Landscape architecture

Theoretical Frameworks 1

Library talk

(Strizic, c. 1950)

https://goo.gl/Zdkohi
Today's presentation

Finding information for your assignments with Google + the library

Where to get some help

(Strizic, 1967)
5 RMIT libraries.

Most relevant for landscape architecture are in the city.

All libraries are open to late at night and one weekends.
Search keywords

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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Search keywords

What words are you going to type into a search engine / database / catalogue to find information for this topic?

- **Chauvet, France** – caves, cave art, rock art, civilisation, France, Europe etc.
- **Lake Condah, Victoria** – eel traps, Western District, Gunditjmara, Tae Rak, Budj Bim
- **Murray Darling Basin** (in particular the fish traps at Brewarrina) – fish trap + Brewarrina, New South Wales

Other terms that might be useful - art history, history, landscape, environment, country, land etc.
Researching with Google

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.

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.
LibrarySearch

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?

1. Find the area where the books are shelved - start with the first 3 numbers (712).
2. Write down the call number.
3. Decimals etc...
Subject guides

Lots of resources not easily available in Google or LibrarySearch:

databases, standards, maps, finding plans + more.
Databases
Help...
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)
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
Thank you

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