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Summary
After completing this learning tool, you should be able to:
Identify book, book chapter and journal article references from a reading list
Use appropriate search methods in the catalogue to search for books, book chapters and journal articles

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FINDING ITEMS ON YOUR READING LIST

Your lecturer or tutor may give you a Reading list, or a list of recommended readings to find. The Reading list normally consists of a list of books, book chapters and journal articles, etc. To understand the Reading list and to use the right method to quickly find and locate the materials can save you a lot of valuable time.

Example of a Reading list:


BOOK
No. 1 on the reading list is a book. The key elements to help you to identify a book are the publisher and the place of publication:
To search a book in the library catalogue, you can search by title, author, or combination of keywords.

**BOOK CHAPTER**

No. 2 and 4 on the reading list are book chapters. The key element to identity a book chapter is the word “in”. You can also see there are two titles in the reference (citation).

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JOURNAL ARTICLE
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