Resources for Media Culture and Communication

Contact details can be found 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

There is an extensive collection of books and eBooks on all aspects of **Media Culture and Communication**. 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 relevant class numbers are shown below:

Advertising	659.1
Communication studies	302.2
Creative Industries	338.477
Cultural studies	306 & 301.2
Digital & social media	302.231
Film + TV analysis	791.43
Game Development	794.81
Journalism	070.4
Mass media	302.23

Media studies	302.23
Popular culture	306.4 & 301.2
Popular Music	781.64
Social Theory & Sociology	301
Tourism	338.4791

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 the films are not available on 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 - 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 collection, including 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 selection of relevant journal titles is shown below:

Critical Studies in Media Communication

Crime in mass media

Feminist Media Studies

Journal of popular culture

Journal of Cinema and Media Studies

Journal of media and communication studies

Mobile media & communication

Media, Culture & Society

New Media & Society

Popular Communication

Projector: a journal on film, media, and culture

Television & new media

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 **Media Culture and Communication** 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 selection of relevant databases is shown below:

Art Full Text
Provides full-text art journals and books. It covers fine, decorative and commercial art, as well as photography, film and architecture. It comprises the bibliographic contents of over 300 leading art periodicals - journals, museum bulletins and yearbooks.

Entertainment Industry Magazine Archive
Contains primary source material for studying the history of the film and entertainment industries, from the era of vaudeville and silent movies through to the 21st century.

Film & Television Literature Index with Full Text
One of the most important online tools for film and television research. It is a comprehensive database covering the entire spectrum of television and film.

JSTOR
Provides access to more than 12 million academic journal articles, books and primary sources in 75 disciplines. Includes access to ARTSTOR, which features millions of archive images and media.

Leisure, Travel and Mass Culture: The History of Tourism
A research collection on all aspects of Tourism, Leisure, Hospitality, Recreation and Travel, plus selected aspects of Sport, Culture, Art and Entertainment. Provides access to over 12,500 full text document, 4500 news and reviews articles and over 2850 eBooks.

LinkedIn Learning
A digital library of more than 16,000 video courses covering a wide range of technical, business, software and creative topics. Access thousands of expert-led courses on everything from coding and design to business and communication skills.

Mass Observation online
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.

O'Reilly Online Learning
Expert-created and curated information covering all the areas that will shape our future—including artificial intelligence, operations, data, UX design, finance, leadership, and more. Includes, books, courses, video, playlists and live events.

Rock's Backpages
One of the largest databases of music journalism online. Archives of music writing from the past 50 years, from ABBA to Zappa or Aaliyah to ZZ Top.

Statista
Offers access to statistics on tens of thousands of topics covering hundreds of industry sectors.

UK Data Service
The UK's largest collection of social, economic and population data resource, including UK census data and government funded surveys as well as qualitative and business data.

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.

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 unique collections of films in the world. Films include award-winning documentaries, indie films, must-see classics and theatrical releases.

Lexis
The Newspapers option enables access to an archive of UK national and regional newspapers, with coverage from the 1990s up to the present day.

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

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 for supports **Media Culture and Communications** is:

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Please get in touch if you have questions, or to arrange an appointment.

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