Finding stuff: scholarly literature for your research
In this session…

**Best Tools**
Choosing the best tools for the job
[SOLO, Databases A – Z etc.]

**Creating an effective search query**
Developing effective search strategies
[building a research question]

**Working with results**
Making the most of your results
The tools...

**SOLO - Oxford’s resource discovery tool**
- Holdings of most Oxford Libraries (print and online) e.g. books, journals, theses, conference proceedings, AV materials, official / government papers, databases...
- Excellent for finding specific items
- Subject searching limited:
  - Defaults to showing only material held by Oxford Libraries
  - Good for searching for books but less effective for searching for articles, conference papers etc

* Databases A-Z – lists Oxford’s e-resources subscribed to and/or recommended
* e-Journals A-Z – lists Oxford’s online journal subscriptions (not those we only get in print)
* Everything in these lists is also on SOLO but Databases A – Z has some extra browsing features

**Bibliographic Databases**
- Search across the scholarly literature (not Oxford only)
- Particularly good for searching for articles, conference papers, theses etc
- Use Databases A – Z to find out which databases to use
- Usually only get brief bibliographic details (author, title etc). To full text go back to SOLO or Databases A – Z
Useful links

SOLO status

⚠️ All libraries run by the Bodleian Libraries are currently closed until further notice
✔️ A wide range of digital services are still available and we are working to extend these and now have more ebooks to Keep the University Reading
✔️ Streamlined access to online journals licensed by the Bodleian Libraries either directly from SOLO, via the BrowZine app or website or Chrome extension

Getting Help

If you have any questions or need help making the most of the extensive electronic resources still available to you then please:

✔️ use our Live Chat service (via the tab on the right of this page)
✔️ contact us via reader.services@bodleian.ox.ac.uk

Useful links

➤ Bodleian Libraries Home Page
➤ LibGuides
➤ Subjects & Libraries
➤ e-Journals A-Z
➤ Databases A-Z
➤ Chinese Catalogues
➤ Special Collections Catalogues
➤ Digital.Bodleian
➤ ORA
➤ ORLO
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Finding specific items
SOLO: Drop Down Menu
Keyword searching for books and more

• **Keywords** such as *title* and *author* can narrow down your results

• **Use** of the *drop down menu* will give you more targeted results, e.g. *articles*, *books*, or *both*
Keyword searching for books and more
Keyword searching for books and more
Keyword searching for books and articles

Furedi, F. (2016) ‘Moral panic and reading: early elite anxieties about the media effect’ Cultural Sociology vol. 10 (4) page 523-537
Searching for books and articles:

Special Characters

- **Double quotation marks “ ”** for **exact title**
- **Wildcard ?** to match a **single character** at the current position
- **Truncation *** to match **zero or more characters** at the current position
Replacing a **single character**

(*wildcard*)
Replacing **multiple characters**

(truncation)
Using special characters on SOLO
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Aristotle
Ross, W. D. (William David), 1877-1971

8 versions of this record exist. See all versions
SOLO: Boolean Operators

- Simple words used to **combine** or **exclude** results
- **AND** includes **ALL** terms in your search
- **OR** includes **ANY** of the terms in your search
- **NOT** excludes a **term** in your search
- **Advanced search** on SOLO has all these features
Using special characters & Boolean operators
Using special characters & Boolean operators in advanced search

[Diagram of advanced search interface with filters for Resource Type, Language, and Publication Date]
SOLO: Further guides