Welcome to RMIT University Library

(Strizic, c. 1950)
Today’s presentation

1. Get to know the Library
2. Plan your research and find what you need
3. Research & writing help

(Strizic, 1967)
Get to know the library. Where is the library?

5 RMIT libraries.

Most relevant for industrial design are in the city.

All libraries are open to late at night and one weekends.
Get to know the library. Computers + study rooms

- Each Library has group study rooms and computers which you can book online.
- Computers have applications for design students - e.g., Adobe CC.
- The library has power and photocopying, printing and scanning facilities
Researching. Search keywords

It is useful to think of a range of words that describe your research topic - “keywords”.

You can list these from
- Essay / research questions
- Reading on the topic
- Look at the words used in libraries/databases
- Google synonyms

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Researching. Possible keywords

- Sex / gender / identity / masculinity / femininity
- **Time periods** = mid-century, Victorian, 19th century, 20th century, contemporary...

- products / clothing / marketing
- material / consumer / consumption
- society / culture / norms
- **Item** = toys, clothing, electronics...
Google Advanced Search can help you refine your search to get more relevant results.

It looks more complicated than the normal Google search box, but it can be very useful!
Researching with Google

“Phrase search” - useful if you have a key term or phrase or name to search.

Find pages with...
- all these words:
- this exact word or phrase:
- any of these words:
- none of these words:

To do this in the search box.
- Type the important words: tri-colour rat terrier
- Put exact words in quotes: “rat terrier”
- Type OR between all the words you want: miniature OR standard
- Put a minus sign just before words that you don’t want: -redcoat, -“Jack Russell”

Use this option to remove unwanted words from your searches - e.g. wikipedia
Researching with Google

Site or domain - useful to limit to a particular site, or type of website - e.g., .edu / .edu.au or ac.uk will be educational, .gov.au will be government, .org might be an American museum

Use this option to limit results to a particular filetype - e.g., PDF or DOC
Researching with the library

**LibrarySearch**: The library’s main search tool. Find books, e-books, articles, videos and more.

**Subject guides**: Research guides made by librarians with the best resources for your subject.
Often works best when you search with a few words - use the options on the left of screen to refine by:

- subject
- medium (book, article, video...)
- year
You’ve found a book in LibrarySearch - how do you get it?

Write the call number

Find the area where the books are shelved - start with the first 3 numbers (712)

Decimals etc...
Industrial Design
Find information for your industrial design research - books, articles, images, videos, material and product data, patents, standards and more.

Key resources
Databases
Search these key databases for articles and more:
- DAAI: Design and Applied Arts Index (ProQuest)
  Key design database providing access to quality design articles from international journals.
- Informit
  Key source of Australian content. Covers a broad range of disciplines including architecture, design, engineering and history.
- Art and Architecture Archive (Proquest)
  An archive of magazines comprising key research material in the fields of art and architecture, dating from the late-nineteenth century to the twenty-first. Subjects covered include fine art, decorative arts, architecture, interior design, industrial design, and photography.

More databases
See these databases for more industrial design articles.

Lots of resources not easily available in Google or LibrarySearch: databases, standards, materials information + more.
Researching. Databases
Some journals that might be useful for this course. Click the link to see the online journal, search within the journal for articles on your topic:

- Journal of Design History
- Design Journal
- Journal of Modern Craft
- Craft Research
- Ceramic Review
Borrowing

Borrow up to 30 items (books, DVDs) for 14 days.

Your items will be auto-renewed unless someone else places a hold on the item.

Overdue fines: 50 cents per item per day

What if the library doesn’t have what I want?
We can source items from other libraries for you, and you can borrow from other Victorian academic libraries.
Help...
Help - Liaison librarian

Your school has a specialist librarian who can help you find information while you develop your research skills.

Tristan Badham, School of Architecture & Urban Design

Contact details on library website and Landscape Architecture subject guide
Help - Study & learning Centre

The **Study and Learning Centre**, located at the Swanston Library, provides study and learning advice - writing and study skills.

Or get study help online with **Learning Lab** (Google search RMIT + learning lab)

(Swinburne University of Technology, 1977)
Help - Referencing

You need to acknowledge the sources of information you use in your assignments and essays.

The **EasyCite** tool makes referencing simple using the following styles:

- RMIT Harvard
- APA 6th ed.
- AGLC3
- Vancouver
Learn a range of skills online - including design applications like AutoCAD, Adobe CC. Log in to Lynda.com with your RMIT login.
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