Welcome to the Dalhousie Libraries!

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Session Objectives

By the end of this session you will understand:

❖The types of resources at the library

❖How to find books and articles

❖Research tools to help you at any hour

❖How to ask a question and get help

❖Citation management

❖IT support

❖Contact information for our library locations

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- Our objectives for today – highlights of what you'll need to know to make the most of the library
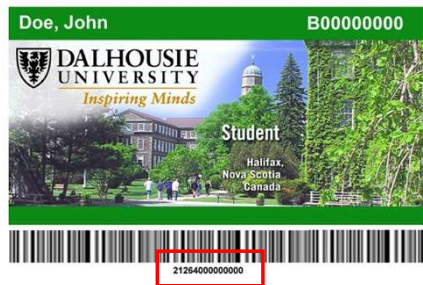
What's at the library?

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Let's discuss what's available to you through Dalhousie Libraries
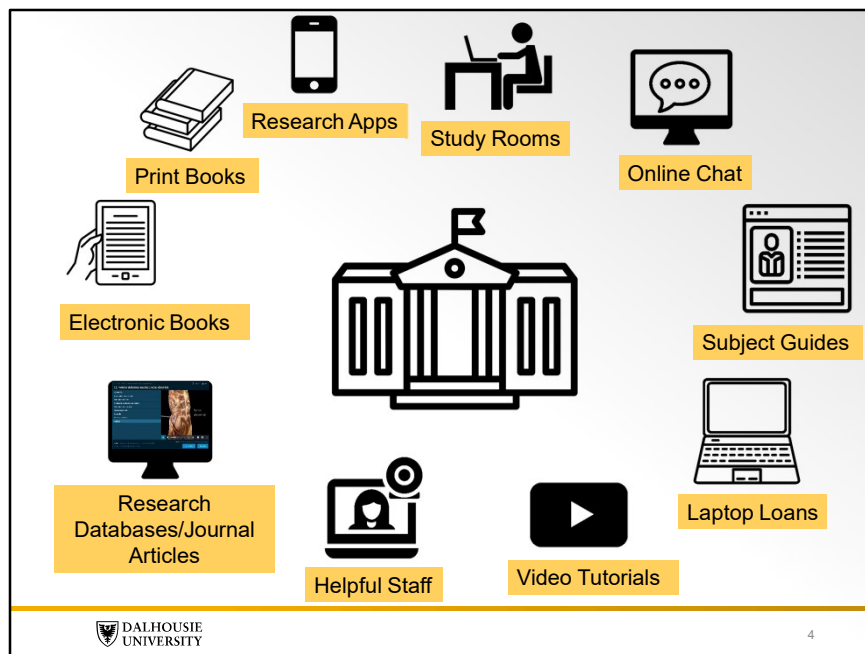
- We have both print and electronic books available
- Apps to help you with your research
- Bookable study rooms. Currently, there are COVID-19 restrictions in place for this. Check individual library websites for the latest info.
- Online chat service for research help
- Subject Guides – one for every subject studied at Dal. These were created by librarians to help you find information on a variety of subjects.
- Laptop loans. Check with individual libraries for their policies
- Video tutorials to help you brush up on your research skills
- Helpful staff
- Research databases and journal articles, which you'll use for writing papers and assignments

Your Library Account

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Your **username** is the **barcode number** (2126...) on the bottom of your ID card

Your **password** is the last **four digits of your phone number** (as registered with the libraries)

libraries.dal.ca/my-library-account.html

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- To access the library in person or use document delivery, you'll need to utilize your library account. Online access will require your NetID (more on that shortly)
- If you have a Dal card, your username is the barcode number on the bottom of your ID card and your password is the last four digits of your phone number

No ID Card?

password.dal.ca

If you don't have a dal card, you can find your barcode number by going to **password.dal.ca**

Click "See my NetID Information" to see your Dal barcode. This is your username for your library account.

Finding Books and Articles

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- Let's talk about finding books and articles.
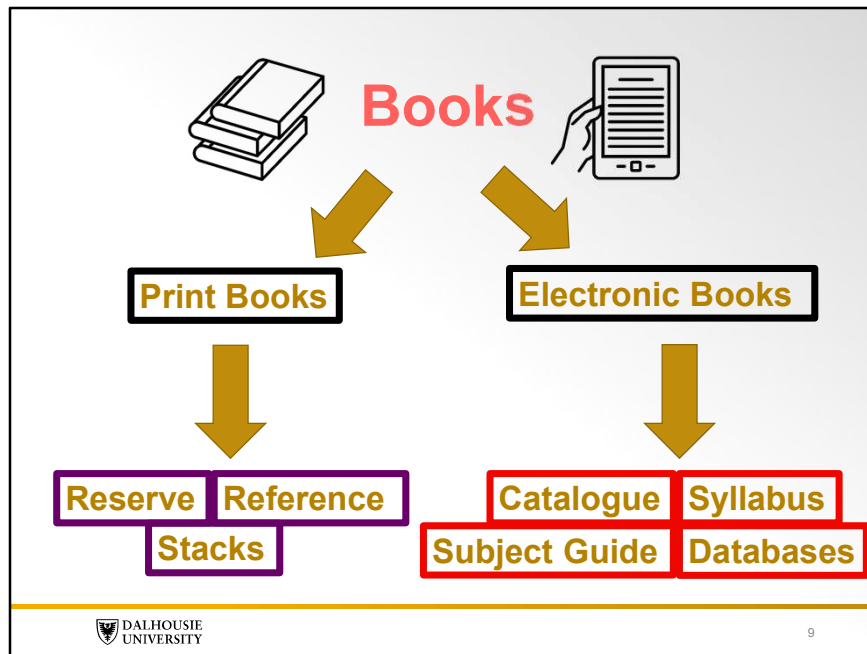
- Library has some print books, some electronic books

Print Books

Reserve:

❖Books that are set aside at the library, usually close to the circulation desk. Only available for 2-hour loans.

Reference:

❖Books in a designated section at the library that are NOT available to borrow. Can be read in the library.

Stacks:

❖Books that are found in the library's general collection. Available for checkout.

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Find print books…

On Reserve:
❖Books that are set aside at the library (by request of your course instructor), usually close to the circulation desk. Only available for 2-hour loans.

In the Reference collection:
❖Books in a designated section at the library that are NOT available to borrow. Can be read in the library.

In the Stacks:
❖Books that are found in the library's general collection. Available for checkout.

Curbside Pickup

- ❖ Borrow print materials from all five Dalhousie Libraries
- ❖ Submit your request online by filling out the form
- ❖ We'll notify you by email when your items are ready for pick up

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For print books, we now have a curbside pickup service at all five our libraries.

Submit your request by filling out the online form at **libraries.dal.ca**

We'll notify you by email when your items are ready for pick up.

Electronic Books

Catalogue:

❖The library catalogue found at **libraries.dal.ca**

Syllabus:

❖Maybe-If so it might just give the chapter you need to read and the book title for you to look up

Subject Guide:

❖More on this later!

Databases:

❖Specialized databases that contain e-books

Find electronic books…

In the catalogue:

❖The library catalogue found at **libraries.dal.ca**

On a course syllabus:

❖Maybe-If so it might just give the chapter you need to read and the book title for you to look up

In Subject Guides:

❖More on this later!

And in Databases:

❖Specialized databases that contain e-books

Looking up Books in the Catalogue

To find books in the catalogue, head to **libraries.dal.ca**

In the main search bar, click the "Books" tab and search for a title, author, or a topic of interest

When your search results appear, you can filter by library on the left-hand side

In this list of results, we see the book we searched for is at the top of the list. The record for this book says 3 versions exist.
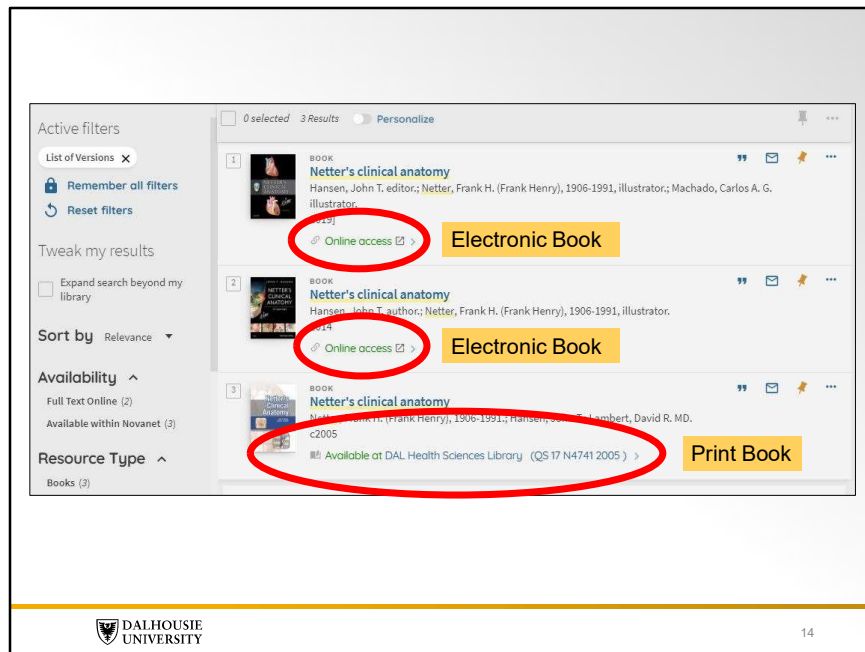
When we click, we see two versions are electronic books because it says: "Online access".

The third version is a print book. The record tells us it's available at the Dal Health Sciences Library and provides us with a call number for finding this book in the stacks at the library.

If you'd like to open an ebook, click "online access"

Note: you will be asked to login with your Dal NetID and password before you're able to access the book.
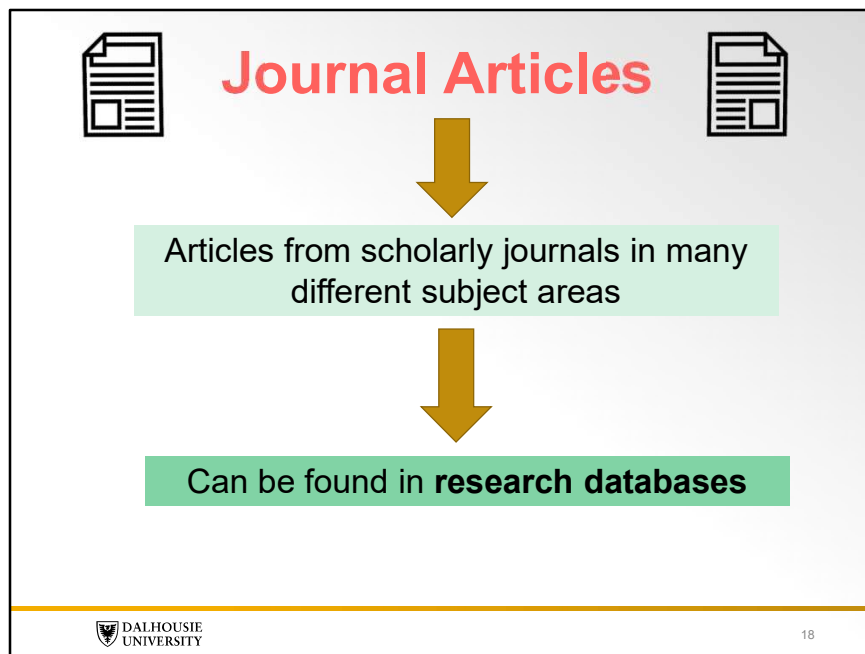
Once logged in, we are taken to the ebook.

Different publisher platforms have different functionalities – sometimes, you can download books and sometimes you must read them online, directly in the browser.

In this case, both options are available.

Also useful: you can often download individual chapters. This is helpful if you don't want to download the whole book.

Next, let's talk about journal articles.

At the library, you can access articles from scholarly journals in different subject areas. These are also sometimes referred to as "peer-reviewed articles." They are a common source used in university papers and research.

Articles can be found in research databases

On the library website, we have an A-Z list of research databases available at
dal.ca.libguides.com/az.php

Databases are either multidisciplinary, meaning they contain journal articles on a variety of subjects, or subject specific, meaning they're focused on a specific subject area.

In the A-Z databases list, you can search for databases by subject.

Or, if you already know the name of the database you'd like to access, you can also search by title.

Below, each database listed is a short description of the database.

Once you've chosen a database, you can search for articles on a topic of interest.

In Academic Search Premier, which is a multidisciplinary database, we searched for "social media" and "feminism" and retrieved 426 results.

The article title of the first result appears in the red box.

Sometimes, you'll be able to download PDFs of articles directly from the database. If no PDF appears, click the yellow "Get it @ Dal" button to find another way to access the article.

After clicking "Get it @ Dal," we're taken to this page, where we see that we have two options for accessing this article. We can click "Go" for either to open up the article.

Just as with ebooks, you'll be prompted to login.

And here's the article!

We can read the full article directly in the browser, or we can download a PDF of the article to save and read now or later.

Research Tools at any Hour

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Now, let's talk about research tools available for you at any hour, from anywhere.

Subject guides are helpful tools for conducting research and finding library resources on a specific subject.

You can access our Subject guides at **dal.ca.libguides.com**

As you see here, we currently have 214 different guides available.

You can search for a guide related to your interests in the search bar in the top right-hand corner.
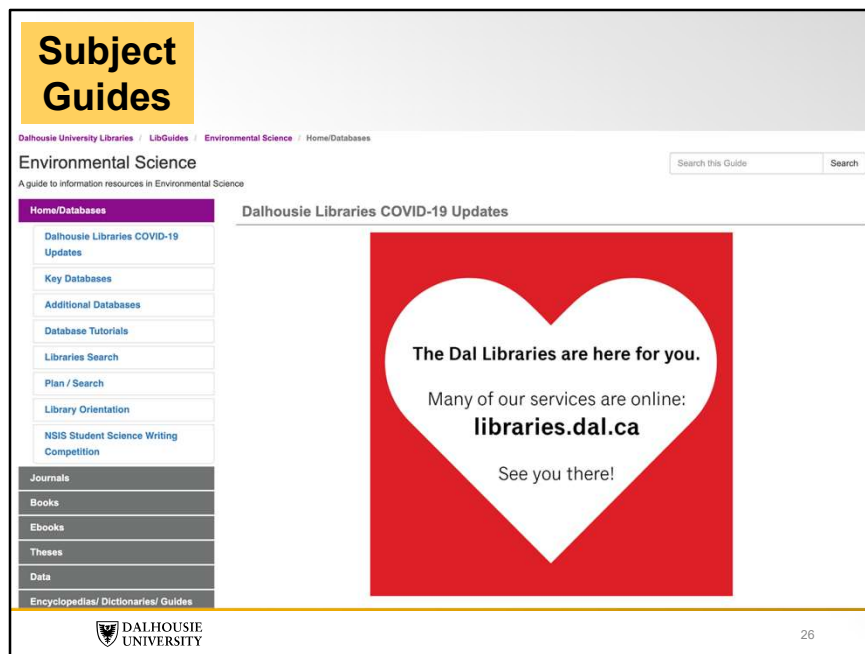
Here's what a subject guide looks like.

This is the subject guide for Environmental Science. On the left-hand side, there is information and links accessing databases, journals, books, data, and more – all related to Environmental Science.

I encourage every student to bookmark the subject guides that are relevant to their courses. That way, when you needed to get started on a new paper, you have a direct path to finding good books and articles.

Another research tool many students find helpful are our video tutorials.

These are accessible at **libraries.dal.ca/help/online-tutorials.html**

These short tutorials cover a wide variety of topics from using the library, to finding books and articles, citation styles, and more.

Asking Questions

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If ever you have a question about the library or about how to do research, we're here to help in a variety of ways.

Live Help Chat

Email Your Library

Live Help

● Live Help   Code of Conduct

Type here to chat. Press ENTER to send.

ASK US

Email us

Use our email forms to ask a question about the Libraries or about your research:

Dunn Law Library
Kellogg Health Sciences Library
Killam Memorial Library (Arts & Humanities, Social Sciences, Computer Science, Management, Sciences)
MacRae Library (Agricultural campus)
Sexton Library (Architecture, Planning & Engineering)

libraries.dal.ca/help/ask-us.html

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One of the most popular ways to ask questions is to use our Live Help Chat service. Here, you can receive immediate help with a question from a librarian.

You can also email your library directly. Head to **libraries.dal.ca/help/ask-us.html** for the contact information for your individual library.

Email Your Subject Librarian

SUBJECT LIAISON DIRECTORY

Subject ▾	Last name	First name	Phone	Email	Library
Accounting	Makani	Joyline	902-494-3661	joyline.makani@dal.ca	Killam
Agricultural Business	MacPherson	Erin	902-893-3296	erin.macpherson@dal.ca	MacRae
Agricultural Economics	MacPherson	Erin	902-893-3296	erin.macpherson@dal.ca	MacRae
Alternative Medicine	Helwig	Melissa	902-494-1338	melissa.helwig@dal.ca	Kellogg
Anatomy and Cytology	MacNairn	Gwen	902-494-1320	g.macnairn@dal.ca	Killam
Animal Science	MacPherson	Erin	902-893-3296	erin.macpherson@dal.ca	MacRae
Aquaculture	MacPherson	Erin	902-893-3296	erin.macpherson@dal.ca	MacRae
Architecture	Fulford	Allison	902-494-3255	allison.fulford@dal.ca	Sexton
Archives	Barrett	Creighton	902-494-6490	creighton.barrett@dal.ca	Killam
Archives	Moosberger	Michael	902-494-5176	michael.moosberger@dal.ca	Killam
Audiology	McKibbon	Shelley	902-494-2483	shelley.mckibbon@dal.ca	Kellogg

libraries.dal.ca/research/subject-liaisons/directory.html

Contact

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Contact:
Research Data Management Librarian
MacRae Library
Dalhousie University Agricultural Campus
Truro, Nova Scotia
902-893-3296

Via the subject guide

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You can also email your subject librarian to ask for help.

Every subject taught at Dal has a subject librarian. For example, I'm the librarian for _____.

At **libraries.dal.ca/research/subject-liaisons/directory.html,** you can find the subject liaison directory where you an identify your librarian and find their email address.

Also note that contact information for individual subject librarians is available on the subject guides we talked about earlier.

Citation Management

What is Citation Management?

Keeping the references you include in your papers, projects, etc. organized. Can be done using software that will:

❖Keep your references all in one place

❖Create a bibliography for you in the format you need

❖Help you create in-text citations while you write

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Citation Management is a strategy for keeping the references you include in your papers, projects, etc. organized.

This is done by using a citation manager, a software program designed to:
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Citation Management Subject Guide

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Citation Management
This Subject Guide is designed to help your research by getting the most use out of citation managers

Search this Guide   Search

Home
Zotero
Mendeley
Endnote
RefWorks
Migrating Content from RefWorks

Library Contacts

Welcome to the Citation Manager Libguide

- Introduction to Citation Managers_Winter 2020
  Slides from a basic class introducing Zotero and Mendeley

This guide is designed to familiarize users with the basics of citation management, and some common products.

If you have questions about a *Citation Style*, consult the Citation Style Subject Guide.

- Citation managers– slide deck

- Scholarship @ Dal citation management videos
  Page includes a link to the video of a Scholarship @ Dal presentation introducing Zotero and Mendeley. Video will be available until mid-January.

dal.ca.libguides.com/citation_management

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For more information about citation management, head to the citation management subject guide.

Here, you can learn more about popular citation managers such as Zotero and Mendeley.

While it may not seem important to be thinking about citation management now, it will really come in handy once you start writing papers.

It would be a great idea to get started with software in advance.

If you have more specific questions about how to get started, you can contact your subject librarian using the methods we've shown you.

IT Support

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If you need tech support, including general computer troubleshooting, netID assistance, Dal software downloads, and more, the Dal IT helpdesk is here for you.

Head to **libraries.dal.ca/help/it-help-desk.html** for information about their services, hours of operation, and how to contact them. Right now, IT support is available via email and telephone.

For issues with your NetID and password, head to **password.dal.ca**. Here, you can activate or lookup your netID, get help with a forgotten password, and change your password.

Locations & Contact Information

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, access to our physical library locations is limited and hours are susceptible to change.

Killam Memorial Library
libraries.dal.ca/hours-locations/killam.html

W.K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library
libraries.dal.ca/hours-locations/kellogg.html

Sir James Dunn Law Library
libraries.dal.ca/hours-locations/dunn.html

MacRae Library
libraries.dal.ca/hours-locations/macrae.html

Sexton Design & Technology Library
libraries.dal.ca/hours-locations/sexton.html

Wallace McCain Learning Commons
libraries.dal.ca/hours-locations/wmlc.html

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Because of COVID-19 restrictions, access to our physical library locations is limited and hours are susceptible to change.

Head to the web addresses listed above to find out more about what's currently available (and open) at individual libraries and how to contact your library if you have questions.

When in doubt, head to **libraries.dal.ca** for the latest updates related to space and services during COVID-19.

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