Welcome to RMIT University Library

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Today’s presentation

1. Get to know the Library
2. Plan your research and find what you need
3. Seek assistance and learn.

Library Quest

Play the game and go into a draw to win one of four $100 vouchers - [http://bit.ly/2Ub9sBl](http://bit.ly/2Ub9sBl)
Four RMIT libraries.

Most relevant for visual merchandising are **Carlton**, **Swanston** and **Brunswick**.

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

Computers and study rooms

Each Library has group study rooms and computers which you can book online:
http://bit.ly/2VoQlEq

Computers have applications for design students - e.g., Adobe CC.

The library has power and photocopying, printing and scanning facilities.
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.

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.

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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


**Subject guides**: Research guides made by librarians with the best resources for your subject: [http://bit.ly/2TgsBVw](http://bit.ly/2TgsBVw)
You’ve found a book in LibrarySearch - how do you get it?

Write down the call number

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

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

The **EasyCite** - [http://bit.ly/2Tb9bBx](http://bit.ly/2Tb9bBx) - tool makes referencing simple using the following styles:
Lynda.com

Learn a range of skills online - including design applications like AutoCAD, Adobe CC.

Log in to Lynda.com with your RMIT login.
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)

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


Contact details on library website and [Visual Merchandising subject guide](#)
Ask the Library

Chat with a Librarian or email our question for help with using the Library.