Where do I start? – Finding books and journals

How do I find books?
A reference to a book will look something like this:


Search by book title on SUPrimo

- Click on the SUPrimo link on the Library home page. **Library Collections** is the default search.
- If you are outside the Library, go to [http://suprimo.lib.strath.ac.uk/](http://suprimo.lib.strath.ac.uk/)

  ![SUPrimo search example](image)

- Type the title in the Search box. If you don’t know the exact title, type in the author’s surname and any words you know from the title. Click on the Search button.

Search results

- You’ll get a list of results that match your search terms. If there is more than one edition available, it will say **Multiple versions found** and there will be a link on the right of the screen (versions of this item) to all the editions.

  ![Search results example](image)

- The icon next to the title will tell you the type of material. You can limit your search results further (e.g. by subject, to Full Text Online, to particular collections, to different formats) by using the Show only/Refine My Results options on the left-hand side of the screen.
Book details

- Click on There are 3 versions of this item to see all editions. The 4th ed. should be at the top of the list. If you can’t find the latest edition, sort by date-newest to bring the most recent edition to the top.

You’ll see the following links to click on for print books:
- Get It. Find out the number of copies, availability and locations. In this case there is an electronic copy and four print copies - one Short Loan, two 1 Week Loan and one Standard Loan (up to 6 weeks loan) - available for the 4th ed. Standard and one week loan books are automatically renewed for 24 weeks and 6 weeks. Sign in with your DS username and password to request the book if it is out on loan and to see more details.
- Details. Get further details about the book.
- Virtual Browse browse along the shelf at that number to see other books on this subject.

Electronic books will also have an additional link:
- Electronic resource. Read the ebook. You may need to login with your DS username and password.

Find the book on the shelf

- Select Get It and note the Location of the book. Click on the links to see more details of books at each location including the Status. The Lending books sections (Standard Loan or 1 Week Loan) are on the subject floors on Levels 4 and 5 – for Science this is Level 4. Reference books (not for loan) for Science are on Level 1. The Short Loan Collection is on Level 3 and contains heavily used items that can be borrowed for a shorter time (1 Day).
- Note the number (e.g. D 615.19 CAI) of the book. Books are shelved within their section in subject number order then alphabetically by the letters after the number (i.e. first three letters of author’s surname or book title).
- Note the Status (e.g. On Loan, Not on Loan) of the book. You can request books that are out on loan.
How do I find journals?

A reference to a journal article will look something like this:


You therefore need to find the journal called Drugs and then volume 66, issue 4 from 2006.

Search by journal title on SUPrimo

- Type the title of the journal (not the article) in the Search box. From the results list, click on include only journals or serials option from the Refine My Results Format on the left-hand side of the screen. This displays around 160 results.
- Drugs published by Adis International should be at the top of the screen.

Get the article

- Click on the title *Drugs* or the Electronic resource link to access the electronic version of this journal. Click on name of the service (e.g. Springer Standard Collection) next to Full-text available at: to get the full article. You can then search or browse the ejournal for the article you need.
- To find out what is available in print format, click on the Get It link. Older volumes may be in the Store: click on the Details tab for more information.
- Go to the Serials shelves on Level 1 at the subject number given (e.g. 615.3). At the number, they are shelved in alphabetical order by title. All print serials are reference only.

Further help

- See the SUPrimo Introduction LibGuide: [http://guides.lib.strath.ac.uk/SUPrimo](http://guides.lib.strath.ac.uk/SUPrimo)