Information Skills
Zuyd Library

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AN OVERVIEW OF INFORMATION TYPES

ARTICLES

• Scholarly Journal
Written by a researcher or scholar for a specific field, reviewed by peer scholars before publication

• Magazine
Written by a journalist for a mass-market audience

• Newspaper
Written by a journalist to inform the public about happenings in the world

BOOKS

• Monograph
A book on a specialized topic

• E book
Any book accessible in full text online

• Reference work
A collection of research, e.g., encyclopedia

GREY LITERATURE
a name for other research material such as:

• Dissertation or thesis
Student research papers

SHEET MUSIC | MUSIC SCORES

OTHER TYPES OF INFORMATION

• Social media, blogs, vlogs
• Audio and video
SHEET MUSIC (print and digital)
(E-)JOURNALS

- Contemporary Music Review
- Early Music
- Early Music Performer
- Electronic Musician
- Flutist Quarterly
- Horn Call: Journal of the Intern. Horn Society
- Journal for Artistic Research
- Journal of Cultural Economics
- Journal of Jazz Studies
- Journal of Musicology
- Journal of New Music Research
- Journal of Popular Music Studies
- Music Analysis
- Music & Letters
- Music Performance Research
- Music Theory and Analysis
- Musical Opinion Quarterly
- Musical Times
- Popular Music History
- Psychology in music
- Rolling Stone
- The Strad
- Tijdschrift van de KVNM
(E-)BOOKS

Search in the catalogue for music books on subject:

- Musicology
- Theory of music
- Music history
- Music history by periods | Composers
- Music history by genres
  - Jazz
- Musical instruments and playing techniques
- Vocal technique
- Opera libretti
Definition:
A Library catalogue is an online tool in libraries usually used to find print books, print journals and sheet music housed physically in the library.

You can find journal titles, but not articles by subject or title in the catalogue.
**SELECT SEARCH TOOLS | ZUYD LIBRARY FULL-TEXT DATABASES**

**Definition:**
A full-text database is a searchable collection of research literature that includes the entire text of an article or book, reproduced as a webpage and/or in PDF format, and other related resources.

These databases may be multidisciplinary (covering a range of subjects) or subject-specific (for one subject only).

**Multidisciplinary examples:**
- Academic Search Complete
- ScienceDirect
- Wiley Online Library

**Subject-specific examples:**
- Oxford Music Online
  - The Oxford Music Online is the leading online resource for classical music research.
  - The Zuyd subscription includes:
    - Grove Music Online
    - The Oxford Dictionary of Music
    - The Oxford Companion to Music
- JSTOR - Arts & Sciences III Collection
  - This database includes essential titles in the fields of music, film studies, folklore, performing arts, religion, and the history and study of art and architecture.
SELECT SEARCH TOOLS | ZUYD LIBRARY DISCOVERY SERVICE (DiZ)

Definition:
A Discovery Service is an online tool that searches multiple databases and the library’s catalogue at once. A discovery service is normally behind the search box on the front page of the library.
Web search engine returns high quantity of results from the full range of sources available on the web.

Though temptingly familiar, it is usually not recommended as the best place to start for scholarly research.

Using Google Scholar, instead of regular Google, will lead you to reliable, scholarly information.

Unfortunately, the full text of the articles may not be available.

Note, though, that there are two major exceptions:

- Content owned by your library
- Open Access Journal articles
The Zuyd Library website is an excellent starting point for your query. It gives access to a load of valued, reliable information.

Zuyd Library Staff has designed this LibGuide for Conservatorium Maastricht. You can find information on how to locate resources for music.
KEYWORDS, OPERATORS & FILTERS

**BRAINSTORM keywords**
These are the main ideas of your research question/topic sentence.

**EXPAND your keywords**
Look at the subject headings of the materials you find and use those terms as applicable.

**USE Boolean operators**
Insert AND, OR, and NOT into your search to broaden or narrow it.

**REFINE your search results**
Filters in the database allow you to narrow a search by year, content type, etc.
To determine trustworthiness of the material, try the **CRAAP test** developed by the *Meriam Library* at California State University, Chico¹

**CURRENCY**
When was the information published and is that important to know?

**RELEVANCE**
How important is the information to your needs?

**AUTHORITY**
Who is the author and what are their credentials?
Do they work for a reputable institution?
Was the information published in a peer-reviewed journal?

**ACCURACY**
How reliable is the information? Does it lack citations?
Are there spelling errors?

**PURPOSE**
Is it a well-balanced independent piece of research, or intended to sell a product or idea?

¹. [http://www.csuchico.edu/file/handouts/eval_websites.pdf](http://www.csuchico.edu/file/handouts/eval_websites.pdf)
ORGANIZE RESEARCH

CITATION

The act of explaining the source of the information found during the course of your research. Citation is a mandatory scholarly practice that gives credit and helps prevent plagiarism. Citations may be used in bibliographies, footnotes and within the body of your text. Common citation formats are APA, MLA and Chicago style.

Example:


CITATION MANAGER / REFERENCE MANAGER / DOCUMENT LIBRARY

An online tool or desktop software used to organize and store citations and full-text articles or other documents, create bibliographies, insert in-text citations into a paper, and share references with research partners.
INFORMATION LITERACY PORTAL

Check the Information Literacy portal for more info about:

Research question
- Understand your assignment
- Identify and define your topic
- Main & Sub-questions
- Search terms
- Check yourself

Searching and finding
- Types of information sources
- Search tools
- Search techniques
- Search methods
- Check yourself

Assessing and selecting
- Relevance
- Reliability
- Assessing information sources
- Selecting the right sources
- Check yourself

Processing and evaluation
- Plagiarism
- Referencing
- References, APA and Endnote
- Quoting and paraphrasing
- Evaluate your research
- Check yourself

Infoclips
- DiZ search engine
- Zuyd Library catalogue
- Google Scholar + Google Advanced
- Library Access

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