

Video: Finding Resources Using the Libraries' Website

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1. 00:00:00 Welcome to this Rutgers Libraries video tutorial on finding resources using the libraries website.
2. 00:07:00 The library has resources for a wide range of informational needs. Perhaps your professor has asked you to find recently published, peer-reviewed journal articles for an assignment;
3. 00:18:00 or, you want to check out the source of a claim made in a social media post; or you're helping a family member find trust-worthy health information; or it's Saturday night, and you're looking for a great film to watch.
4. 00:31:00 Your impulse may be to start searching for this information on the internet using a search engine like Google or maybe Google Scholar.
5. 00:39:00 But while you are affiliated with Rutgers, I challenge you to try something different – by starting here at the Rutgers libraries website
6. 00:48:00 The Library website is a fast and reliable way to find the information you need. The Quicksearch box is located on the library's home page. It searches many databases at once, so it's a great place to start.
7. 01:01:00 Quicksearch includes all Rutgers physical collections, and about a third of our databases. If you are not finding relevant information after a few tries in Quicksearch, I recommend moving on to the subject databases.
8. 01:14:00 Quicksearch can help you access a range of resource types like: books, journals, journal articles, newspapers, audio & video recordings, archival materials, government documents, some databases, and more.
9. 01:30:00 But, let's say you're interested in finding peer-reviewed articles exploring voter information seeking in the US. You may start with the keywords: "information seeking" AND voters AND "United States" to find information about this topic.
10. 02:00:00 Because Quicksearch is searching so much information at once, this search will produce a lot of results, perhaps too many. Think about the type of information you are looking for. Then, you can use the filters in the left sidebar to narrow your results.

11. 02:01:00 If you are looking for peer-reviewed articles, choose the “peer-reviewed journals” filter. You can also narrow it further by checking off “articles.” Once you’ve chosen the type of information you want to see, click the “apply filters” button towards the bottom of the sidebar.
12. 02:18:00 Filtering your search by Creation Date is another good way to narrow down your results.
13. 02:25:00 If you want to make your topic more specific, you can use the Subject filter. Let’s filter for News.
14. 02:34:00 Once you figure out which filters work best for your search, clicking the lock icon at the top of the sidebar will keep them in place. This will save you time when you try out different keywords and search strategies.
15. 02:47:00 As you skim through your results, look at the titles to get a sense of what might be relevant for your research, and assess if you need to revise your search strategy.
16. 02:57:00 From the results list page, you can click on the pin icons to create a list of results to explore later, you can email the title to yourself, and you can capture a citation.
17. 03:09:00 Reading the article’s description is another great way to see if it meets your information needs. To find the description, click on the article title and scroll down the page until you see the word “Description.”
18. 03:23:00 If you think the article is a good fit, click on the link located under “Find Online”/“Full text availability” to access the full text. After seeing what is available immediately through Rutgers, you can expand your search by using the “Expand My Search Option” in the filter sidebar. Your search results will include resources beyond Rutgers’ collections.
19. 03:45:00 If there are no full text links, or the links are not bringing you to the full text, you can request a pdf through Interlibrary loan. If there is an “Article Delivery” button, clicking that will bring you to a pre-filled request form. You will receive an email notification when the pdf is available.
20. 04:02:00 You can also browse through journals to find articles using the Journals tab to search for them by name. If you find an article this way or through another

source like Google Scholar, or from the reference list of an article you've read – you may hit a paywall. You don't need to pay for articles while at Rutgers! You can request it through ILLIAD, our interlibrary loan system

21. 04:23:00 One way to get to the request form from the home page, is to scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Universitywide Library Resources and Services," then click "Borrow from other libraries." That will bring you to the Interlibrary Loan page. Scroll all the way down the page to the ILLIAD link. Click the link, then click "New Requests", then "Articles," and finally you arrive at the request form. Typical delivery is within 24-48 hours. You'll receive an email when the article is available for download.
22. 04:55:00 After you've tried Quicksearch, you can move on to exploring the subject databases by clicking on "New Search" at the top of the page and then the "Database" link. Or click the database link located next to or under the Quicksearch box on the homepage.
23. 05:11:00 Besides articles, our 618 databases offer a world of information in a wide range of media including primary source documents, oral histories, maps, videos of operas, dance and theater productions, over 200,000 jazz recording sessions, historic newspapers, documentaries and movies.
24. 05:34:00 Check out the databases Kanopy and Swank. They both have incredible collections of films you can stream for free.
25. 05:43:00 With 618 databases to choose from, deciding which one to use can be a challenge. That's why we made it simple to find the "Best Bet" databases for a wide range of subjects. Go to the "Subject" pull-down menu. When you choose a subject and click apply, your Best Bet list comes up. Take some time to explore the Best Bet lists in your areas of study.
26. 06:05:00 If you have any questions, or perhaps have hit a roadblock in your research, librarians are here to help you. Go to the "Ask a Librarian" link next to or under the Quicksearch box. You can reach a librarian through live chat every day from 10am to 10pm, by email, or phone.