

This document will help you to search for books and journal articles for research essays. It will come in handy in the future...

How to Get Started on Your Research

The Website contains links to various internet sources, but these should only be used as a starting point. It is important that you consult books and academic journals through the course of your research paper.

1. UTCAT: <http://main.library.utoronto.ca/>

- At the bottom left, choose the Catalogue button
- leave the defaults as is, and enter keyword(s) as your search terms
- For example, type in “irish film” (without the quotation marks)
- If you look down the list, you’ll see *Irish National Cinema* by Ruth Barton, one of the texts in your reader.
- Choose Details to find where this book is located;
- On this new screen, you can also choose Catalogue Record. From this page you’ll get a better sense of what the book is about. From here, you can also click on any Subject entries (in this case, Motion pictures—Ireland—History). Clicking on this keyword brings you a new list of related sources, and so on...

2. Journal Articles: <http://main.library.utoronto.ca/>

- Choose the e-Resources button along the bottom bar
 - in the window, type “film index” (without the quotation marks)
 - A good resource is the entry called “Index to Film & TV Periodicals”
 - Click on the link to start the index
- [NOTE: At this point, if you are using a computer off campus and not dialing in with UTORdial, you might be asked to sign into MyAccess]
- When the new window opens (ERL WebSPIRS), you can conduct keyword searches much like the ones you do through the library catalogue
 - in this case, you will find citations for articles in academic and other journals.
 - once you’ve found a potential source, write down the information, and then return to the library catalogue (<http://main.library.utoronto.ca/>) to search for the periodical by name.
 - in many cases, you will find that the journal is available online, and can reach it through a link in the catalogue.
 - in other cases, you will find the stacks call number for the periodical, and then go to the library to find the hard copy. Remember that volume number and page number are key, because the journals are bound together, usually by year.

Example:

- Type “peter mullan” (without the quotation marks) into the search window (he is the director of *Orphans*)

- Note the following entry:

JN: [Sight & Sound](#)

SO: Sight & Sound Vol IX nr 5 (May 1999); p 54

PY: 1999

CP: United-Kingdom

TI: Orphans.

AT: Review; Synopsis; Credits; Illustrations

-Then go back to the library catalogue <http://main.library.utoronto.ca/>

- and type Sight & Sound in the search window, and change the next box to in “periodical title”

- You’ll note that the journal is available online (choose this button to get instant access), as well as in the library. Choose the one at Robarts, and you’ll find the call number for the stacks is PN1993 .S48. Current issues are in the periodical room, on the 4th floor of Robarts.