


Library Research Skills

Advanced OPAC

Navigation menu: About Us | Digital Media Repository | **OPAC** | Research Resources

Site Search: Site Search



Library Services

- All Members
- Students
- Staff

Library Newsletter

InfoWise
Library Information


Read all about it! Our quarterly newsletter for news * reviews * hints * tips ... and more.

[...read now](#)

Quick Links

- Book a PC
- Book a Room


New Arrivals



70 WAYS TO BEAT 70
Keys to a Longer, Healthier Life

Visit the TFLiBlog for more information on all

Library Catalogue - OPAC



- Renew Books (how to)
- Set up **OPAC ALERTS** (how to)

Search OPAC

Research Resources

- Plagiarism
- Research Databases (staff & students only)
- Subject Guides
- Subject Lists (Bibliographies)

[...more](#)

Advanced OPAC

- Does the Library have any educational videos about **teens**?



<http://spark.tp.edu.sg>



Online Articles

- Articles are found inside journals / periodicals / magazines
- Different from books:
 - much more up-to-date
 - shorter (less to read!)
 - specific topics
 - greater selection from which to choose



Online Articles

- OPAC does NOT tell you which articles the Library has
- So you need to use the research databases

The screenshot shows the Temasek Polytechnic Digital Library Portal. At the top left is the logo and name 'TEMASEK POLYTECHNIC'. To the right are links for 'News & Events', 'Sitemap', 'FAQ', and 'Contact Us'. Below this is the main title 'Digital Library Portal' and a navigation bar with buttons for 'About Us', 'Digital Media Repository', 'OPAC', and 'Research Resources'. A search box with a 'Site Search' button is also present. The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Research Resources > Research Databases', followed by the heading 'Research Databases' and a sub-heading 'Online databases - alphabetical list'. Below this is an alphabetical index: '| A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z |'. A red note at the bottom states: 'Please note: access to these databases is restricted to TF staff and students only.'

Online Articles

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The screenshot shows the Temasek Polytechnic Library website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About Us', 'Digital Media Repository', 'OPAC', and 'Research Resources'. A search box with the text 'Site Search' is located on the right. Below the navigation bar is a banner image of a library interior with the 'Spark' logo and the tagline 'start with an idea'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

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 - Access the Library Blog [...here...](#) for news, [...](#)

Evaluating Information

- **Currency** – is the information up-to-date?
- **Relevance** – it is useful?
- **Adequacy** - is there enough information?
- **Reliability** - is it believable?
- **Accuracy** - is it free from error?
- **Objectivity** - is it factual?

<http://evaluatinginformation.blogspot.com/>

Citing Sources

- TP Library Plagiarism video



<http://spark.tp.edu.sg/dmr/nonhtm/plagiarism.asf>

- APA citation style

http://spark.tp.edu.sg/lib_apa_style-3.pdf

Your Valuable Feedback

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- TPLiBlog
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- CMM Library Research Skills
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