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## Finding books on your topic

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

Society (or social or socialization etc.)  
 Community  
 Culture (or Cultural)  
 Topic – social aspects  
 Anthropology  
 Politics

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

LOCATION	CALL NO	STATUS
<a href="#">Bendigo Main Collection</a>	<a href="#">307 MACC</a>	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:

Sociology and Anthropology	301
Social Interaction and Processes	302-3
Social Behaviour	304
Social Groups	305
Culture and Institutions	306
Communities	307

*\*\*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 Sociology and Cultural Studies:

Sociological Abstracts  
APAFT  
Anthropology Plus  
Project Muse  
Proquest (Social Science and Humanities collection)  
Current Contents

## 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 Sociology and Cultural Studies are:

Sociology  
Anthropology  
Gender, Sexuality and Diversity Studies

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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