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Finding books on your topic

You can do a **keyword** search of the catalogue. Examples of keywords are:

History
 Australia (or other place) - history
 (Topic – e.g. Schools, Work, etc.) - history
 Social History
 Oral History
 Revolutions

Once you have done your search, you have all the information required to find the item

LOCATION	CALL NO	STATUS
Bendigo Main Collection	907.2 THOM	AVAILABLE

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 Click onto the link for collection details and where to find the item

Alternatively, you can browse the shelves at the following call numbers:

Historical research	907.2
World history	909
Ancient History	930s
European History	940s
Asian History	950s
Australian History	994

***Material can be found with the same call numbers in each of the library collections*

Finding Reserve material

Reserve is a collection of high use print and electronic material. Items are placed in the Reserve Collection at the request of teaching staff, to ensure that recommended reading material is available when required by students.

You can search using the lecturer's name or by the name/code of the specific subject. To find material in this collection, click on **Unit Materials/Exams** on the Library homepage.

Finding journal articles

Journal articles are a valuable source of current information. The library has access to a variety of databases which help identify particular articles within journals. Access to the databases is via the **Databases** link on the Library homepage.

Below is a sample of databases which would be useful in finding references to articles for History:

Historical Abstracts
APAFT
Proquest (Social Science and Humanities collection)
Project Muse
AUSCHRON
America: history and life

Internet resources

Internet resources are continually changing. Please check the **Subject Guides** link on the left-hand side of the library home page for reviewed and recommended sites. These guides are grouped into broad topic areas, and the most appropriate for History are:

Australian History
History
Sociology

It's important to evaluate web site content. Issues to consider include:

- the comprehensiveness and accuracy of the information
- the expertise of the authors/producers of the web page
- the currency of the web site
- point of view or bias

Google Scholar is a useful multi-disciplinary search engine recommended by the Subject Librarians. It searches scholarly literature across all areas of research, including peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, technical reports, as well as scholarly articles available across the web.

<http://scholar.google.com/>

Borrowing from other La Trobe University libraries

Most items in other La Trobe University libraries may be borrowed by:

- asking at the Information Desk
- **request forms** on the library homepage
- visiting other campus libraries in person

Further assistance

You may also like to try our self-paced tutorial which can be accessed from the **Training** link on the home page, then **Library Skills Online**.

For assistance using any of these resources or for additional information ask at the Information Desk, or phone **5444 7451**. Alternatively, send a message using the **Ask Us/Tell Us** link on the library homepage.

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