Locating an item in Summon

You might need to track down a resource cited in a publication such as your textbook OR your professor may recommend a resource to you.

You can search for a known book or journal title through the UVic Libraries’ catalogue. To locate a specific article, you can use Summon –Search Everything box on the UVic Libraries home page.

Instructions

1. At the Library homepage: http://uvic.ca/library
2. Search for the article entitled: “Recent Progress in Supercapacitors: From Materials Design to System Construction”

Summon searches the library’s collections and finds many different types of sources. Use the limits to refine your search to the following:

- Full-text Online: Displays items that you have only online full-text access to
- Scholarly & Peer-Review: Limits to articles that are scholarly and include peer reviewed publications
- Peer-Review – Limit to articles that are verified as peer-reviewed publications

Constructing an effective search

Complete the following search planning form for your selected research topic:

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concept 1 ( OR OR )

concept 2 AND ( OR OR )

concept 3 AND ( OR OR )
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Search Tips

As you conduct your research, you will notice that more than one word can often be used to express a concept. For example, “nanotechnology”, “nanobiotechnology”, “nanopositioning” all express essentially the same concept. If you are having trouble finding information about your topic, try using a related word or synonym.

- Put phrases in quotes: e.g. “bridge construction”
- Separate different concepts/keywords using AND
- String together similar search terms or synonyms using OR
- Place parentheses around groups of synonyms (nanotechnology OR nanobiotechnology)
- Use * to truncate

Subject Guides (Libraries Home page > Research Help > Subject Guides > Engineering > Library Orientation for ENGR110/112)

- Use the subject guide to find resources for your research
- Follow the Research Step-by-Step page to learn how to find a topic and develop your search
- Find the best bets for databases, journals, books

Databases at UVic (Libraries Home page ➔ Databases by Subject ➔ Engineering)

Search databases to discover relevant journal articles, conference papers, research reports etc. Some of the best bets are:

- Compendex (Engineering Village)
- Inspec (Engineering Village)
- Business Source Premier
- Web of Science
- IEEE Xplore
- TRID

Finding patents and standards (Subject Guide > Patents and Standards)

- Request standards from Aditi Gupta (aditig@uvic.ca)

Citing your Sources

Proper citation is essential to academic success. Not only does it clearly and accurately tell you professor which sources you consulted, but it is essential for avoiding plagiarism. You must cite your sources, for both direct quotations and for paraphrasing. All sources must be cited, including articles, books, government documents, statistics, graphs, tables, charts and other forms of information, whether found in print or online.

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