Finding books -
using SUPrimo and reading lists
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Contents and aims

By the end of this workshop you will be able to:

• Untangle references and understand what you are being asked to read
• Use SUPrimo to find the contents of your reading list in the Library
• Apply your new skills to find other relevant materials from bibliographies
Understanding references

• Different type of materials are referenced differently
• Once you understand what you’re being asked to read it’s much easier to find it
• Use our simple guide to identify four of the most common types of materials: books, chapters in books, journal articles, conference papers
What am I being asked to read? #1


Book – identifiable by a place of publication and sometimes a numbered edition.

A chapter in a book, identifiable by the word “In” and page numbers.

Journal article, identifiable by either:
volume / issue,
a DOI or
a journal name which may contain the word journal, bulletin, annals or review or be in italics.
What am I being asked to read? #4


A conference paper, identifiable by the name of a conference in the reference.
Over to you…

Your handout contains 4 references, can you work out which is a reference to:

• A book chapter
• A journal article
• A book
• Conference paper?
We know what it is - how do we find it?

Use SUPrimo – Strathclyde’s Library catalogue to find out:

• What’s in the Library
• Where it is
• Whether it is printed or electronic
• If it is available or on loan
• Other related items
## How to search

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Other SUPrimo tips

1. Search for course reading lists and exam papers via **Course materials** option
2. Limit searches to printed or electronic books as required
3. Add extra terms such as DVD
4. Use filters to narrow results, e.g. Children’s books, Special Collections etc.
5. Use virtual browse to find related books
Beyond your reading list

• Reading beyond a reading list will demonstrate independent research (and generally impress your tutors)
• Books, journal articles, reports and conference papers contain bibliographies – a mini reading list on the topic
• Use skills gained today to track down other relevant materials
Tips for Library success

1. Book on loan? Recall via SUPrimo
2. Book not in library, not enough copies or missing? Let us know
3. Stuck? Ask for help

Get in touch: help@strath.ac.uk
Taking your skills further

Explore your library research guide:
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