Info skills
Finding e-books

Key points and quick tips

- E-books are accessible via the Library Search and are available for students both on-campus and off-campus.
- E-books do not count towards your allowance of books and can usually be downloaded directly onto a memory stick in PDF format.
- The Library Search is the best way of searching for our e-books rather than trying to search via Athens. **We do not subscribe to everything on Athens.**

Locating an e-Book

You can search for an e-book from any computer, on-campus or off-campus. First you search for a book title as standard then limit the results to ‘Electronic books’.

- To find a book using the Library Search, go to the Library Learning Services homepage: [www.uel.ac.uk/lls](http://www.uel.ac.uk/lls). Click on ‘Library Search’ under Quick Links on the left hand side of the page.
- Enter your keywords, title and/or author in the ‘Books and more’ tab.

- Click ‘Search’ to bring up a list of relevant results.
• Once the results have been displayed scroll down the screen and select ‘Electronic books’ to limit the results to only those available in e-book format.

• From the results provided navigate to the book you want to read and select the title to access the book.

• Please note that the university currently has e-books available from five different suppliers. Each of the suppliers allow you access to the material in slightly different ways, but for most you will have to provide your Athens Username and password to authenticate that you are a UEL Student.

• Most e-book suppliers allow you to access the material for a limited amount of time. Once this time has expired you will need to login again via the Library Search to access the resources.

• Further detail on Athens authentication is available from the ‘Accessing databases off-campus (using Athens)’ guide.