Transcript: Finding an article in SOLO

Getting started with Oxford Libraries. Finding an article in SOLO.

Hello and welcome to this video on how to find an article in SOLO. There will often be times that you have found or been given a reference to an article that you would like to read, like this one. Mulholland and O'Connor 2016. 'Collaborative classroom practice for inclusion: Perspectives of classroom teachers and learning support resource teachers'.

So how do you find it?

Here I am in SOLO, the library catalogue. Note that I am already signed in, as you can see by my name in the top right corner. Do make sure you sign in before you start searching, as that way you will see any request options if relevant, and you'll already be authenticated for access to online journal articles.

My first tip, when you're looking for an article in SOLO is that less is often more. Avoid copying and pasting a whole reference into the search box. SOLO just tends to get a bit confused. Usually two to three keywords from the title and an author's surname will be enough.

So here in the search box I am typing my two keywords, so 'collaborative'.... 'classroom'... And one of the author surnames,'mulholland'. And then to search you press Enter or press the magnifying glass symbol.

And here we are. The top result. Sometimes you do have to scroll down a bit further; or use more keywords; or use these filtering options on the left hand side to narrow down your results, particularly if your keywords or author surname are quite common. It's also worth checking your spelling if you're not seeing the result you wanted. But here two keywords and an author surname have done the trick.

There is a green button with 'Online access' written next to it on the brief record here. This is the link to the online article and means it can be accessed electronically. It's green because green means go! When you click it, you are taken to a page that we librarians call the SFX page. It's not an error page. Rather, it lists the different providers or packages that we subscribe to that contain the article.

In this instance, you can see two links to Taylor & Francis. Click on either and it will take you to the article.

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But there is a PDF button here. Let's go back to our SOLO results list. For some articles you will see underneath the green button some other links. These are BrowZine links. Browzine is a feature that streamlines access to online journal content where possible. It adds a direct link to a provider from the SOLO record to take you straight to the PDF of an article. Not all the journals and content we subscribe to are covered by BrowZine. So, you will not always see these links, but where you do, you can save yourself some time.

If I click the 'Download PDF' link I go, via the BrowZine plugin, straight into the PDF. Lovely.

One final thing to show you. I'm just going to scroll down to the second result on our list. Here we see the same article, but it has a different button. Instead of being green and labelled online access, it says 'Electronic Legal Deposit item'. These are online items that have been given to the library under UK law and are subject to a lot more restrictions than our usual collections. They cannot be accessed from anywhere apart from a Library PC, and even then they cannot be downloaded. Sometimes the only access we have for an item will be via Electronic Legal Deposit, or eLD, but happily most of the time there will be an alternative, as we've already found here.

Even more happily, BrowZine also adds a PDF link to eLD records where we also have a subscription version if it can.

Below the eLD button, you can see a link to 'Download PDF of subscription copy'. Again, this will take you directly to the PDF.

Thank you for watching this video on using SOLO to find an article. I hope that you have found it useful.