

Resources for English

Contact details are available at the end of this guide.

The resources in this guide will help you learn more about your subject. The best place to start your search is **Discover**, which provides you with easy access to thousands of books, eBooks, journal articles and much more. You can access Discover and other key resources via the Library website, LJMU student homepage and MyLJMU portal.

Remember, your modules also have reading lists in Canvas with links to recommended books, e-books, journal articles and other subject resources.

Books and eBooks

The library provides an extensive collection of books and eBooks on all aspects of **English**. You can browse what is available in your subject area or look for specific titles by searching **Discover**.

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Type a book title or keywords and select the search icon
- From the results screen, you can filter your results by selecting **Books**
- Select a book title to see more details and availability
- eBooks will have links to view online
- Print books will show number of copies and location

Print books have a class number and are organised numerically by that number on the shelves. A range of common class numbers are shown below:

English dictionaries	423
English language	420s
English literature	820s
Fiction: American	813
Fiction: English	823
Grammar (English)	425 + 428.2
Linguistics	410
Poetry: English	821
Shakespeare	822.33
Stylistics	808.042

DVD collection

An extensive collection of feature films, documentaries and TV series on DVDs is available in the Aldham Robarts Library. You can browse the collection or use **Discover** to find what you want. Many of these films are not available online or via streaming services.

Special Collections and Archives

The LJMU Special Collections and Archives contains unique primary resources including the archive of the Everyman Theatre and the extensive personal archive of celebrated Liverpool playwright Willy Russell. You can consult the collections by contacting the LJMU Archivist.

Other archives include

- Liddell-Hart Collection – fashion archive collection
- Keith Medley archive - e.g., 1950s photos of New Brighton that capture fashions, weddings, portraits and news (1930s - 1987)
- England's Dreaming Punk Archive - Catalogued - spreadsheet has list of photos, fanzines etc.
- Eric's club - a range of materials from the influential punk/new wave music venue
- Everyman theatre – about designers and photos
- Femorabilia inc magazines for young girls, for example Jackie

For more information see the Special Collections and Archives webpages:

<https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/microsites/library/special-collections-and-archives>

Journals

Journals are published on a regular basis and contain up-to-date information. Journals contain articles focussing on specific topics written by subject specialists.

To find individual journal titles on your subject area:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Journals** option
- Type a journal title you wish to access and select the search icon
- Select a journal title to see more details and availability
- eJournals will have links to view online
- Print journals will show number of issues and location

A small range of relevant journal titles is shown below:

American literature

Essays in criticism

Granta (hard copy)

Language and literature

New writing

New York review of books

Poetics Textual practice

Poetry Book Society bulletin

Stand magazine (hard copy)

Studies in romanticism

Times literary supplement (hard copy)

Databases

You can search for journal articles using **Discover** or via individual databases. There are different types of databases. For example:

- **Full-text databases** provide access to full-text information such as journal articles, book chapters, reports, standards, statistics and legislation.
- **Abstracting and Indexing Databases** are searchable indexes, you can view the abstract or summary for each resource. If full-text is available follow the link, if not you can request an Inter-library loan.

To access a database:

- Go to **Discover**, if prompted, **Sign in** with your **LJMU username@ljmu.ac.uk** and **password**
- Select the **Databases** option
- Select **English** to see suggested databases or type the name of the database in the search box and select the **search icon**
- Select the database title to see more details and note any log-in requirements
- Select the database link

A range of relevant databases are shown below:

C19: The 19th Century Index

A comprehensive source for discovering nineteenth-century books, periodicals, official documents, newspapers and archives. C19 Index now provides integrated access to 18 bibliographic indexes, including more than three million records from British Periodicals Collections I and II.

Exact Editions

Makes magazines and their archives accessible, searchable and usable across web and app platforms. Features hundreds of publications available in a range of disciplines.

GreenFile

Covers all aspects of human impact to the environment. Its collection of scholarly, government and general-interest titles includes content on global warming, green building, pollution, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, recycling, and more.

JSTOR

Provides access to more than 12 million academic journal articles, books and primary sources in 75 disciplines.

Leisure, Travel and Mass Culture: The History of Tourism

Global research on all aspects of Tourism, Leisure, Hospitality, Recreation and Travel, plus selected aspects of Sport, Culture, Art and Entertainment. With access to over 12,500 full text document, 4500 news and reviews articles and over 2850 eBooks.

Mass Observation online

Provides access to one of the most important archives for the study of Social History in the modern era. An archive of original manuscripts, papers, diaries, photographs, film and interactive materials of social history from 1937-mid 1950s including tourism and travel, entertainment, working practices and much more.

MLA Directory of Periodicals

Provides detailed information on over 6,000 journals and book series that cover literature, literary theory, dramatic arts, folklore, language, linguistics, pedagogy, rhetoric and composition, and the history of printing and publishing. Articles published in works listed in the directory are indexed in the MLA International Bibliography.

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Contains detailed bibliographic information on scholarly publications from around the world and across a broad range of topics including literature from many countries and in many languages, literary theory and criticism, dramatic arts (film, radio, television, and theater), folklore and linguistics.

The Times Literary Supplement Historical Archive.

A browsable comprehensive text archive of the TLS including book reviews, arts reviews, poems, letters and commentary pieces.

Travel writing, spectacle & world history

This resource brings together hundreds of accounts by women of their travels across the globe from the early 19th century to the late 20th century. Students and researchers will find sources covering a variety of topics including architecture; art; the British Empire; climate; customs; exploration; family life; housing; industry; language; monuments; mountains; natural history; politics and diplomacy; race; religion; science; shopping; war.

Victorian popular culture

This resource explores the darkened halls, small backrooms, big tops and travelling venues that hosted everything from spectacular shows and bawdy burlesque to the world of magic, spiritualist séances, optical entertainments and the first moving pictures.

Web of Science

A powerful research platform and global citation index including over 161 million records for books, peer-reviewed scholarly journals, and conference proceedings across 254 disciplines. It includes access to the Arts and Humanities Citation Index (1975-), Science Citation Index Expanded (1970-), Social Sciences Citation Index Expanded (1970-).

News and media

Academic Video Online

A range of video materials with academic relevance: documentaries, interviews, performances, news programs and newsreels, and more. Including Academy, Emmy and Peabody award winning films, plus content from National Geographic, HISTORY, BroadwayHD and much more.

Box of Broadcasts (BoB)

Provides access to an archive of over one million programmes radio and TV & Radio programmes from 2007 onwards, including all the main free-to-air TV channels. You can link, make clips and playlists of content.

Early American newspapers, 1801-1900

The most extensive resource of its kind for exploring the American past. Includes thousands of titles from all 50 states chronicling the evolution of American culture and society through eyewitness reporting, editorials, letters, advertisements, obituaries, and much more.

Gale NewsVault

Users can search or browse across the Times Digital Archive, the 17th and 18th Century Burney Collection, The Financial Times Historical Archive, 19th Century U.S. Newspapers, and many more. Providing access to millions of digitized facsimile pages, Gale NewsVault provides a fascinating window to the past.

Kanopy

Kanopy provides access to one of the most remarkable collections of films in the world. Films include award-winning documentaries, indie films, must-see classics and theatrical releases.

PressReader

Connects you to the world's newspapers and magazines. This includes over 7,000 newspapers and magazines from over 90 countries in over 50 languages in full colour, full-page format. App and webpage

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Guardian and The Observer 1791 - 2003

This historical newspaper provides genealogists, researchers and scholars with online, easily searchable first-hand accounts and unparalleled coverage of the politics, society and events of the time.

Punch Historical Archive, 1841-1992

From its early years as a campaigner for social justice to its transformation into national icon, Punch played a central role in the formation of British identity—and how the rest of the world saw the British nation.

TRILT

Television and Radio Index for Learning and Teaching (TRILT) is one of the best sources of UK television and radio broadcast data available on the web, including listings for more than 560 TV and radio channels with data from 1923 onwards. More than a million records are added to TRILT every year.

Websites

The content of websites is unregulated, so it is important that you check the quality and accuracy of information on the internet to ensure that it is reliable, accurate and of an academic standard. There are selected websites or search engines that you can use to help find appropriate information online, for example Google Scholar. If you find details for a relevant resource on the internet, you can check if LJMU has full-text access.

Further Help

The Librarian who supports **English** is:

Michael Stores m.stores@ljmu.ac.uk

Please contact him if you have questions, or to arrange a one-to-one appointment.

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