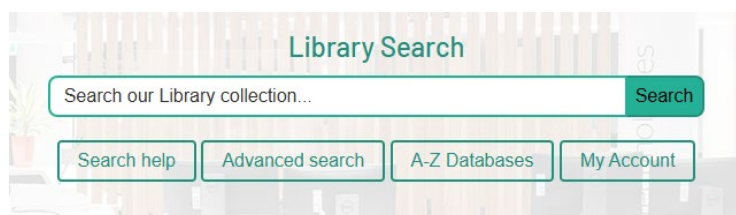# ECU Library Search Tip Sheet

ECU's Library Search provides instant access to books/eBooks, journal articles, newspaper articles, DVDs, and more, through one simple search.

https://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/library-services/overview

Search using keywords, terms, and connectors to locate information. Use the menu on the left to refine your search and limit it to the items you need. You can also save and share items you find to come back to later.

Search

Feature	Function
Advanced Search	Advanced Search is recommended for a more structured search in specific fields (keyword, title, etc.). It allows you to apply filters at the start of your search.
"Phrase searching"	Use quotation marks " " to search for a particular term or phrase: "climate change", "mental health"
AND, OR, NOT	**AND** – joins concepts and narrows the search **OR** – use synonyms to broaden the search, including alternative or related terms **NOT** – exclude unrelated terms or topics to narrow the search
Truncation	* - retrieves variant endings to a word. E.g., manag* will search manage, management, manager, managing
Wildcard	**#** - represents a single character in your search term; e.g., wom#n will search woman and women **?** – represents 0-9 characters within a single term: Organi?ation = organisation, organization

Refine

Search Results 71 results in Edith Cowan University Sort: Best Match ⌄	At the top of the results screen you will see the number of results retrieved. The default sorting order is by **Best Match**, which brings items held by **ECU** to the top. Change this order using the drop-down arrow.
Search Filters ⌃ Held By Library ☐ Libraries Worldwide ☑ Edith Cowan University	By default, your search will filter to **items accessible via ECU**. You can change this to **Libraries Worldwide** to see other library holdings. Note: Only Postgraduate students, Academics and Researchers will have access to Libraries Worldwide resources. Some of these resources may be available via interlibrary loan (print only).
Selected Filters ☑ Retain Filters | Clear Filters	There is an option to save the filters you have already selected. This will keep the selected filters on for further searching. To remove a filter, click on the **x** in the box. Use **Clear Filters** to reset filters.
Content Type	If you are only looking for **Journal Articles**, you can choose to limit to **Full Text** and **Peer-Reviewed**. Skip this filter if you are looking for other formats.

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^ Content Type ☐ Full Text ☐ Peer Reviewed (168K)	
Format **^ Format** All Article (241K) Book (1.8K)	Select the format (**Article, Book, Video**, etc.) you want to retrieve. 'Show More' shows a full list of formats and the number of items retrieved in that format. You can select or remove format types as needed.

Results

Item Detail ✔ Available Edith Cowan University Joondalup Campus Library Main Collection 808.06615 PUB 11 Available at 3 Locations Place Hold	Click on the **Title** of an item to reveal **Item Details**. This shows you how to access the item online or in the Library. Close this by clicking **Back to Search Results.** Click **Explore Editions & Formats** to see multiple copies and editions with the same title held at ECU Library and Libraries Worldwide. When you select an item and view more details about it, the filters will move out of view. To retrieve the filters, click **Back to Search Results** from the top left of the screen.
Online Resources View eBook	**Electronic items:** To access an eBook click on **View Ebook**, for an article it may say **View full text** or **View PDF**.

Item Options

Cite ❝ Cite	You can use **Cite** to copy and paste a reference or export to EndNote. **Be sure to check the format of the reference before using it in your assignments.**
Link or Email < Share	**Share** provides you with a stable URL to copy that will bring you back to this item. Alternatively, you can choose to **Email** details of the item (including a link) to yourself or someone else.
Save ☆ Save ★ Saved Items (1)	You can save multiple items by selecting **Save** – it will save in the Saved Items folder. These items will only be saved for the browser session. Log in to save items permanently.
Saved Items / Sign In My Account ⊕ Create List Saved items Saved lists	To save items permanently, click on **Saved Items** in the top right-hand corner. **Sign In** using your ECU Login ID. You can use the **Create List** feature to organise your saved items in a list. You can access these lists from the drop-down arrow next to your name. Select **Saved Items or Saved Lists**. You can export multiple references to EndNote from your Saved Items lists.