

Transcript: Introducing e-resources

The online resources available to you from the GSA Library include maps, films and TV programmes, journal and magazine articles, software tutorials, e-books and more. Most can be used both on and off the GSA campus, and provide high quality information that won't appear in a Google search. Your tutors will expect you to use these resources for your research and essays.

For an overview of what's available to you, look at the 'Databases A-Z' list on the library website, which you'll find in the 'Accessing Materials' section. The resources are grouped by theme; simply click the links through to the library catalogue, and from the catalogue to the resource itself.

Another option for discovering our online resources is to look in the relevant Subject Guide. Each guide has a 'Search Databases' section where we've highlighted the online resources particularly useful for that subject. Again, click the links to get to the resource.

Because our online resources come from a wide variety of publishers they all look different, and the way that you log in to each of them, using your MyGSA username and password, is different as well. Sometimes, for example if you are on the GSA campus network, the resource will recognise your computer and you may not need to log in at all.

To log in to an online resource, you need to look on its home page for a login button, and an 'institutional login'. You may be asked to select 'GSA' or 'Glasgow School of Art' from a list of organisations; if the list is international, it may be grouped by country. The institutional login system is called 'Shibboleth', so 'Shibboleth login' is another link that sometimes appears on the home page of databases.

The final step is to type in your MyGSA username and password when prompted, after which you should be ready to begin searching the database. For tips on using individual databases, see other videos in this series.