

National Dyslexia Resource Centre Library and User Guide

For Guild members or students enrolled on Dyslexia Action and Real Training Courses

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About the Library

The National Dyslexia Resource Centre is a specialist library, based at Dyslexia Action, containing materials on teaching, learning, assessment and current research in the field of dyslexia and related specific learning difficulties in both electronic and hard copy formats.

The library is a benefit of Dyslexia Guild membership.

Please call the Librarian on 01784 222342 for advice. Borrowed library items should be returned during weekdays to: Dyslexia Action NDRC, Centurion House, Staines, Surrey TW18 4AX.

Dyslexia Guild Membership

All course participants are strongly encouraged to become members of <u>The Dyslexia Guild</u>, a membership network and professional association for practitioners in Dyslexia and SpLD.

Guild members with appropriate qualifications are able to purchase tests at a discounted price from <a href="https://doi.org/10.21/2

Selected participants starting on our <u>Postgraduate Programme Module DAPP21-01</u> are offered 12 months of complimentary Guild membership. Once this has expired you will be expected to join and pay for membership, regardless of where you are in your studies.

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Explanation of Terms

Article – Usually within a journal, magazine or newspaper, it can be an electronic copy or a hard copy. **Availability: Items available for loan** or **Checked Out**. Available means it is sitting on the library shelves (see Borrowing Items). Checked Out means another person has borrowed it (see Placing a Reservation or Hold).

Borrower – A person who borrows library items, also known as a **Patron**.

Cart – a temporary list of items that will be lost once you log out

Check Out – When a book or physical item is issued to a borrower

Check In – When a book or physical item is returned to the library.

E-Book – A book that is available online in various electronic formats, this can include pdfs. They can be read online or downloaded for a short period of time

E-Journal – A magazine, journal or periodical that is available online in various formats. This can include pdfs. They can be read online or downloaded for a short period of time

Electronic copy – available online digitally in various formats and this can include pdfs. They can be read online or downloaded for a short period of time

Copyright law – Libraries supply materials within UK copyright law and we hold a Higher Education licence via the Copyright Licensing Agency (CLA). Restrictions apply to certain items and practises in order to comply with these.

Hard copy resources - This includes all the items that are in a physical format and are held on the shelves in the library i.e. books in both hardback and paperback, journals, audio visual formats such as disc, kits and games.

Hold – A reservation placed upon an item that is currently on loan to another borrower.

NDRC – The National Dyslexia Resource Centre library

Participant – The person who is studying on a course

Renew – Extend the loan period on the hard-copy physical items you have borrowed

Accessibility

If you would like to receive a copy of this document in another format, please contact the Guild for assistance.

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How do I become a library member?

Join The Dyslexia Guild and then contact the librarian to set up library access for you.

Grades of Guild Membership:

Affiliate Online Members and those based outside the UK – entitled to an electronic access to resources. This means you will not have access to the postal loans system for hard copy (physical) resources. You can borrow hard copy resources if you are paying the full rate for Affiliate membership and are based within the UK.

Associate, Member, Practitioner or Fellow – entitled to full library benefits including a postal loan service for those based in the UK. Assessment Resources are available for loan only to those who are qualified to use them. Participants on Dyslexia Action or Real Training Level 7 assessment modules may access selected assessment resources through the <u>Dyslexia Action Shop study purchase scheme</u>

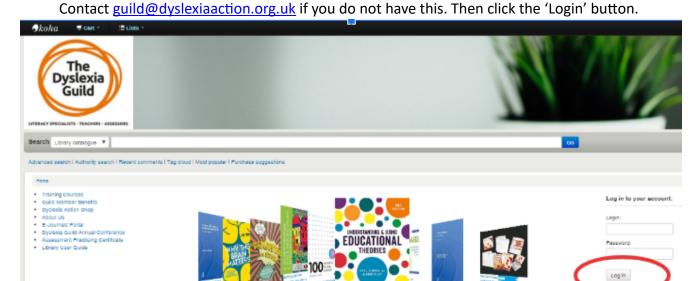
About the Library Catalogue

The Library Catalogue is available at: <u>koha.dyslexiaguild.org.uk</u> and you will be able to see all content without having to be logged in. If you wish to read e-books, renew your items, place holds on items or create lists, you need to log in.

How to log in to the library catalogue

Go to the <u>library catalogue</u> (OPAC) link

and enter the login and password details the Librarian sent you.



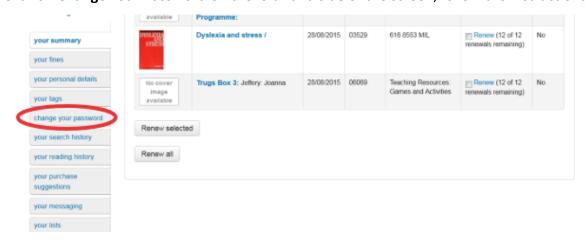
How to change your password

Click your name at the top of the screen, then Your Account



Click on Change Your Password on the left-hand side of the screen, follow the instructions

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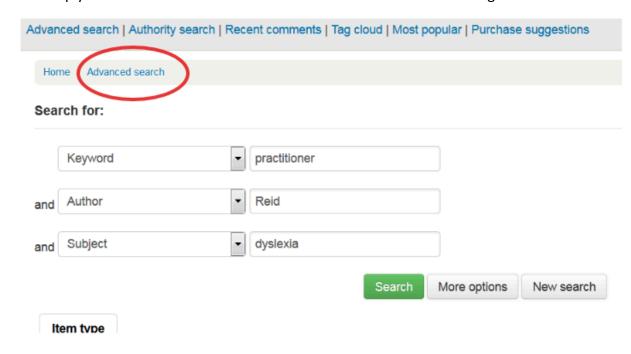
How to search the library catalogue for hard copy (physical) and some e-books

There are two ways to search. Just type a Keyword or an Author Surname or a Title into the **Search Box** at the top of the screen and click **Go**. Keep it simple to widen your results.

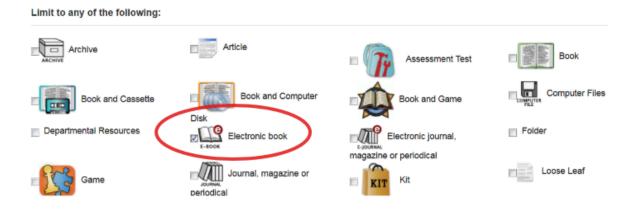


Alternatively, click on the **Advanced Search** link underneath the normal search bar.

This will help you to narrow down the results. Use the search fields and change the Search for menus



If you wanted to restrict your search to particular items, **e-books only** for example, you can click in the Item type box.



Many more e-books and e-journals are available on our EBSCO database - see page 15.

Search results - what am I looking at?

A list of results appears. Books and items held in the library will have a shelf number or name, in this case 371.9144 REI and will either say **Availability: Items available for loan** or **Checked Out**.

Available means it is sitting on the library shelves (see Borrowing Items).

Checked Out means another person has borrowed it (see Placing a Reservation or Hold p. 13).



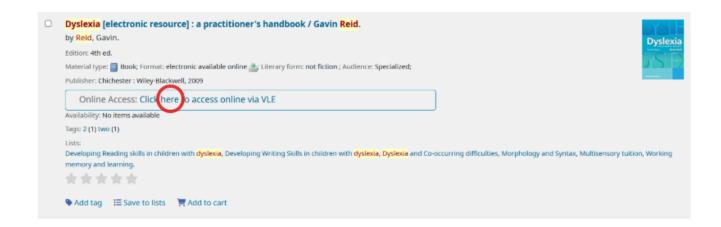
E-books look like this example below and it tells you here that it is an electronic resource.



If you want to find out a bit more about an item and the subjects it might cover, click on the title of the book

Accessing e-books

If you want to access an ebook use the **Click here to access online** hyperlink.



You will be taken to a page where you will need to enter your library log in details once more

To access this online resource you must

Please login using your library card number and password below:

Please enter your cardnumber:

Please enter your password:

Login

You may be asked to acknowledge the **terms and conditions** of the E-book platform. You will now be able to either **download it for a period of 24 hours only** or **read online**.



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Research methods in education

Louis Cohen, Lawrence Manion And Keith Morrison

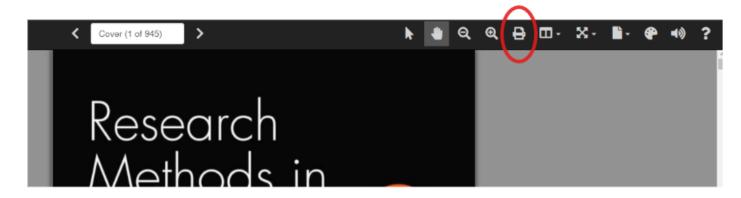


This thoroughly updated and extended eighth edition of the long-running bestseller *Research Methods in Education* covers the whole range of methods employed by educational research at all stages. Its five main parts cover: the context of educational research; research design; methodologies for educational research; methods of data collection; and data analysis and reporting. It continues to be the go-to text for students, academics and researchers who are undertaking, understanding and using educational research, and has been translated into several languages. It offers plentiful and rich practical advice, underpinned by clear theoretical foundations, research evidence and up-to-date references, and it raises key issues and questions for researchers planning, conducting, reporting and evaluating research.

This edition contains new chapters on:

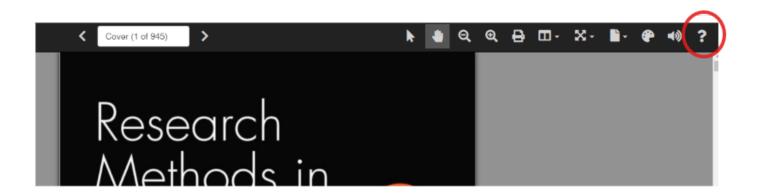
- Mixed methods research
- The role of theory in educational research
- Ethics in Internet research
- Research questions and hypotheses
- Internet surveys
- Virtual worlds, social network software and netography in educational research
- Using secondary data in educational research
- Statistical significance, effect size and statistical power
- Beyond mixed methods: using Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) to integrate cross-case and within-case analyses.

You will only be **allowed to print out a part of the book**, either a number of pages or one chapter in accordance with Copyright law. **Downloads will only last 24 hours**, Kindle formats are not available.



NB: Software requirements for downloading e-book chapters are <u>Adobe Digital Editions</u>

If you are experiencing problems, please click the **HELP** Question mark button for User Guides



Reading Electronic Books with Assistive Technology options

The book must be downloaded to your computer (i.e. not just be opened in the browser). It is suggested participants use Adobe Acrobat Reader to open the downloaded PDF titles (books) on Mac and PC.

Using the Read Out Loud Text-to-Speech feature on Adobe Acrobat Reader

Do not forget to sign out before leaving the E-Book platform!



Borrowing items

You can borrow up to six hard copy (physical) items for three weeks at a time. (Affiliate Online and Overseas members can only access electronic items). The due date is usually printed inside the front or back cover of an item. We offer a postal loans system for those based in the UK, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You will only incur postage charges when you return the item(s) to the library.

Contact guild@dyslexiaaction.org.uk and let the librarian know which items you wish to borrow or use the CART (see next page).

<u>Valuable materials and assessment tests</u>. Items that are rare or valuable will be sent via a courier service, usually Parcelforce, with insurance to the value of the item to cover replacement costs should the item(s) be lost or damaged in transit. We expect you to return said items with a similar service as you will be liable for any replacement cost should they be lost or returned damaged

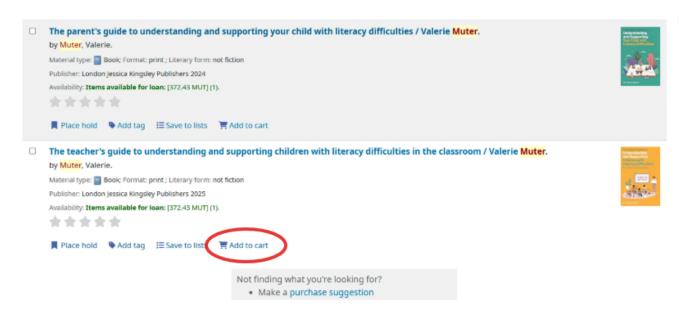
Some diagnostic assessment materials are restricted to those who are qualified to use them. This will appear as a note on items in the catalogue. We may ask you to provide evidence of your qualifications. Students on our courses should contact the librarian about borrowing such items or via the Dyslexia Action Shop Study Purchase Scheme.

Getting more out of the library

Using Lists and Cart

The Cart creates a temporary list of items that you select and will be lost once you log out.

You can use the **Cart** to send a list of books you would like to borrow to the librarian. Search for your items, then select the books you want to place in the cart, using the **Add to cart** button

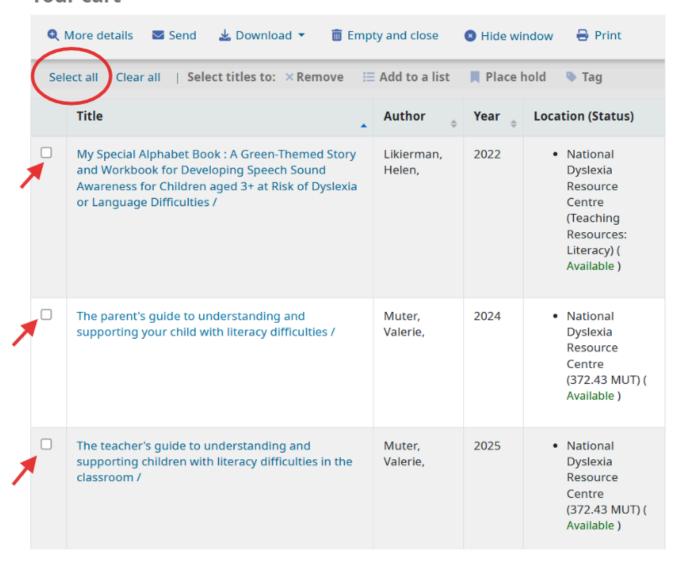


Once you have added items to your cart, click **Cart** at top of screen



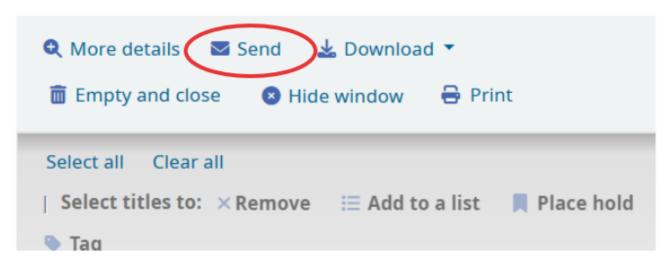
You will see a new window open. Either Select All or select some using tick boxes

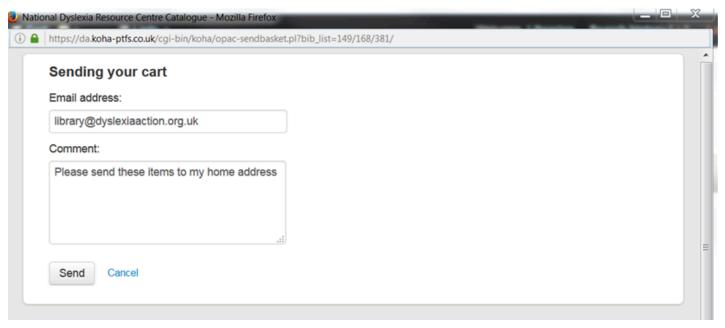
Your cart



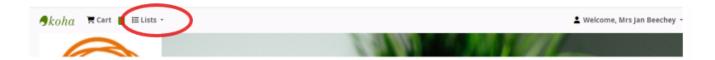
You can **send** the cart to the librarian, including any instructions or notes.

Your cart





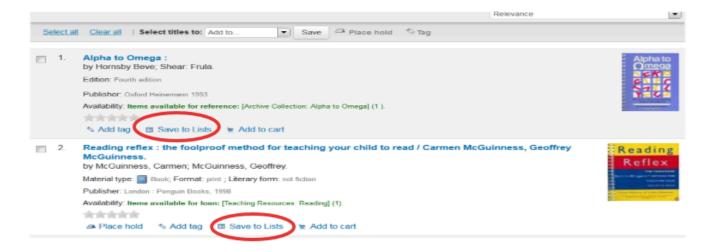
email library via guild@dyslexiaaction.org.uk *Remember, the CART will be lost once you log out*



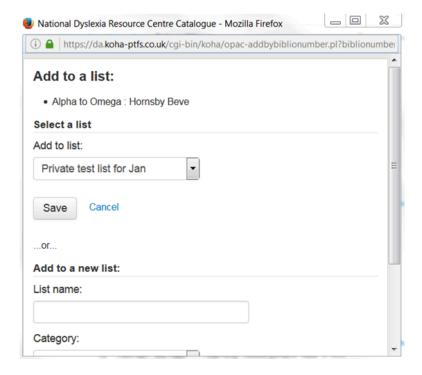
Use **Lists** to create something more permanent which you can either keep as a **private** list or make **public**. These lists will be available each time you log in.

The Librarian has compiled some public lists which includes some of the items associated with or useful as supplementary reading. They will help you to further explore subjects and are not compulsory reading. Use the **drop-down menu arrow** (next to the word Lists) **to view** them.

To make your own Lists, search for items and Save to Lists.



Ensure you select **Private or Public** in the Category dropdown. **Public lists will be seen** by others.



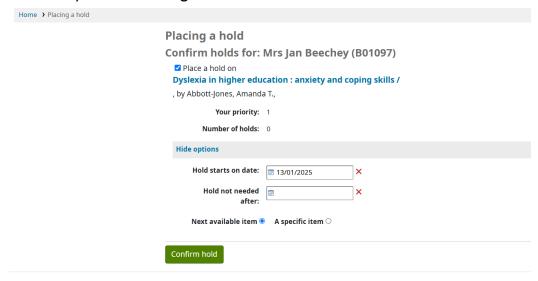
Placing a reservation or hold

If the item you need is already on loan, i.e. **checked out**, (see Availability) you may place a hold on it (Affiliate Online or Overseas membership does not allow this).



Placing the hold means that you will be put in a queue to borrow the item.

Show More Options allows you to set the date after which you will no longer want the item. Useful if you have an **assignment deadline** or an assessment booked.



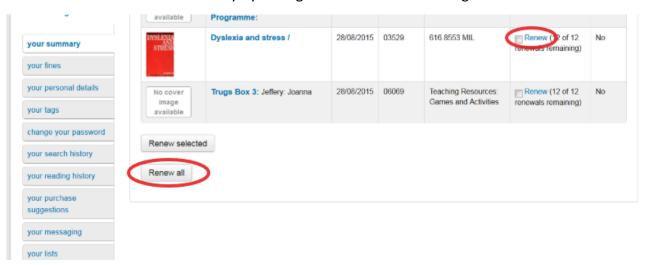
Once the item becomes available you will receive an email alert. Contact guild@dyslexiaaction.org.uk to arrange to have the item posted to you or let us know if you no longer need it.

Renewing your items

You can renew your items for another three weeks **unless someone has placed a hold** on an item you have or you have reached the renew limit. Look to the top search bar and **click on your name to get to your account**.



Click on **Your Summary** (left hand menu) to show the items you have out on loan. You can either renew items individually by ticking the box and then clicking **Renew Selected**



Or you can renew them all at once.

It will not renew if it has a Hold or you have reached the renewal limit.

More library catalogue options

When in your library account you can see more options below **Your summary**. If you have borrowed physical items you will see how much money you have saved by using library services.

Your Fines – We do not charge fines but should you fail to return items or return them damaged, we will invoice you for the cost of replacement.

Your tags – when searching you are presented with a list. Each item has a box next to it. If you click in the boxes you can tag the items adding a label. A list of your tags appears in your account so you can retrieve them later.

Your Reading History – a list of all the items you have borrowed from the library.

Your Purchase Suggestions – if there is an item that you think the library really should have then you can suggest it here. Purchases are subject to budgetary constraints and the librarian will let you know if the purchase is approved.

Your Messaging – the setting for the automatic email messages you get from the library system.

Electronic Journals and Ebooks Portal - EBSCO

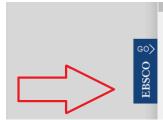
The EBSCO collection acts as a gateway to the **electronic Journals and other ebooks** that we subscribe to as an Institution. EBSCOhost is an e-journals database that has two excellent collections: *Psychology and Behavioural Sciences Collection*, and, *Education Research Complete* as well as e-books. These will give you access to thousands of journals, many e-Books and monographs.

Students on our courses can also access EBSCO when they are logged into our virtual learning platforms Moodle or Campus Online. If you have problems and are presented with an EBSCO login screen, contact the Librarian at guild@dyslexiaaction.org.uk

Campus Online



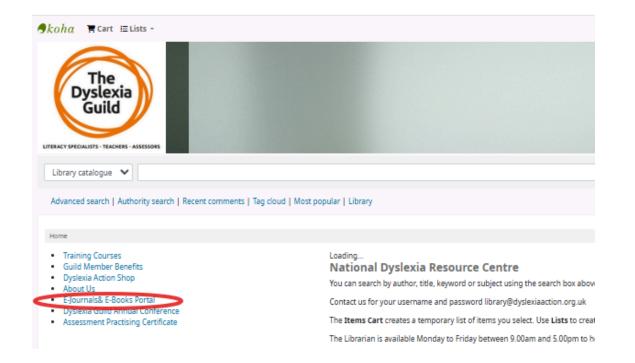




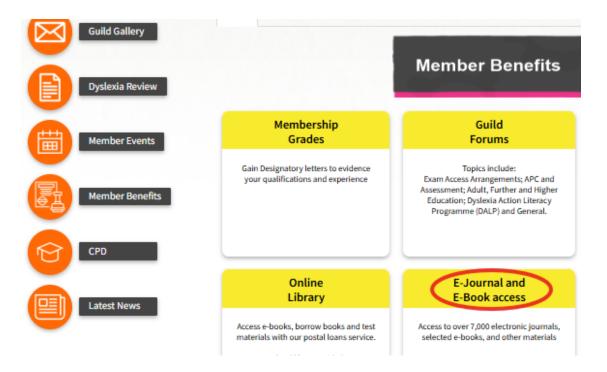
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Guild members can either access EBSCO via the link on the Home page of the Library catalogue



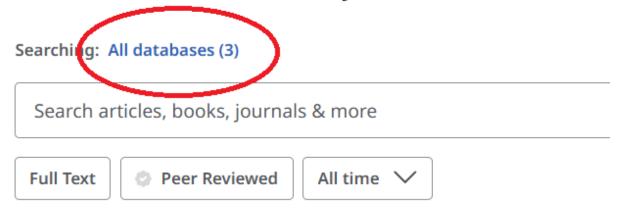
or Log in to the <u>Guild members portal</u> and go to <u>Member Benefit</u>s, E-Journal and E-book Access (see below):



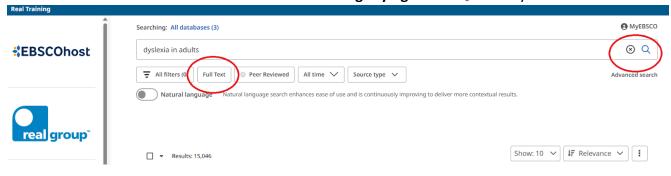
To run a basic search in EBSCO:

1. Enter your search terms in the search box. We subscribe to 3 databases, Education, Psychology and E-books so you can limit your search if you want to.

Search articles, books, journals & more

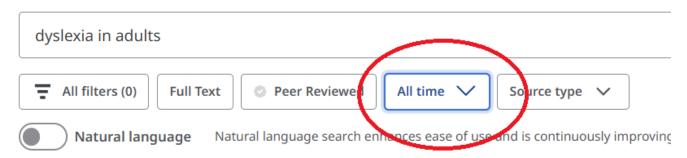


2. Select **Full Text** below the search box and click the **Magnifying Glass** \bigcirc to run your search.

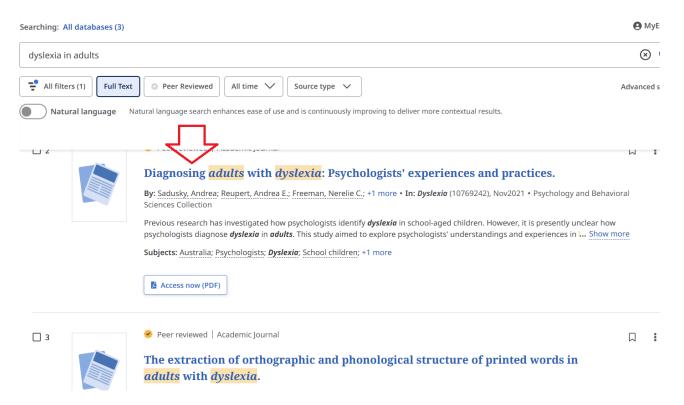


3. From the Results List, you can apply additional filters such as dates of publication using the **All time** button below the search box.

Searching: All databases (3)



4. View article or book details by clicking on a title.

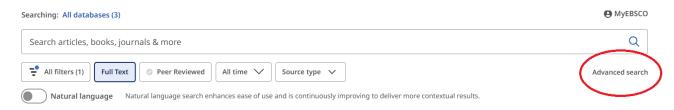


5. Select the **Access Now** option. If you choose Download, copyright restrictions will be applied and you may be stopped from downloading more than one item or parts of items, so use this option carefully. You can also use the speech marks icon "to get a citation reference (Dyslexia Action and Real Training use Harvard Style unless you are studying on our MEd Postgraduate programmes use APA Style - check with your tutor)

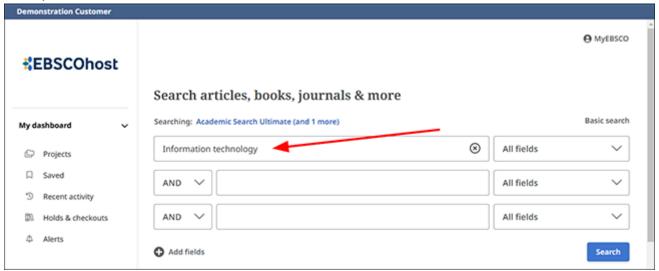


To use an Advanced search in EBSCO:

1. Click the **Advanced Search** link below the search box to restrict searches by date, boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT), by database or for particular authors or journals.



2. Enter your search terms in the first search box on the Advanced Search screen.

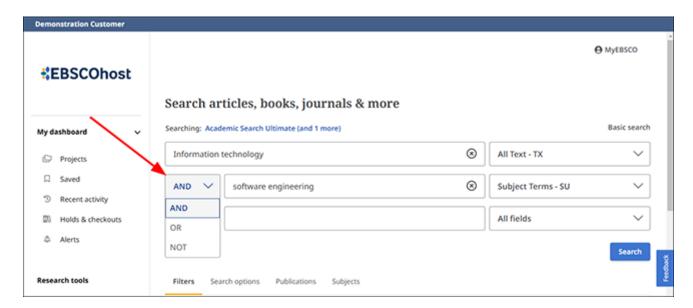


3. Choose a search field from the All fields drop-down list (for example, search in only the Title field).

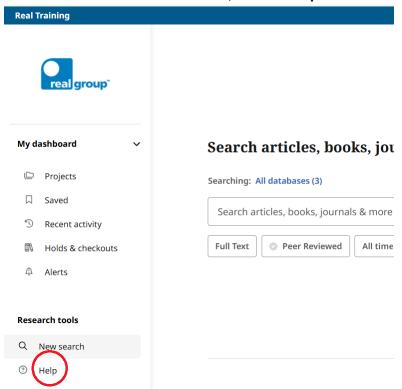


- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for the second set of search boxes if you need to i.e. add in the author name.
- 5. You can also use Boolean searching, using AND OR NOT operators in your fields. It is useful for filtering out words that might have several different meanings, i.e.

Spectacles **NOT** glasses – This would retrieve results with spectacles, and **excludes** those with glasses Dyslexia **AND** Reading – This would retrieve results with **both** dyslexia and reading in them College **OR** University – This would retrieve results with at least one of the terms in them, **either** college, or with university



- 6. Click the **Add row** link below the boxes if you would like to add more restrictions.
- 7. Under **Filters**, **Search Options**, **Publications**, **Subjects** apply any other desired limiters to your search. If you need to understand how to use EBSCO, use the **Help** feature

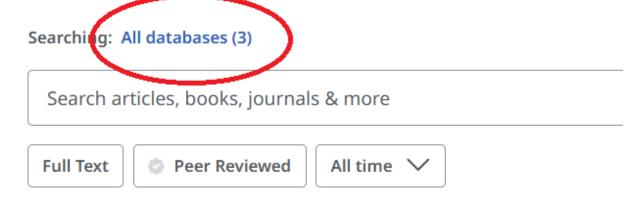


Searching for eBooks in EBSCO:

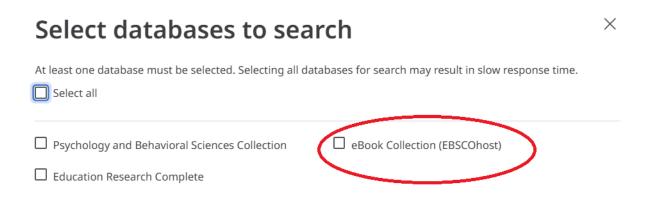
You can search for eBooks from the General Search screen. You can read online or download a chapter or 10% of the book within copyright law. Downloads are for 24 hours only, automatically deleting from your device.

To search for eBooks: You can limit your search to e-books only if you select it from the other databases.

Search articles, books, journals & more



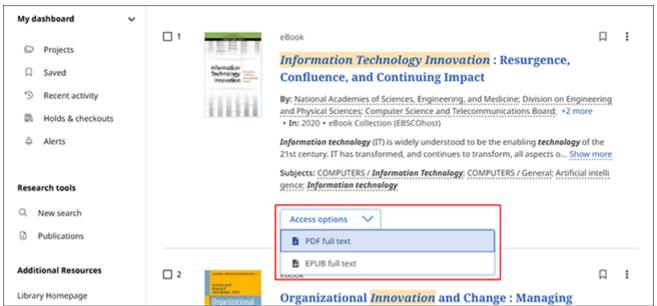
Click the e-book Collection (EBSCOHost) and then the Submit button bottom right of screen.



1. Enter your search terms in the Search Box and click the Magnifying Glass to run your search.



- 2. A Result List of eBooks related to your search terms is displayed.
- 3. From the Access menu for an eBook result, select to read the **PDF** or **EPUB** Full Text while you're online.



4. You may also click the eBook title to view information about the eBook title and access the **Table of Contents**, from which you can go directly to a chapter of the title in the eBook viewer.

EBSCO Search Results - why can't I access that resource?

Once you have a list of results you may find that you cannot view particular items.

Some articles published in the last 12 months will **not be available in Full Text** due to publisher restrictions known as **embargoes**, for example, an article published in May 2025 may not be available until May/June 2026. It will usually have an abstract so you have some idea what it covers.

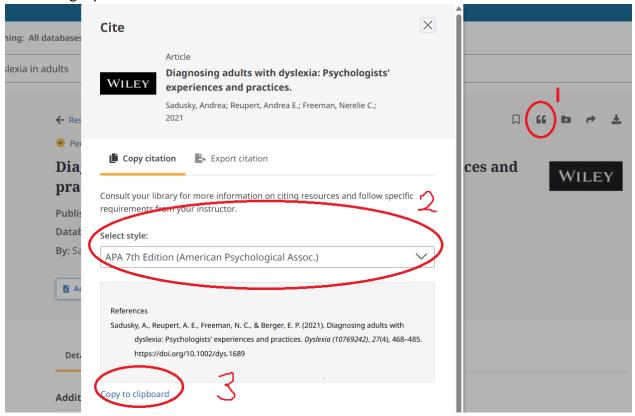
For some articles, they might be just a book review or an abstract, which means EBSCO lists them in your search but does not have access to the Full Text.

For e-books, it might be that we do not subscribe to that particular title, even though it appears in your search list.

See 'Searching for items outside of the library' section for information on wider searches.

How to use Cite and Referencing in EBSCO:

You can also use the **Cite** tool " in the item details to show you the Citation Format in a preferred referencing style.



Participants on Dyslexia Action Level 7 Postgraduate courses should use APA (American Psychological Style)

Participants on our Level 4 or 5 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Certificate or Diploma courses should use the Harvard Referencing style.

If you are studying with Real Training, or Helen Arkell, check with your course tutor.

If you are using bibliographic management software such as EndNote, ProCite, Reference Manager, RefWorks, BibTeX, etc. you can export to them from EBSCO. Use the Ebsco Help button for advice.

Searching for items outside the library

If you want to read around a subject and you cannot find the article you want, do contact the librarian who will always try to provide it or source a suitable alternative.

Try **Google Scholar** <u>scholar.google.co.uk</u> to see if the article is available elsewhere.

Your local UK public library can provide materials through their Inter-Library Loans Service from the British Library or use

Access to Research for a list of libraries in the UK who can get research materials for you: accesstoresearch.org.uk

If you are studying at postgraduate level or higher, you can also join the **British Library** as a researcher and they have some quick guides to getting started with your research.

Participants on our professional programme modules can ask the Librarian for a letter of introduction to take to a University Library in their local area, but admittance will be their decision and subject to their rules.

Information Literacy Skills

Here are some books that the librarian recommends to those who want help with studying. They are available in the library as hard copies that can be posted out to you.

Austin, R. (2019) *The Trainee Teacher's Guide to Academic Assignments*. London: Sage Learning Matters.

Hargreaves, S. and Crabb, J. (eds) (2016) *Study Skills for Students with Dyslexia: support for specific learning differences (SpLDs)*. 3rd edn. London: Sage.

Jakeman, V., Harrison, M., Paterson, K. (2022) *Improve Your Grammar: The essential guide to accurate writing*, 3rd edn. London: Bloomsbury.

McNicholas, Ann-Marie. (2020) *The Dyslexia, ADHD and DCD-Friendly Study Skills Guide: Tips and strategies for exam success*. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers.

Pears, R., and Shields, G. (2022) *Cite them right: the essential referencing guide.* 12th edn. London: Bloomsbury

Penn. P. (2020) *The Psychology of Effective Studying: How to succeed in your degree*. Abingdon: Routledge.

For those studying at **Postgraduate and Masters level**, these are also useful:

Ballard, Kim. (2022) *The Frameworks of English: Introducing Language Structures*, 4th ed. London: Bloomsbury.

Bryan, H. (2010) Learning and teaching at M-Level: a guide for student teachers. London: Sage.

Burns, T., and Sinfield, S. (2016) Essential Study Skills: The complete guide to success at university. 4th edn. London: Sage.

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