# Activity 3 – Advanced Library Pathway

In this activity you will start to look for information relating to your research topic using resources in your library. We will guide you to search for a variety of resources to get you started with your journey of discovery.

## Instructions

Follow the steps shown for each resource and note the things you find. There is a form provided to record your findings (optional).

You will need to use the library website and the Library Search for your university. We recommend opening the website in a new tab during the activity or on your mobile phone.

Falmouth students - visit [library.fxplus.ac.uk](https://library.fxplus.ac.uk/)

Exeter students - visit [exeter.ac.uk/departments/library](https://www.exeter.ac.uk/departments/library/)

If you are on a Falmouth course, you will be using Falmouth Library Search for many of these activities so you might like to explore our [video playlist](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3g856ZwLGsM&list=PLfbzasm5F6YI-EIrOfyVaYEdlFtjKN-PY&index=2) to help you use it.

We would encourage you to look for a variety of sources to build your confidence in searching for and accessing different sources and types of information. Work through the guidance below to gather some sources for your project from each of the categories.

If you would prefer to download a Word document to access this activity, please do so.

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| Record sources found: | |
| Journal article(s) |  |
| Multimedia |  |
| Data |  |
| Book(s) |  |
| Newspaper articles |  |

# Guidance on how to find sources

## Find Journals

Go to the library website for your university using the link in the introduction

Use the Library Search search box on the homepage for your search

If you haven't used Library Search before then watch the relevant video to help you get you started:

[Falmouth Library Search](https://youtu.be/qmd2_B-IESE) support video

[Exeter Library Search](https://youtu.be/oKdOFgUtYBg) support video

Use the filters to see if you can find a peer reviewed article relating to your topic. Remember to select the peer reviewed filter for this!

Try using different keywords if you are struggling to find something useful. If you completed [Activity 2](https://studyhub.fxplus.ac.uk/pathwayactivities/activity2) then you can try using some of the ones you identified here.

Add your article reference to the relevant box in the form above. You can export your reference from Library Search if you don't want to write it down.

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## Find Books and eBooks

Use Library Search to find books or ebooks - remember to use the filters available.

Watch the [Searching for books](https://youtu.be/ba32oKRDmRQ) video (Falmouth students)

Or visit the [Penryn Campus Guide](https://libguides.exeter.ac.uk/c.php?g=682716) for information on using Library Search as an Exeter Penryn student

You can also request books we don't have. There is information on this in [Activity 4](https://studyhub.fxplus.ac.uk/pathwayactivities/activity4).

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## Find Data

Use Library Search at your university to access markets, trends and statistics databases

Falmouth - See our [Market Trends and stats subject guide](https://library.fxplus.ac.uk/markets-trends-statistics#toc-explore-subject-resources-) to find some of our best data sources

Watch a [video](https://youtu.be/fYUJ60ooass) about this guide

Exeter - see the [Statistics Quick Guide](https://libguides.exeter.ac.uk/c.php?g=653903&p=4591176)

Recommended resources to try at both universities:

Try Statista for data and infographics on nearly everything.

Try Mintel for consumer trends.

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## Find Multimedia

Visit our [Video, Images and Sound guide](https://library.fxplus.ac.uk/video-image-sound) to find out more about what we have on offer. Useful for TV documentaries and films.

Listen to the audio recording [In conversation with Alana...](https://soundcloud.com/user-259955438/in-conversation-with-alana-from-content-and-discovery?utm_source=clipboard&utm_campaign=wtshare&utm_medium=widget&utm_content=https%253A%252F%252Fsoundcloud.com%252Fuser-259955438%252Fin-conversation-with-alana-from-content-and-discovery) in which she talks about some of our multimedia collections.

Try out some of our key video sources like LibPlayer and Box of Broadcasts which can be found via our guide above or via Library Search.

Add some notes about the resource you found to the Multimedia box on the form.

## Find News

Try looking at some news sources for the latest information on a current topic or to find interviews or opinion pieces

Falmouth University students- Try out Press Reader for current newspaper and magazines (with images) which you can find via Library Search or use the Newspaper search in the filter options of Library Search

University of Exeter students - Take a look at the [News Sources tutorial](https://libguides.exeter.ac.uk/news)