



# Library Resources and Research Skills

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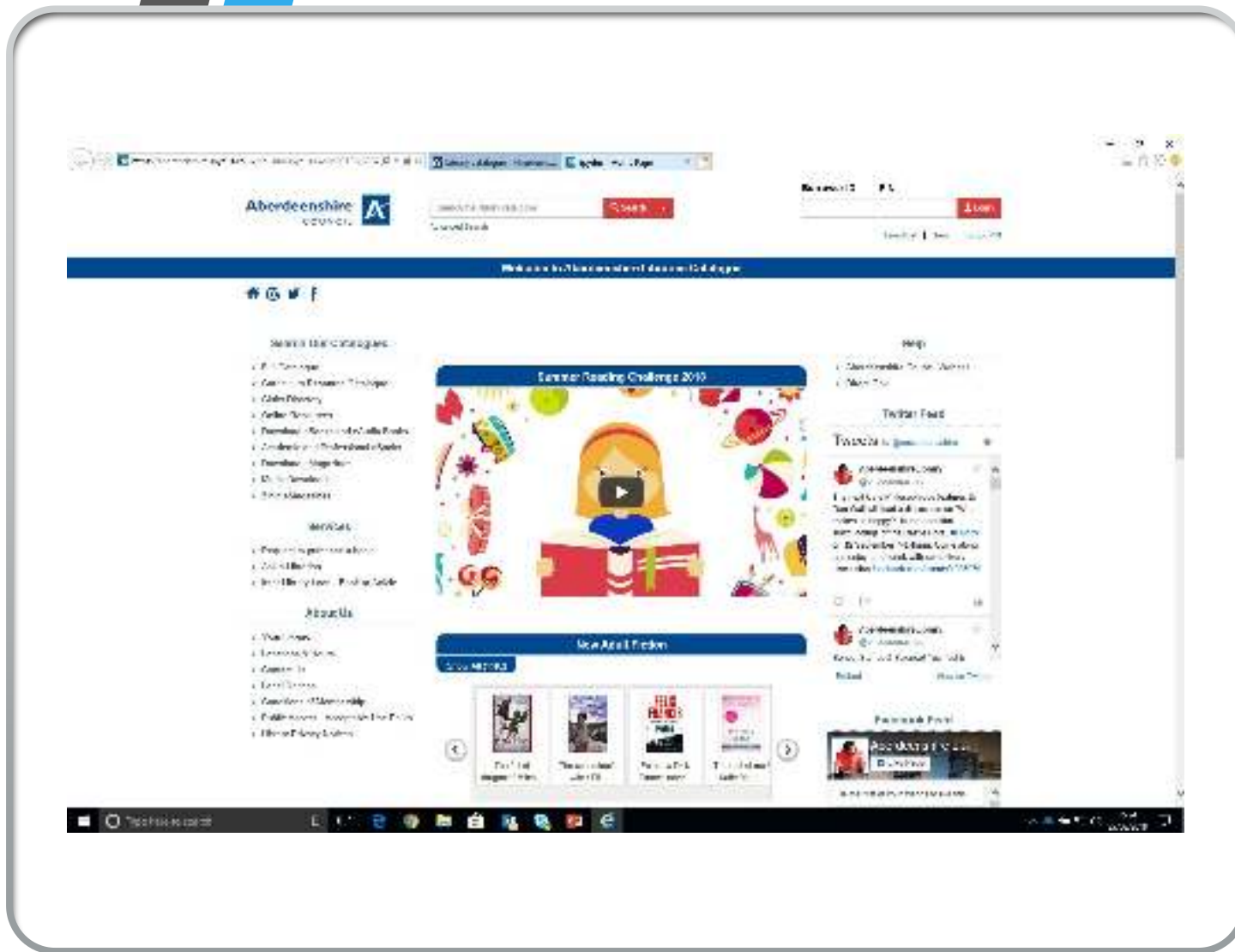
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# Library Resources

- Books – Fiction and Non Fiction
- DVDs
- Talking Books
- Library Catalogue
- Online Databases
- Music
- Magazines
- E-books and E-Audiobooks
- Newspapers



# Library Catalogue

[Library catalogue - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

# What's available Online?

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [aberdeenshire.gov.uk/libraries/online-library/reference](http://aberdeenshire.gov.uk/libraries/online-library/reference). The page header includes the Aberdeenshire Council logo and a search bar containing the text "eg council tax, benefits...". Below the header is a navigation bar with the breadcrumb "Home > Libraries > e resources > e reference" and a section for "Online Services" with buttons for "Pay", "Report", "Request", and "Apply".

## e-reference

We provide free access to some online resources. You will need to [join a library](#) to access most of them:

- [Consumer Information](#)
- [Biographies](#)
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- [Driving theory test](#)
- [Encyclopedias](#)
- [Family history](#)
- [General knowledge](#)
- [Literature](#)
- [Newspapers and journals](#)
- [Scottish culture](#)

### Consumer information

You can access [Which? website](#) in [Ballater](#), [Banchory](#), [Ellon](#), [Fraserburgh](#), [Portlethen](#) and [Turriff](#) libraries as well as library headquarters in [Oldmeldrum](#). You will need to ask a staff member to log you in. View other [consumer information web resources](#).

### Biographies

You can access our biography resources by signing in with your library number. The library number is only required if you are accessing from home. Library numbers are not required when using the resource in our libraries.

[Oxford Dictionary of National Biography](#) lists biographies of notable UK people who have shaped British history and culture.

#### Related

- ▶ [Borrow an e-reader](#)
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View [diverging web resources not requiring library login](#).

## Encyclopedias

You can access our encyclopedic resources by signing with your library number. The library number is only required if you are accessing from home. Library numbers are not required when using the resource in our libraries.

Britannica offers resources for different ages:

- Britannica Junior for ages 6 to 12 - access in a library or from home
- Britannica Student for ages 13 to 18 - access [in a library](#) or [from home](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica over 18 - access in a library or from home

[World Book](#) offers an age appropriate online encyclopedia with articles, images, audio and video.

We also provide [ages appropriate web resources not requiring library login](#).

## Family history

[Ancestry Library Edition](#) offers genealogical resources including censuses, vital records, immigration records, family histories, military records, court and legal documents. You can access Ancestry Library Edition only in our libraries. It's not available to access at home.

[Scotland's People](#) offers Scottish genealogical records. You need to register with them and pay to view the records. It is available to access from a library or at home without a library login. You can buy credits directly from the Scotland's People website or a voucher from most libraries and the [Local Studies Department](#). We have voucher vouchers available with a discount price (while stocks last). You don't need a library membership to buy a voucher.

There are also family history web resources not requiring library login.

## General knowledge

To sign in, use your library number. The library number is only required if you are accessing from home. Library numbers are not required when using the resource in our libraries.

[Oxford Reference](#) includes key titles in Oxford companions and Oxford dictionaries series and illustrated natural history titles such as [Oxford Encyclopedia of Mammals](#). To sign in, use your library number.

## Literature

You can sign in with your library number and PIN. The library number is only required if accessing from home.

[Britannica Student age 13-18](#)

Newsbank

**Literature**

You can sign in with your library number and PIN. The library number is only required if accessing from home. Library numbers are not required when using the resource in our libraries.

[Oxford Bibliographies](#) offers research guides on British and Irish literature and Victorian literature. You can sign in with your library number and PIN.

**Newspapers and Journals**

[Access to Research](#) offers over ten million academic articles and research on subjects including art, architecture, business, engineering, history, languages, politics, philosophy, mathematics and the sciences. You can only visit Access to Research in our libraries. It is not available to access from home.

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[Free British Herald Archives](#) offer searchable archives of the newspapers from 1564 to 1925. You can access the resources from our libraries and at home. No login is required.

Newsbank allows you to search and browse current and archived news articles from UK national and Scottish newspapers. You can access Newsbank:

- [in a library](#) (you will be automatically logged in)
- [from home](#) (sign in with your library number)




View other newspaper and magazine resources, including library logs.

**Scottish culture**

Social offers quality images, audio, movies and learning resources representing Scottish culture and history. Sign in using your library number. You can access social:

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- [From home](#) (choose Aberdeenshire Council and sign in with your library number)

You can also view more [library web resources not requiring library login](#).

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NO, IF IT'S ON THE WEB, IT MUST BE TRUE!



# Developing a Search Strategy

1. In one or two sentences state the topic you want to research
2. Underline the main concepts/keywords
3. Divide the concepts into:
  - What
  - Where
  - How
  - When



# Example

- The pros and cons of building the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route. The environmental effect on the area; the economic effect and the safety aspect
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# Google – Basic Search

The image shows a screenshot of a Google search results page for the query "Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route". The browser's address bar shows the search URL. The search results are listed on the left, and a featured snippet is on the right.

**Search Results:**

- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route / Balmuccie to Tipperary**  
<https://www.transport.gov.scot/> Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route is highlighted in the map. The Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) is a major infrastructure project that will significantly improve travel in north-west Scotland. **View the Aberdeen Western - AWPR Website - Document Library**
- Project Updates for the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route**  
<https://www.transport.gov.scot/> Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route - Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) is a major infrastructure project in Scotland. It is part of Transport Scotland's... **View the Aberdeen Western - AWPR Website - Document Library**
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<https://www.transport.gov.scot/> Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route - Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) is a major infrastructure project in Scotland. It is part of Transport Scotland's... **View the Aberdeen Western - AWPR Website - Document Library**
- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route opening update**  
<https://www.transport.gov.scot/> Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route opening update. 22 May 2016 - Economy Secretary Keith Simpson has provided an update to the opening of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR). The project had...
- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route - Wikipedia**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aberdeen\\_Western\\_Peripheral\\_Route](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aberdeen_Western_Peripheral_Route) The Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) is a major infrastructure project in north-west Scotland. It is a major infrastructure development proposed to take place on the outskirts of Aberdeen. In Aberdeen City, Scotland, Wikipedia
- Why Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route? | 18/07/2016**  
<https://www.governmentscot.org/news/187071300> Why Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route? Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) is a major infrastructure project in north-west Scotland. It is a major infrastructure development proposed to take place on the outskirts of Aberdeen. In Aberdeen City, Scotland, Wikipedia
- First major section of Aberdeen bypass opens next week - The Scotsman**  
<https://www.scotsman.com/> First major section of Aberdeen bypass opens next week. 11 May 2016 - Transport Scotland has announced that the first major section of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) between Tipperary and Balmuccie, north of the...
- New aerial view of Aberdeen bypass captured - The Scotsman**  
<https://www.scotsman.com/> Aberdeen - New aerial view of Aberdeen bypass captured. 11 May 2016 - Transport Scotland has announced that the first major section of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) between Tipperary and Balmuccie, north of the...

**Featured Snippet:**

**Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route**

The Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route, sometimes also the Aberdeen Bypass, is a major infrastructure development proposed to take place on the outskirts of Aberdeen in Aberdeen City, Scotland, Wikipedia

**People also search for:**

- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route
- Aberdeen Bypass
- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route

# Google Search – Boolean Operators

The screenshot shows a Google search results page in a Microsoft Edge browser. The search query is "aberdeen and western and peripheral route". The results are filtered to "All" and show approximately 20,100 results. The top results include:

- Project Updates for the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route ...**  
<http://www.transport.gov.scot/> Aberdeen western peripheral route - Aberdeen western ...  
The Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (Aberdeen to Tipperary (AWPR-T)) is one of the largest infrastructure projects in Scotland. Its part of Inverport ...
- AWPR Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route - Transport Scotland**  
<http://www.transport.gov.scot/media/4428/awpr-technical-summary.pdf>  
Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route: Environmental Statement 2017. New Technical Summary, August 2017. This document is an updated summary of the ...
- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route / Aberdeen to Tipperary**  
<http://www.transport.gov.scot/> Aberdeen western peripheral route Aberdeen to Tipperary ...  
The Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route / Aberdeen to Tipperary (AWPR-T) is a major infrastructure project that will significantly improve travel in north west ...  
View the Aberdeen Western ... AWPR Western - Local media library
- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route opening update**  
<http://www.transport.gov.scot/> Aberdeen western peripheral route opening update ...  
23 Mar 2018 - Transport Scotland News: The project is on schedule for the opening of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR). The project had ...
- Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route - Wikipedia**  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aberdeen\\_Western\\_Peripheral\\_Route](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aberdeen_Western_Peripheral_Route)  
The Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR), and also the Aberdeen bypass, is a major infrastructure development proposed to take place in the ...  
Geographic label - Geographical - Geographical
- Joy and relief as six mile part of Aberdeen bypass gets ready to open ...**  
<http://www.dailynews.co.uk/> Joy and relief as six mile part of bypass gets ready ...  
7 Jul 2018 - The final handover of a six-mile stretch of the Aberdeen bypass ... to Tipperary section of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) is ...
- New satellite image brings Aberdeen's bypass project into sharp focus ...**  
<http://www.dailynews.co.uk/> New satellite image brings huge bypass project ...  
6 Sep 2017 - Reveals a labor by the satellite, Scotland 2 shows the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR) in its entirety, running from Stonehaven ...
- First major section of Aberdeen bypass opens next week - The Scotsman**  
<http://www.scotsman.com/> First major section of Aberdeen bypass opens next week ...  
October 2017 - The first major section of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral ...

# Evaluation

- Currency – how up to date is the page? When was it last updated?
- Relevance – is the information relevant to my research?
- Accuracy – how accurate is the information, free from error, containing facts or just opinions?
- Authority – from a trustworthy source, what are the author's credentials?
- Purpose – why does it exist, is it selling something etc

# Plagiarism and Referencing

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Neil's Toolbox website. The page features a navigation bar with the site logo and a main heading for a Harvard Style Reference Generator. Below the heading, there is a yellow box with a list of reference types: Referencing a Book, Referencing a Chapter of a Book, Referencing a Journal Article, Referencing a Website, and Referencing an E-mail. To the right of this box, there is a sidebar with a 'Bookmarking' section and a 'Sponsored Links' section featuring a 'Dating Game' advertisement. At the bottom of the page, there is an 'About This Tool' section and a 'Start Download (Free)' button. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock.

Neil's Toolbox  
A few things to make life a little easier

## Harvard Style Reference Generator: Reference Books, E-mails, Journals and Websites

Choose a Type of Reference

Click one of the following links to be directed there:

- Referencing a Book
- Referencing a Chapter of a Book
- Referencing a Journal Article
- Referencing a Website
- Referencing an E-mail

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If you're a student and have never had to write anything, maybe on a Thesis, you will have had to reference what you have used in your report. If you mention something that someone else has written, you need to cite their work by referring their work.

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