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New functionality and content

NUsearch help

We have brought all the NUsearch help together in one place for you.

Simply click on the **Need help?** menu option at the top of the screen and you will find links to:

- Frequently asked questions
- Guides and How to videos
- NUsearch release notes

We will continue to expand the help available.

Enhancements to existing features

New locations filter

In the full record of an item you can now filter by library to see just the copies at that branch.

Click on the **filter symbol** in the top right hand corner of the **Locations** section:

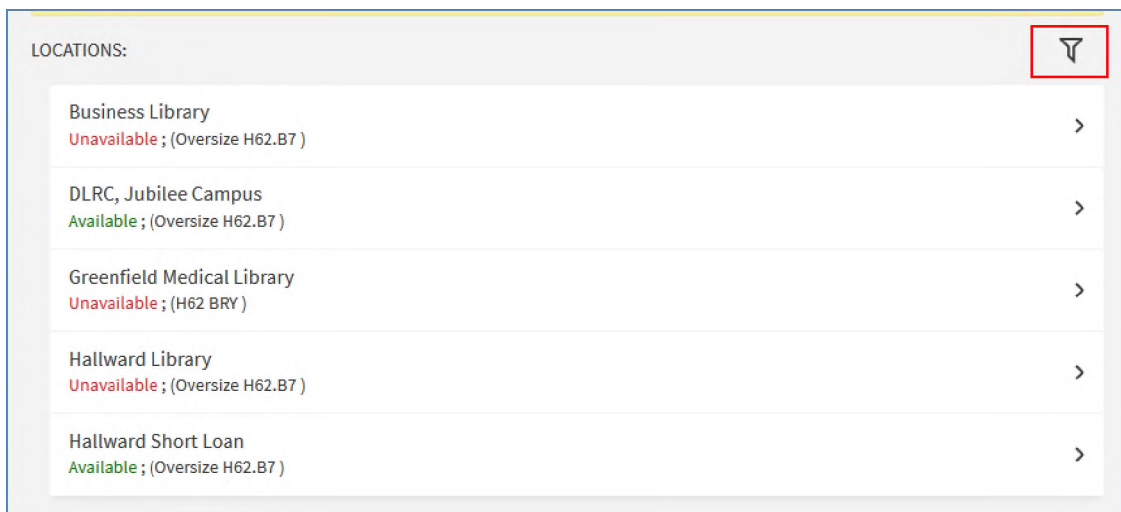


Image 1: Locations section of a NUsearch item record showing the filter symbol (top right)

Choose an individual library from the drop down list and click **Apply**.

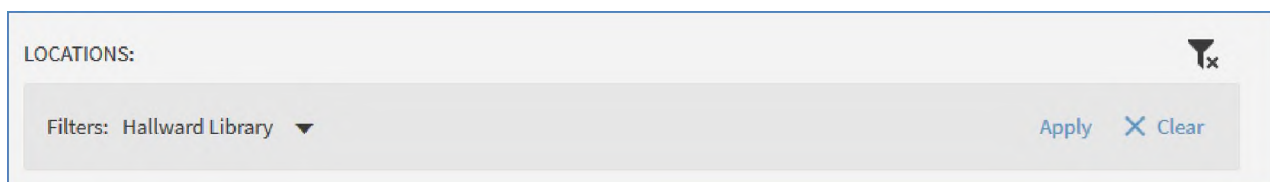


Image 2: Shows the location filter with “Hallward Library” selected

Applying the filter updates the screen with just copies in the library you have chosen:

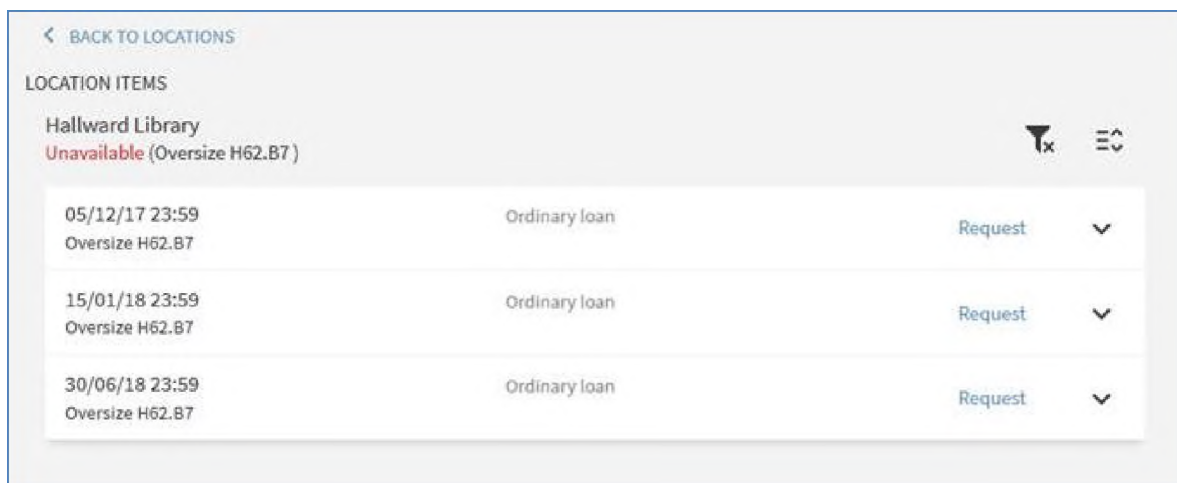


Image 3: Filter results showing only items in Hallward Library.

Search and Ranking Improvements

Improvements to search and results ranking have been made, in particular searches for books by **author name** and **citation**.

Author and author/title searches

The weight of the original book has been increased to ensure that it is ranked higher in results than material about the book. Similarly when searching for author names, the weight of the material written by the author has been increased above the material about the author. The latter is especially useful if the author is well-known and therefore search results contains more material about the author.

Citation searches

This improvement addresses cases where a search for a book is made by copying its citation into the search box. Because citations often include additional text that does not match any of the key data in book records, the search has been enhanced to recognise the **author**, **title**, and **date** better and to find the item regardless of the extra text in the search term.

Bug fixes and minor changes

Improved linking to journal titles

Work has been done to simplify and improve NUsearch links to e-journal titles, significantly reducing linking failures and errors.

Display of book items

Previously if there were more than five copies of an item at a particular library, you had to click the expand option to see them. Now all items show for a particular branch on first glance, up to a maximum limit of 50.

Clearer labelling of our local collections

The **Source** line in the **Details** section of a full NUsearch record used to show a code, but now more clearly identifies which local collection the record comes from.

- If a record has come from Aleph/UNNCLOC, NUsearch will now give the source as **Library Catalogue**

Glitch affecting display of print items held in more than one library

For books and other physical items held in more than one library location, opening the full record display would result in the list of locations and also the classmark details changing after a few seconds to be replaced with information that was inaccurate.

This issue was escalated to the supplier with high priority and has now been fixed.

Search issues

When typing search terms the **autocomplete** function was returning irrelevant suggestions for some searches. This has been adjusted to prevent this happening.

When using the single wildcard character ? for searches, in some cases complete results were not returned. This has been fixed.

My Library Card loans

After **renewing** a loan, the due date did not refresh automatically. This has been fixed. In addition the list of loans is sorted in ascending order after renewal.

In **Loans** if there were no active loans, selecting to see previous loans displayed a “no loans” message. This no longer happens.

My Favourites issues

Clicking to make a new folder in **My Saved Items** returned an error. This has been fixed and now creates a new folder.

Using the browser's back button from **My Favourites** did not return to the last page viewed. This now works correctly.

Pickup location for reservations

When making a reservation your home library was not being selected as the default pickup location. This now works correctly.

User interface issues

The following issues with the new user interface have been fixed:

- Hyperlinks were no longer active after resizing to smaller/mobile screens.
- Since the upgrade to Apple iOS 11, the full record view in mobile devices running this operating system did not open correctly.
- In some cases, views in the new UI froze when left idle.

Further information

Full details of all the functionality deployed in the NUsearch (Primo) November release, including bug fixes, can be found on the supplier (Ex Libris) website:

[November 2017 Release Notes](#)

[November 2017 Highlights](#)

Please note there may be features listed which either do not apply to us, or which will be implemented in the future.