

# Need help doing research? Try SearchPath!

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SearchPath, a new online library tutorial, is now available for use by NIE staff, students and trainee teachers at <http://norma.nie.edu.sg/NIELibrary/SearchPath>.

The interactive tutorial is designed to teach basic library and research skills. It is organised into six modules:

1. Starting smart
2. Choosing a topic
3. Using WebOPAC
4. Finding articles
5. Using the Web
6. Citing sources

Each module takes about 15 minutes to complete and includes a quiz. Give it a try and let us have your feedback!

Using Keyword Searching

There are some good tools you can use in keyword searching.

Click on each tool below to learn more about its use.

**Connectors**, such as AND, OR, and NOT, sometimes called Boolean operators

**Truncation** or truncation symbols are like a wildcard

**Nesting** helps organize your search

When you have looked at each of these search tools, please continue.

2 Choosing a topic/contents   module choice   glossary   feedback   help   exit

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**Welcome** to LIBRIS Searchpath, a self-instructional tutorial that will teach you basic library and research skills. The Searchpath covers the research process from initial topic selection to citation styles and the issue of plagiarism. We hope you will find this online tutorial useful.

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## Why SearchPath?

Searchpath is Western Michigan University's adaptation of the University of Texas' TILT (Texas Information Literacy Tutorial). The

downloadable version is distributed at no charge to interested parties under an Open Publication License. LIBRIS has customised and introduced Searchpath as part of its information literacy programme to facilitate self-paced learning, in line with the e-learning initiatives.

## Does SearchPath replace library instruction?

LIBRIS will continue to offer face-to-face library instruction and we encourage academic staff to collaborate with the library instructor so that LIBRIS' instructional efforts can be integrated with the curriculum needs.

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