency when studying, doing research and creating bibliographies. You can enter references manually into your Endnote desktop/Web Library or transfer them directly from databases. References from your Library can then be inserted into your Word documents and used to create bibliographies in the style of your choice.

For more information, see our Library Web pages at

http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/library-services/endnote/

The Library runs drop in training sessions on Endnote Web, for times and dates see:


Writing a dissertation/thesis

The Library has a variety of guides and textbooks covering the writing and presentation of dissertations/theses, many of them shelved at 808.066 or 378.1702812. The following are useful introductory guides:


Special Collections

The Library has a number of Special Collections of particular interest to Media, Journalism and Publishing students. For further information on the following Collections, including access arrangements, see:

http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/special-collections/

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Access to material not held at Oxford Brookes

It is unlikely that our Library will be able to satisfy all your information needs. The Interlibrary Loans service will be able to supply you with most other items you need. We make a small charge for every item we provide for you and you need to allow time for the material to arrive.

Final year undergraduates undertaking dissertations (or equivalent) and postgraduate and research students are entitled to apply to use the Bodleian Library at the University of Oxford. Further details and application forms for the Bodleian can be obtained from the Help Zone in the Library.

Details of the above, along with information about access schemes for other university libraries, can be found here:

http://www.brookes.ac.uk/library/library-services/borrowing/access-to-other-libraries/

More information:

If you need any more information or help please contact your Academic Liaison Librarian, Chris Fowler by email, telephone or at her office, JHB 310, Zone C, Level 3 of the Headington Library.

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