

Quick searching in iDiscover

1. To do a quick search in iDiscover:

- Go to the iDiscover home page: www.idiscover.cam.ac.uk
- Type your search term(s) in the search box:

The screenshot shows the iDiscover homepage. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE', 'IDISCOVER', 'MY LIBRARY ACCOUNT', 'HELP & CONTACT US', 'EJOURNALS A-Z', and '...'. On the right side of the bar are icons for a bell and 'Login to iDiscover'. Below the bar, the word 'iDiscover' is prominently displayed in a large, white, sans-serif font. Underneath it is a search bar containing the placeholder text 'Search our collections'. To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu set to 'All Libraries/Collections' with a downward arrow. Next to it is a magnifying glass icon for the search button. Further to the right is a link to 'ADVANCED SEARCH'.

- Click on to retrieve your results.

This will search across all Cambridge libraries and collections (print and electronic).

2. To filter an initial simple search:

- Use the drop down list to the right of the main search box. It allows you to filter your search by a particular library or by a key material type: book (printed), ebooks, online resources:
- Select a library or resource type from the drop down list next to the main search box:

The screenshot shows the iDiscover homepage with the search bar and dropdown menu from the previous image. The dropdown menu is now open, showing options: 'All Libraries/Collections' (with a red box around it), 'Books', 'eBooks', 'Online Resources', and 'University Library'. An arrow points to the dropdown menu.

- Click on the arrow and select a library/material type from the list.

The screenshot shows the iDiscover search results page. In the search bar at the top left, the text 'cambridge companion to newton' is entered. Below the search bar, there's a message 'Sign in to get complete results' and a 'Login to iDiscover' link. The main area displays '12,250 Results'. The first result is an 'ARTICLE' titled 'The state of the art on Newton: Robert Iliffe and George E. Smith: The Cambridge companion to Newton, Second edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016, 637 pp, £22.99 PB'. It includes author information 'Ducheyne, Steffen' and a link 'Metascience, 11/21/2016[Peer Reviewed Journal]'. The second result is a 'BOOK' titled 'The Cambridge Companion to Newton / edited by Rob Iliffe, George E. Smith.' A dropdown menu on the right side of the results page is open, showing the same filtering options as the previous screenshot: 'All Libraries/Collections', 'Books', 'eBooks', 'Online Resources', and 'University Library'. The 'University Library' option is highlighted with a red box. Other visible parts of the dropdown include 'Sort by Relevance', 'Availability' (with sub-options 'Peer-reviewed Journals (9,673)', 'Full Text Online (12,230)', and 'Available in the Library (22)'), and 'Resource Type'.

Note: If you type the first letter of the library, the dropdown will go to entries beginning with that letter.

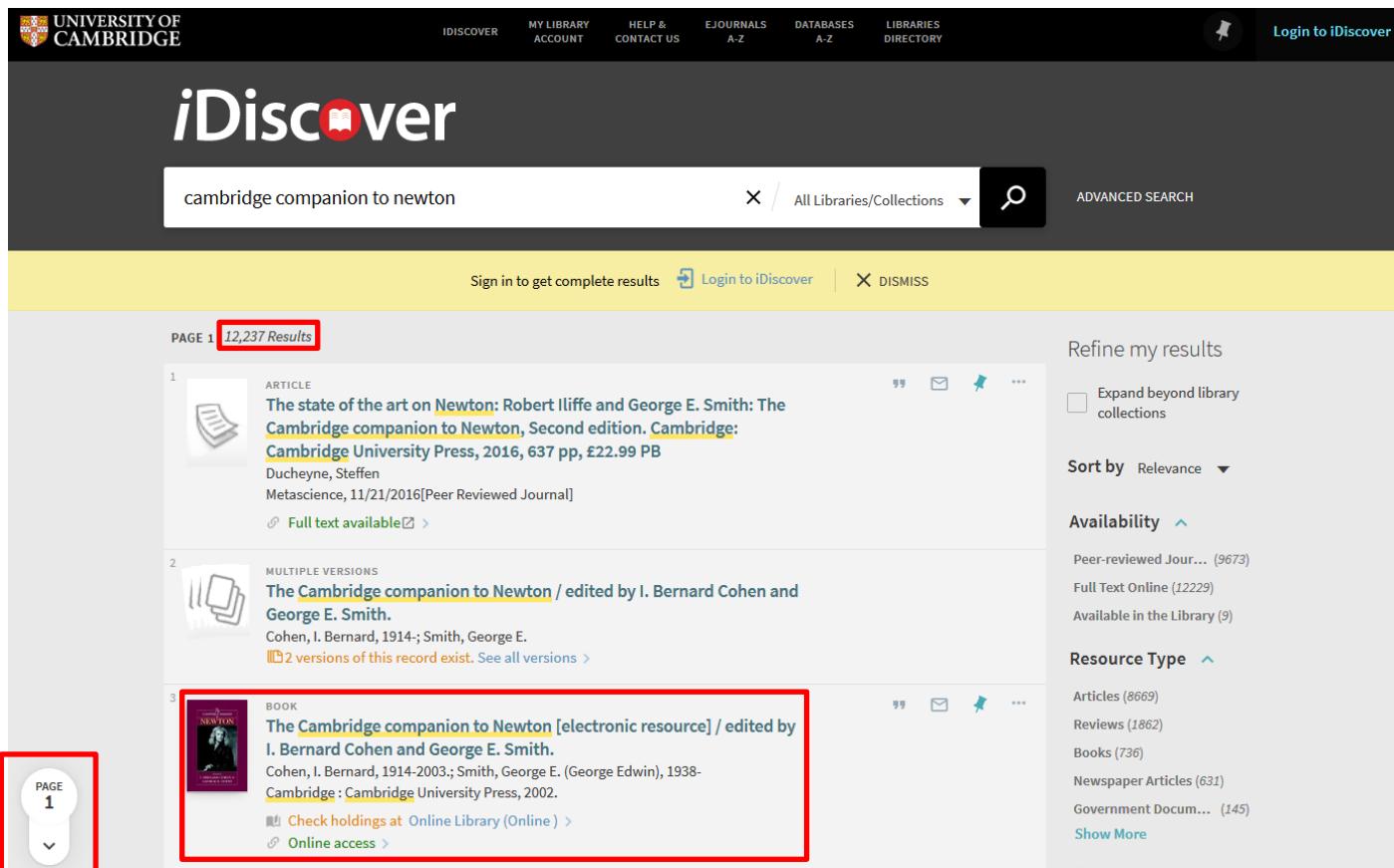
- Click on  to retrieve your results. This will search results across the library you selected (print and electronic) or for the particular material type you selected (print books, ebooks or online resources).

Note: To select one or more libraries, use the 'Library' option to refine from your results list after searching. You can also use the filters provided after search to look for more specific material types (e.g. articles, reviews, etc.)

(See: Quick Guide: Refining, expanding and ordering your results)

3. List of results

When you search for items, a list of results is displayed:



The screenshot shows the iDiscover search results page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, iDISCOVER, MY LIBRARY ACCOUNT, HELP & CONTACT US, EJOURNALS A-Z, DATABASES A-Z, LIBRARIES DIRECTORY, and a Login link. Below the navigation bar is the search bar containing the query "cambridge companion to newton". The search results page displays 12,237 results across three pages. Each result entry includes an icon (document or book cover), the title, author, publisher, and a brief description. There are also links for "Full text available" and "Check holdings at Online Library (Online)". On the right side of the results page, there are several filtering options: "Refine my results" (with a checkbox for "Expand beyond library collections"), "Sort by Relevance", "Availability" (listing Peer-reviewed Journals (9673), Full Text Online (12229), and Available in the Library (9)), and "Resource Type" (listing Articles (8669), Reviews (1862), Books (736), Newspaper Articles (631), Government Docum... (145), and a "Show More" link). A red box highlights the first result entry, and another red box highlights the "PAGE 1" button on the left.

- The number of results is shown to the top left of results.
- Each result has an icon (or book cover) followed by a brief description of the item.
- Keywords from your search are underlined in yellow.
- You can press the pagination arrow or the **LOAD MORE RESULTS** button at the bottom of your results to view more pages.
- Result information includes: title, author, resource type (e.g. book, article, review) There are also links to see where the item is located or if it is available to access online as full text:

The screenshot shows two search results for 'Newton'. The first result is for 'The Cambridge companion to Newton / edited by I. Bernard Cohen and George E. Smith.' It includes the book cover, author information (Cohen, I. Bernard, 1914-; Smith, George E.), publisher (Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 2002), and availability (New Hall: Rosemary Murray Library - Main Library (509.2 NEW/COH) and other locations). The second result is for 'Cambridge companion to Newton / Robert Iliffe and George C Smith.' It includes the book cover, author information (Iliffe, Robert, 1945-; Smith, George C., 1945-), publisher (Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 2015), and availability (UL: South Front, Floor 4 (340:6.c.201.39) checked out).

- Click on a record to view the detailed results information:

This screenshot shows the detailed results page for 'The Cambridge companion to Newton'. It features the book cover, title, authors (I. Bernard Cohen and George E. Smith), publication details (Cohen, I. Bernard, 1914-; Smith, George E., Cambridge : Cambridge University Press, 2002), and availability (New Hall: Rosemary Murray Library - Main Library (509.2 NEW/COH) and other locations). On the left, there's a sidebar with links: TOP, SEND TO, GET IT, DETAILS, LINKS, and MORE. The 'SEND TO' section is highlighted with a red box and contains icons for CITATION, PERMALINK, PRINT, E-MAIL, and RIS (ENDNOTE/ZOTERO). Below it, the 'Get it' section shows locations: Clare College: Forbes Mellon Library (Available, 1 of 1) and King's College.

To export details (e.g. email, permalinks, citations or to reference managers) or print, use the icons in the 'Send to' section:

Tip: Use the menu on the left to move quickly to sections within the page:

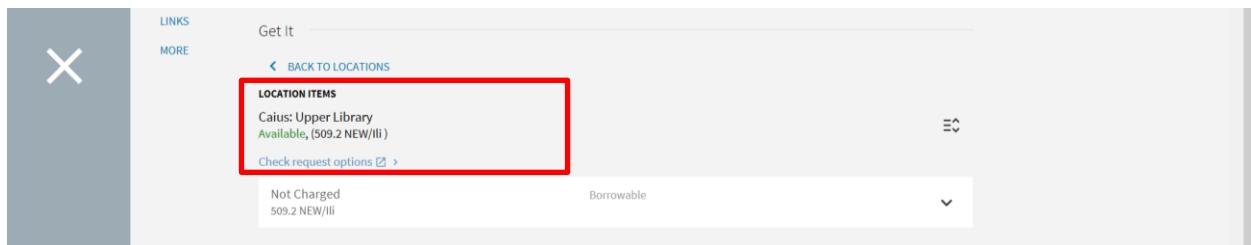
This screenshot shows the detailed results page again, with the sidebar menu highlighted by a red box. The menu items are: TOP, SEND TO, VIEW ONLINE, GET IT, DETAILS, LINKS, and MORE. The 'SEND TO' section is visible on the right, containing the same icons as the previous screenshot: CITATION, PERMALINK, PRINT, E-MAIL, and RIS (ENDNOTE/ZOTERO). Below the sidebar, there's a 'View Online' link and a note about full text availability from Cambridge University Press.

4. Locating print and electronic items

- To find print items, click on the 'Get it' section: You will see the library location and classmark information.

Note: You will need to be logged in to request an item. If you are not logged in, a login screen will appear when you click on 'Check request options'.

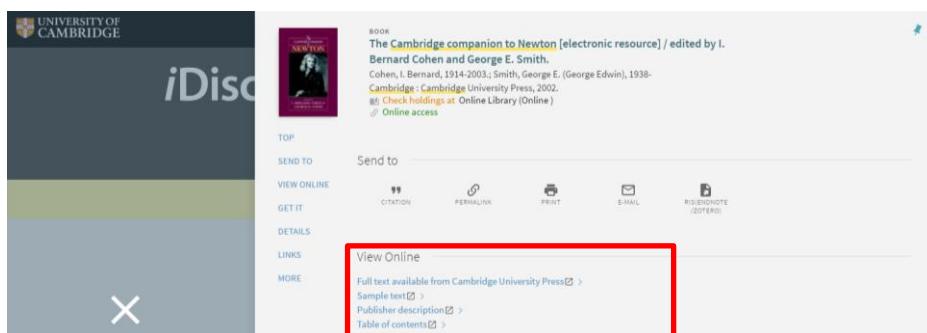
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For information on requesting items (see Quick Guide: Requesting and renewing items)

- To find electronic items, see the 'View Online' section: A link to the full text is available here:

Note: For electronic legal deposit records, access to the full text is only available through designated PCs.



Note: Some items are available as both print and electronic.

5. Searching for something in a reading list

- Enter the title from your reading list into the simple search box.
- Use “...” to search for the exact title. You can then filter by author, date etc. to refine your results.

Tip: If the title is very common, try adding the author name to your search.

(See Quick Guides: Advanced searching methods; Refining, expanding and ordering your results)

6. Searching using keywords

- You can enter one or more keywords into a simple search box.

For example, entering Hamlet Olivier will look for anything relating to both terms (see below):

The screenshot shows the iDiscover search results page. At the top, there is a search bar containing the text 'Hamlet Olivier'. Below the search bar, a yellow header bar displays 'PAGE 1 8,873 Results'. The main content area shows three search results, each with a thumbnail, title, author, and availability information. To the right of the results, there are several refinement options: 'Refine my results', 'Expand beyond library collections' (unchecked), 'Sort by Relevance', 'Availability' (Peer-reviewed Journals, Full Text Online, Available in the Library), and 'Resource Type' (Newspaper Articles, Articles, Reviews, Books). A 'Dismiss' button is located at the top right of the yellow header bar.

- To do more detailed or refined searching, see [Quick Guide: Advanced searching methods](#).

Note: If you do a simple search and then select '[] ADVANCED SEARCH', iDiscover will carry forward the search term you have already entered. Similarly, if you begin a search in [] ADVANCED SEARCH and then return to SIMPLE SEARCH, the search term will also be carried through.