

# Resources for Extension Science

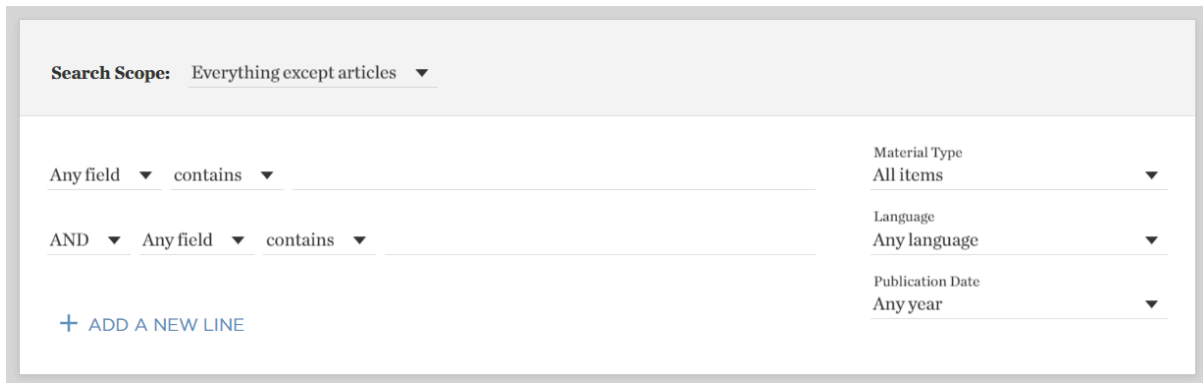
Access the Library catalogue and eResources from the State Library website under *Research and Collections*.



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## Catalogue

Find books and other **published material** in the State Library of NSW catalogue. This catalogue also includes **e-books**. You can use your State Library card to download e-books for up to 3 weeks. Books from our collection may also be available on interlibrary loan through your local public library.



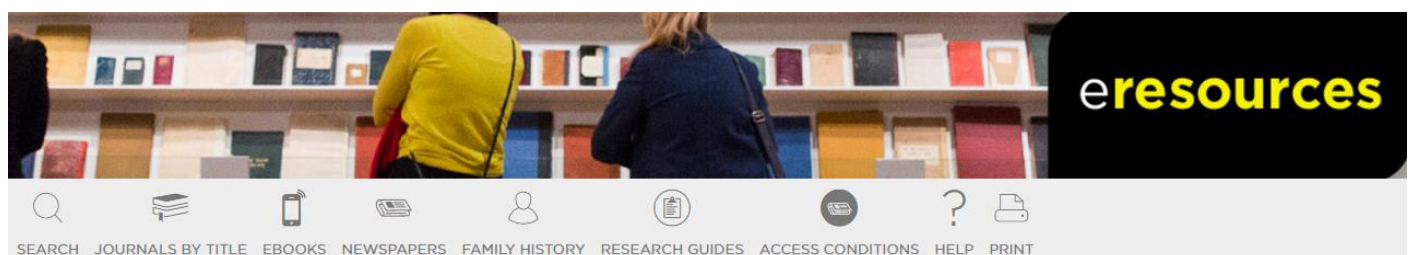
The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Search Scope:** A dropdown menu currently set to "Everything except articles".
- Search Criteria:** A row with "Any field" and "contains" dropdowns.
- Logical Operator:** A dropdown menu set to "AND".
- Second Search Criteria:** Another row with "Any field" and "contains" dropdowns.
- Filters:** A list of filters on the right side, including "Material Type" (set to "All items"), "Language" (set to "Any language"), and "Publication Date" (set to "Any year").
- Action:** A "+ ADD A NEW LINE" button.

## Search tips for catalogue

- Use **Advanced Search** (see above) to combine more than one search term
- When searching for an author, enter surname first (eg. Flannery, Tim)
- **Sign in** to the catalogue to request material

## MENU: eResources



**Free** to access with your State Library card: **High quality**, academic material to ensure your work is **well-researched**. Available **online anywhere, anytime**.

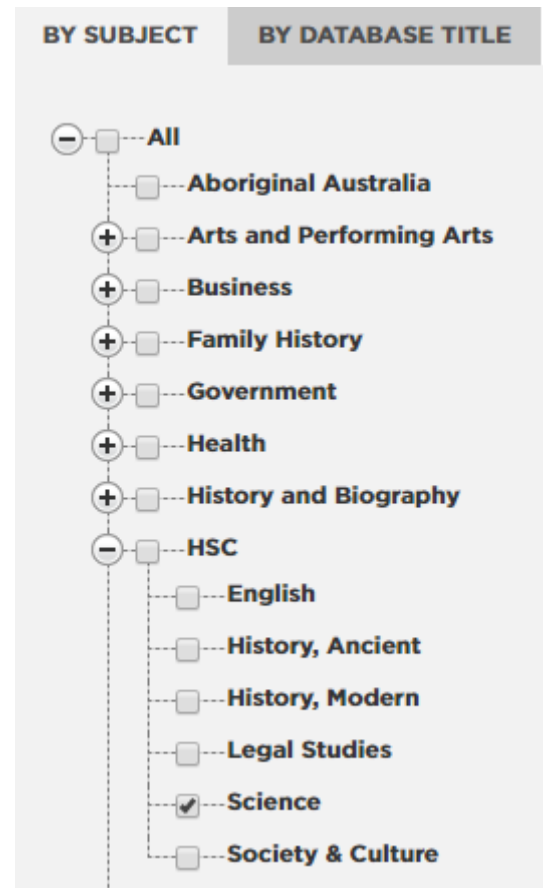
### Important:

- Locate the subject **HSC** from the list on the left
- Open the '+' box next to **HSC** and tick *Science* for a list of recommended databases
- Or find a specific database by name (eg. Informit) in *By database title*

## Search tips for eResources

- Use "quotation marks" for exact phrase searching
- Use **ADVANCED** search options to combine words using AND, OR, NOT

- Use asterisks \* for wildcards – alternative endings of words. Eg. astronom\* = astronomy, astronomical, astronomer
- Select **Full text** search options to find full-text articles only
- Watch your **spelling** – both for accuracy and American spelling variations
- **Vary your search terms** – try synonyms for your topic words
- **Refine your results** in some databases by limiting to **scholarly or peer reviewed sources**, for academic level journals which have been evaluated by experts



## PROQUEST

- Provides online full-text access to a wide range of international journal articles and newspapers with some Australian content.

### Useful databases include:

- ProQuest Science Journals
- ProQuest Research Library; ProQuest Central
- ProQuest Australia and New Zealand Newsstream

## EBSCO

- Provides online full-text to a wide range of international journal articles and newspapers with some Australian content.

### Useful databases include:

- Science Reference Centre
- Academic Search Complete

## Gale: Science in Context

- Provides online full-text access to reference books, and some journal and magazine articles on current science topics. Includes images, videos and audio which can provide comprehensive coverage of a topic.

## Informit

- Provides online full-text access (with some references only) to Australian scholarly journals.

## JSTOR

- Provides online full-text access to historical and recent international science journals.

## Other relevant resources

### Ebooks

Open the Ebook portal from the [eResources](#) page (or search the library catalogue). Find an ebook searching by keyword, or browsing by subject; eg Science; Astronomy; Zoology.

**University libraries** have comprehensive science and technology collections and specialised science databases. Check with your nearest university regarding services which may be available for HSC students, such as access to these collections.

**HSC Help:** For more help, the Library holds free HSC Help sessions for English, History, Legal Studies and Society & Culture twice a year during January and April school holidays: [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/hschelp](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/hschelp)

### Research guides:

[Research & Collections > Research guides > HSC:](#)

HSC Society & Culture; HSC Advanced & Extension English; HSC Standard English; HSC Legal Studies