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New functionality and content

New search shortcuts

Did you know that key fields in the full resource record are clickable allowing you to search for works by the same **author/contributor**, or on the same **subject**?

So, when you find a good resource this provides another way to extend your search and find similar works in our library collections.

This feature has now been expanded to allow you to search on title fields, including:

- **Uniform titles -** used to bring together works that have been published under variant titles under a common recognised title.
- **Related titles** used for series titles, or in the case of journals earlier or later titles where a title has changed.

To take advantage of this just click on the field you're interested in. An advanced search will display results of any matching resources.

For example, in the record below you might be interested in finding other texts of one of the poems. Click on the uniform title "Gawain and the Grene Knight" to find more editions of this poem.

| Details | |
|--------------------|--|
| Title | The poems of the Pearl manuscript / edited by Malcolm Andrew and Ronald Waldron. |
| Uniform title | Pearl (Middle English poem) > Purity (Middle English poem) > Patience (Middle English poem) > Gawain and the Grene Knight. > |
| Author/contributor | British Library > Andrew, Malcolm. > Waldron, Ronald (Ronald A.) > |
| Subject | English poetry Middle English, 1100-1500 > PR2065 > |
| Description | Contents: Pearl Cleanness Patience Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. |
| Related titles | Series: York medieval texts. Second series. > |
| Publisher | London : E. Arnold |
| Publication date | 1978 |
| Format | 376 p.; 23 cm |
| Language | English, Middle |
| Notes | Includes bibliographical references (p. [5]-13). Middle English text, English introduction, notes and glossary, Latin appendix |
| Source | Library Catalogue |
| Identifier | ISBN: 0713161140 |

Image 1: Full record details for "The poems of the Pearl manuscript showing clickable links to search on uniform titles, authors, subjects and related titles.

Additional resource types and filters

We've introduced three new resource types to make your results clearer and give you more filter options.

For online resources, in addition to electronic books and journals, there are two new resource types:

Databases – searchable online indexes or collections of published works, which provide citations, abstracts or full text to articles, proceedings, reports, book chapters and much more.



Image 2: Showing a result with the resource type "Database"

Online resources – other electronic resources including reference works such as bibliographies, encyclopaedias, dictionaries and collections of statistics and scientific data.



Image 3: Showing a result with the resource type "Online resource"

We've also created a new resource type to make it clearer when a result is a chapter rather than a whole book:

Book chapter



Image 4: Showing a result with the resource type "Book Chapter"

For all three resource types there is a new filter to help you refine your results:

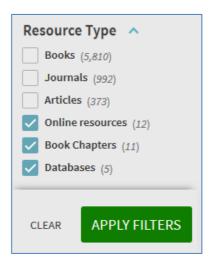


Image 5: Filtering results by Online resources, Book Chapters and Databases resource type filters

Enhancements

Easier sign in and new user menu

Sign in has been made simpler, with a new Sign in button for a one click login.

There's also a new **Menu** drop-down list providing direct access to your Library Card and Favourites (Saved items and Search history).



Image 6: New Sign in and Menu buttons in the top right of the NUsearch screen

When not logged in, the **Menu** allows you to sign in and access your **Library Card**, or view your **Saved items** and **Search History** for the current search session.

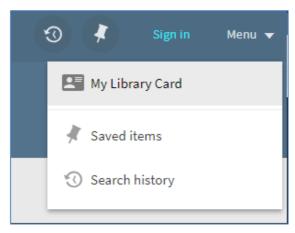


Image 7: Menu options when not logged in: My Library Card, Saved items and Search history

After signing in, the Sign in and Menu options are replaced with your name, which serves as the Menu drop-down. Additional options relevant to signed in users are offered: **My Loans, My Requests** and **Sign Out**.

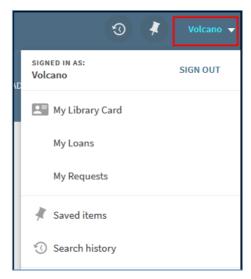


Image 8: Signed-in menu accessed from the user's name, including additional options: My Loans, My Requests and Sign out.

Reviews excluded from results

Results with the resource type **Review** are normally reviews of other publications, such as book reviews.

Although these can be useful, we have had feedback that they are easily confused for the books or publications they're reviewing. This can make it harder to find the actual book you want, or give the impression we have access to books not available in the library.

To help improve your results we have excluded reviews from all searches using a persistent filter. If you want to include reviews you still have the option to do so.

When you make a search you will see **Reviews** excluded under **Active filters**.

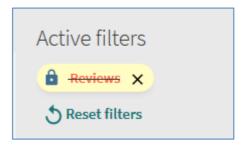


Image 9: Active filters showing Reviews excluded from search results

To include reviews simply click the x to remove the filter. Reviews will then be included in all results for a particular search session (i.e. until you close your browser).

Bug fixes and minor changes

Quicker navigation between results

Next and previous arrows have been added to the full resource record so you can navigate between items in your search results without having to return to the results list.

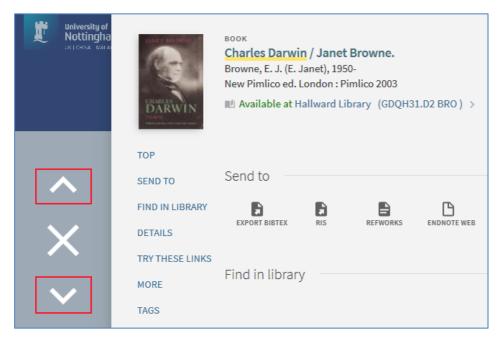


Image10: Full resource record showing the next and previous arrows to move between results

Further information

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

August 2018 Release Notes

August 2018 Highlights

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