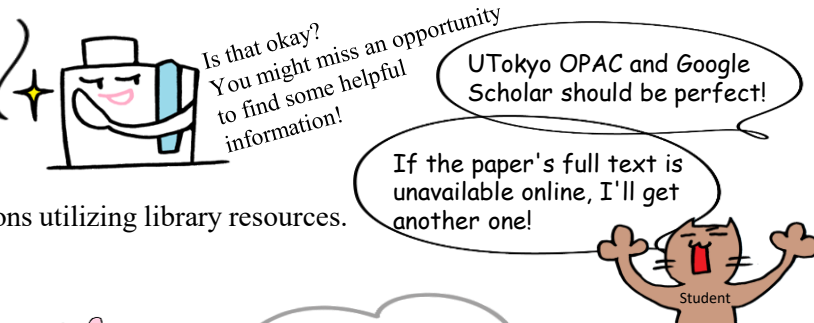


Tips for Improving Literature Search Skills



Below are problems along the search process and its solutions utilizing library resources.

Plan Your Information Search

To find the information/papers you need, guess what/how to search and plan.

●Problem

I don't know how to search.

Survey scope is also an important point:
 • Period of documents published time?
 • Lange of search area off-campus/overseas?

Solutions

●Research Navi

Informative research suggestions



●ASK Service

Consult a UTokyo Library staff.



Enrich Keywords

Extract keywords from the title, table of contents, or abstract of the book or article you are interested in, or use the search tool to look up synonyms, etc.

●Problems

I can't find the information I want...
How to expand the Keyword?

Solutions

● Search synonyms, thesauruses, and related words in dictionaries and encyclopedias.

JapanKnowledge
Over 70 dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc.



Oxford English Dictionary



●J-GLOBAL's synonym search and "Thesaurus MAP" functions are useful.



▲ Term search is only available in Japanese

▲ This function shows you the top, bottom, related, and co-appeared words.

Select a Database & Search

It is no way not to use a paid database (DB) that UTokyo contracts. Choose a DB suitable for the information you want.

●Problems

Is there a DB that I can use freely?
There are many DBs.
Which one should I use?

Solutions

●Database List

The database list is a treasure trove of free and paid databases under contract at the UTokyo. You can narrow down your search by subject or resource type. If you are unsure which one to use, refer to the recommended DBs on p. 2.



Check how to use the Database List in Part 3 "Using databases & E-Journals from off-campus!"

Obtain a Full text

You can even get the full text directly from the DB search results. Don't give up, even if there is no direct link!

●Problems

Not available because there is no link to the text in the DB search results.
This document doesn't seem to be available at the Komaba Library.

Solutions

●Request Document Delivery with MyOPAC

You can request books and photocopies from other campuses, universities, and overseas libraries.

Solutions

●UTokyo Article Link

Even if there is no link to the full text, click "UTokyo Article Link" or "Full text@UTokyo" if it is displayed. You can access full text or check the library's holdings of paper materials (an off-campus connection via EZproxy is required). **Google Scholar** also has a "Library Link" setting, increasing your chances of obtaining documents!



Check how to display UTokyo Article Link on Google Scholar in Part 5, "Finding journal articles in English"! You can also learn the basics of the trustworthy citation information DB "Web of Science" (p.2).



Check out Part 4, "Finding journal articles in Japanese," for UTokyo Article Link and how to obtain copies and PDFs!



For inadequate explanations in this paper, please refer to the "Tips for Searching Library Books and Resources" web seminar on YouTube "Komato-channel."

●Problems

I want to search efficiently using various keywords.



Check the search method using Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) in Part4-2 "Finding Japanese articles in CiNii Research!"



Recommended Databases



Finding Books

●UTokyo OPAC (within the UTokyo)

This is the most efficient way to search for books and resources within the UTokyo collection, and the MyOPAC service allows for loan extensions, reservations, and interlibrary loans.



OPAC

●Webcat Plus Associated Search

(Domestic universities/public/national Diet Library, etc.) Associative search for books. It allows you to search not only by words but also by sentences. There is also a lot of table of contents information. Clicking "NCID" on the search result detail screen opens CiNii Books, where you can also check the holdings of the UTokyo.



Webcat Plus



Finding Japanese Articles

Both of the following sites allow you to search for books, journals, and articles altogether.

Although they are free public DBs, the probability of obtaining full texts increases if you access them via EZproxy when you use them outside the UTokyo network.

●TREE (within the UTokyo)



TREE

●CiNii Research (Domestic universities)



CiNii



Finding Foreign Articles

●Web of Science

WoS makes finding important/relevant papers easy based on citation information.

It is possible to search approximately 21,000 highly evaluated major journals in all fields and the references cited by the published papers.



WoS

●ProQuest

In addition to bibliographic information, including theses and dissertations from around the world, users can search various content, including newspapers and images, etc.



ProQuest

●EBSCOhost

DBs in multiple specialties can be searched collectively.



EBSCO

●JSTOR

Recommended for humanities and social sciences.



JSTOR



Part 5, "Finding journal articles in English," introduces how to find review articles and how to sort them by the number of times they have been cited.



Web Seminar



Finding Newspapers

Domestic Newspaper

●Asahi Shimbun Cross-Search



Asahi

●Yomiuri Shimbun YOMIDAS REKISHIKAN



Yomiuri

●Mainichi Shinbun Maisaku



Mainichi

●Nikkei Shinbun Nknei Telecom 21



Nikkei

Overseas Newspaper

●Nexis Uni

●Lexis

You can search for newspapers and news scripts from around the world. (You cannot access both at the same time with the same browser, so close the browser after using one of them.) In Lexis, select "News" in "Explore Content" on the top screen and click the "i" mark. Newspapers to be searched for are listed.



Nexis Uni



Lexis

●pressreader

Access to over 5,000 newspapers and magazines from about 100 countries for one year.



pressreader

●People Daily (Renmin Ribao)



Jinmin Nippou

●The New York Times



NYTimes



Finding Statistics

Domestic

●e-Stat



eStat

Worldwide

●OECD iLibrary



OECD

●Chronological Scientific Tables (Rika Nenpyo)



Rika Nenpyo



Find various domestic information collectively

●NDL Search

In addition to the holdings of various institutions such as the National Diet Library, public libraries, museums, archives, and universities, digital collections, and Research Navi are also included in the search.



NDL Search