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**New functionality and content**

**E-journal search**

A new e-journal search is available by clicking the **Find e-journals** menu item. This search is mobile friendly and has the same simple, clear design as the rest of NUsearch.

![Image 1: E-journal search page with the link to the previous Browzine e-journal search highlighted](image1)

The previous e-journal search provided by Browzine is still accessible from the NUsearch home page and via a link at the top of the new e-journal search. Please note that Browzine does not include all our e-journals.

**Keyword search**

You can search by journal **title** and **ISSN**. It automatically suggests best matches as you type. You can also limit by **subject**, **journal provider**, and **peer reviewed titles**.

![Image 2: Shows E-Journal keyword search and filters by subject, provider and peer reviewed](image2)
Browse search

You can browse titles by an **A-Z list**, or by **subject** or **journal provider**. You can further limit your results by **peer reviewed** titles.

Image 3: Shows E-journal browse search options by subject, provider and A-Z list

Results

Search results are display in the bottom half of the screen. Full text availability by provider is given and you can access e-journals by clicking on the relevant provider link.

Icons indicate whether a title is **peer reviewed** or **open access**. A list of subject categories and any related journal titles are displayed on the right.

Image 4: E-journal search results showing full text availability and other related information
For full details of an e-journal click on the **journal title** and a popup appears on the right hand side providing further information such as other availability, journal history, and additional title information.

**Image 5:** Shows popup of full e-journal details on the right of the screen

**Image 6:** Full journal details popup showing availability options, subject categories, history and additional title information
**NUsearch help**

We have brought all the NUsearch help together in one place for you.

Simply click on the **Need help?** menu option at the top of the screen and you will find links to:

- Frequently asked questions
- How to videos
- eLibrary service status – to check for known issues, planned maintenance and any disruptions to library online services.
- eLibrary help form - to report a problem
- NUsearch release notes

We will be expanding the help available soon – so watch this space!

**Kanopy videos**

We’ve added more Kanopy videos so that you can search and discover all the latest titles in this video collection using NUsearch.

The Kanopy online video streaming service contains over 26,000 award-winning documentaries, training videos and feature films which can be streamed from any location on various devices. You can use the service to share films, create clips or teaching playlists, and embed these into Moodle.

To browse or narrow your search to the collection include “**Kanopy**” in your search. Once you have found what you are looking for you can click directly through to a video.
Enhancements to existing features

DirectLink sidebar – one click to full text

The link resolver (SFX) which takes you to the full text of articles and extracts from your NUsearch results has been redesigned. It now takes you direct to the full text with one click, whilst providing other library options in a new sidebar menu.

Image 7: NUsearch search result for an article with the link to full text highlighted

Clicking a full text available online link in NUsearch will take you direct to the full text article. If there is more than one full text provider you will be taken to the first listed.

You will also see a library menu as a sidebar on the right hand side providing details of the article and other library availability and options.

Image 8: Example of a full text article loaded with the library sidebar menu on the right hand side
The sidebar minimizes after a few seconds to a blue strip with the university logo. You can open it again by clicking it.

Image 9: Shows a full text article with the library sidebar menu minimised on the right side

The sidebar provides the most important alternative library services upfront:

**Get the full text** – lists all full text providers, as well as any open access ones found. So, if you have a problem accessing an extract, or prefer a different resource provider simply click on one of the alternative full text links.

**Report a broken link** - if there is problem loading the extract let us know by clicking on “Report broken link” next to the particular provider. You have the option to provide your name and email to receive an update.

**Permalink to content** – takes you direct to an extract’s host electronic platform where you might find open access full text.

**See full menu** – click this button to see an extended library menu with more options.
The full library menu with more options and additional help and information is available by clicking the **See full menu** button.

Extra options include the chance to amending the article details searched for; report an access problem; and search Google Scholar.

Image 11: Shows full library menu for a journal article with additional options

Where we don’t have full online access the full library menu will also be displayed when you click a **Check availability** link in NUsearch.

Additional relevant options help you access the item:

- **Check NUsearch and other libraries** – check for print holdings when full text is not available.
- **Interlibrary loan** - if we don’t have the extract you can apply for an interlibrary loan. To save you time the request will be auto-populated with the extract details.
- **Further options** – submit a purchase request for a book, or report an access issue.
Symptom recognition of heart attack and stroke

year:2013 pg:79 -96
New locations filter

In the full record of an item you can now filter by library to see just the copies at that branch.

Click on the filter symbol in the top right hand corner of the Locations section:

Image 13: Locations section of a NUsearch item record showing the filter symbol (top right)

Choose an individual library from the drop down list and click Apply.

Image 14: Shows the location filter with “Hallward Library” selected

Applying the filter updates the screen with just copies in the library you have chosen:

Image 15: Filter results showing only items in Hallward Library.
Search and Ranking Improvements

Improvements to search and results ranking have been made, in particular searches for books by author name and citation.

Author and author/title searches

The weight of the original book has been increased to ensure that it is ranked higher in results than material about the book. Similarly when searching for author names, the weight of the material written by the author has been increased above the material about the author. The latter is especially useful if the author is well-known and therefore search results contains more material about the author.

Citation searches

This improvement addresses cases where a search for a book is made by copying its citation into the search box. Because citations often include additional text that does not match any of the key data in book records, the search has been enhanced to recognise the author, title, and date better and to find the item regardless of the extra text in the search term.

Bug fixes and minor changes

Improved linking to journal titles

Work has been done to simplify and improve NUsearch links to e-journal titles, significantly reducing linking failures and errors.

Where there is still a problem we have a new option on the new Directlink sidebar menu to report a broken link. You can provide your name and email to receive an update.

Image 16: Directlink sidebar menu showing where you can report a broken link
Display of book items

Previously if there were more than five copies of an item at a particular library, you had to click the expand option to see them. Now all items show for a particular branch on first glance, up to a maximum limit of 50.

Glitch affecting display of print items held in more than one library

For books and other physical items held in more than one library location, opening the full record display would result in the list of locations and also the classmark details changing after a few seconds to be replaced with information that was inaccurate.

This issue was escalated to the supplier with high priority and has now been fixed.

Search issues

When typing search terms the autocomplete function was returning some irrelevant suggestions for searches. This has been adjusted to prevent this happening.

When using the single wildcard character ? for searches, in some cases complete results were not returned. This has been fixed.

My Library Card loans

After renewing a loan, the due date did not refresh automatically. This has been fixed. In addition the list of loans is sorted in ascending order after renewal.

In Loans if there were no active loans, selecting to see previous loans displayed a “no loans” message. This no longer happens.

My Favourites issues

Clicking to make a new folder in My Saved Items returned an error. This has been fixed and now creates a new folder.

Using the browser’s back button from My Favourites did not return to the last page viewed. This now works correctly.

Pickup location for reservations

When making a reservation your home library was not being selected as the default pickup location. This now works correctly.
User interface issues

The following issues with the new user interface have been fixed:

- Hyperlinks were no longer active after resizing to smaller/mobile screens.
- Since the upgrade to Apple iOS 11, the full record view in mobile devices running this operating system did not open correctly.
- In some cases, views in the new UI froze when left idle.

Further information

Full details of all the functionality deployed in the NUsearch (Primo) November release, including bug fixes, can be found on the supplier (Ex Libris) website:

November 2017 Release Notes

November 2017 Highlights

Please note there may be features listed which either do not apply to us, or which will be implemented in the future.