

NSCD LIBRARY & ARCHIVE

Helpsheet | Online Research Resources

Who can use the online resources?

All students and staff have access to the online research resources.

How can I access these resources?

You can access the resources directly through any computer on the school network, or off-site on any device with internet access via an online gateway called **OpenAthens**. Navigate to <https://my.openathens.net/>

Sign in

With just one simple single sign-on, MyAthens enables you to access all the knowledge you need to achieve great things.

Enter *Northern School of Contemporary Dance* into the 'Find Your Institution' field & select the school from the drop-down list. You will then be prompted by Office 365 to log in using your school credentials – the ones you use to log into email and Moodle.

You can also log into OpenAthens by following the 'OpenAthens' link at the bottom of the NSCD website.



How do I get a username and password to access OpenAthens?

Your OpenAthens account will be set up at the start of your course by the IT department, using

your NSCD email address which will also act as your username.

You can find log in links and useful information about OpenAthens on the library website at <https://www.nscd.ac.uk/library/openathens/>

If there are any problems please pop down to the library for a chat or email samantha.king@nscd.ac.uk, providing the following details in your email:

- Full name
- School email address
- Course / Job Title
- Current year of study e.g. BA1

What is available on OpenAthens?

- Digital Theatre +
- International Bibliography for Theatre & Dance (IBTD)
- Performing Arts Periodicals Database (PAPD)
- Taylor & Francis eBooks
- Taylor & Francis eJournals
- IngentaConnect eJournals

A range of helpsheets have been written to help you get the most out of these resources, you'll find them on the NSCD Libraries website @ <https://www.nscd.ac.uk/library/guides/>

VLeBooks and the NSCD Media Archive can also be accessed online, via non-OpenAthens access points.

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Using Libraries

As an NSCD student or member of staff you can access a range of different libraries for research purposes. To get the most out of visiting a library keep the following in mind:

- Plan your visit:
 - Check the online library catalogue before your visit
 - Take change for the photocopier
 - Check the opening hours online
 - Take a couple of forms of ID the first time you visit
- Don't be shy - utilise library staff to help you locate resources
- Make use of inter-library loan schemes if they are available
- Be aware of copyright law & how it applies to you
- Keep a note of resources used and where you accessed them – this will help with compiling your bibliography & re-accessing resources at a later date

What is available in the library?

The NSCD Library offers a wealth of resources for research:

- Online databases, eBooks & eJournals
- Books & Journals
- DVDs, Music CDs & scores
- Archives

For more information, please visit the NSCD libraries web page:

<https://www.nscd.ac.uk/library/>

How can I access other libraries for research?

There are a number of schemes that offer access to other libraries:

- **SCONUL Vacation Access Scheme** – allows undergraduate & taught postgraduate students free access to other Higher Education libraries during non-term time.
<https://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/summer-vacation-access>
- Your local public library – check out <https://www.gov.uk/local-library-services> to find out more about public libraries in your area of the UK.
- **SCONUL Access Scheme** – allows students & staff at these institutions to access university library services across the UK. See the 'Using SCONUL Access' section @ <http://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access>

Are there other online tools I can use for my research?

- **Library Hub Discover** - Search a database of 149 UK & Irish academic, national & specialist libraries @
<https://discover.libraryhub.jisc.ac.uk/>
- **British Library Online Catalogue** - search, view and order items from the main catalogue of nearly 57 million records, or search the contents of the Library's website @ <http://catalogue.bl.uk/>
- **Zetoc** - comprehensive research database, giving you access to over 28,000 journals, 45 million article citations & conference papers through the British Library's electronic table of contents service @ <http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk/>