

Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) Libraries

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Library Research Skills

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Here's
the
Library!

Hello from your liaison librarian!



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GIS and Map Librarian

Liaison for the following
departments:

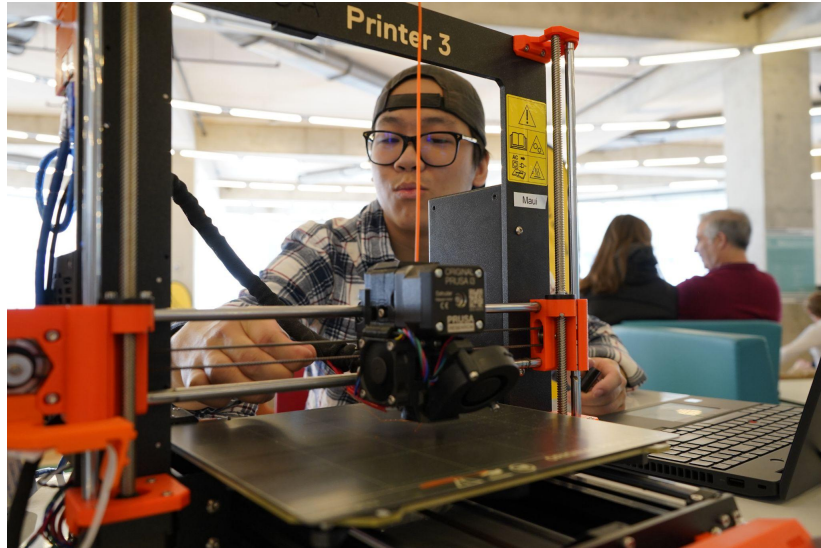
- Geography and
Environmental Studies
- Urban & Regional Planning
- Civil Engineering

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Accessing the Libraries

- Main building located at 350 Victoria Street, 2nd floor, with access via Gould Street or through the Student Learning Centre (SLC)
- [OneCard](#) access is required to access campus buildings - [Digital OneCard](#) now available!
- Your TMU login (my.torontomu.ca) will allow you to log into computers on-campus, and access other key services
- To learn more about the Libraries, visit: <https://library.torontomu.ca/>

What are a few great reasons to use the library?



1. Cost

- Scholarly resources are essential for quality research. However, they can be very expensive and are usually kept behind paywalls.
- TMU Libraries has a large collection of digital resources – we [annually spend](#) around 8 million dollars.
- We can also access resources from other university libraries that we don't have in our collection.

Don't pay for scholarly resources - go to the Library first.

Quick Refresher: What Counts as Scholarly?

Books and journals can both be scholarly, but scholarly journals are *the top* mode of communication for researchers.

Scholarly journals:

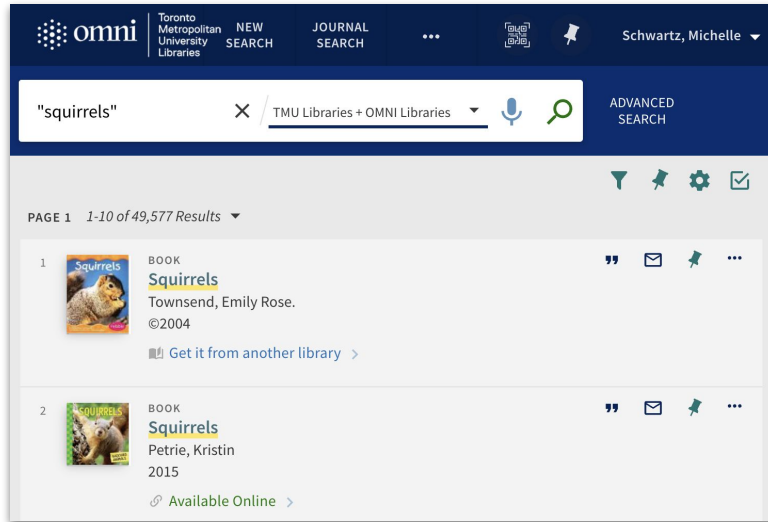
- written by researchers, for researchers
- often lengthy
- often peer-reviewed ([3 minute video](#))
- always have a bibliography/reference list



2. We Have the Resources you Need

- We have an extensive amount of scholarly research as well as popular news, videos, industry reports, etc - everything needed to support TMU scholars in every discipline, from environmental studies to dance.
- Access to all online resources including ebooks, ejournals, data, streaming video/media and more, is available 24/7 with your TMU login
- Borrow print items with your OneCard.
- Use our [OMNI search tool](#) to find any of our resources, electronic or print!

Search TMU and university libraries across Ontario



Omni, is the library's academic search tool, that allows you to simultaneously search across 19 different Ontario university libraries and access over 25 million material items.

You can pin or share items you find, save searches, and generate citations in different formats. You can request to borrow books located in other university libraries and they will be delivered to TMU.

Quick fact check

Did you know...

The LLMs that train chatbots don't have access to content that is behind a paywall. Something to keep in mind if you choose to use GenAI as a research tool.

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Selected Database for Research Articles in Civil Engineering

Engineering Village   

Use Engineering Village to search Compendex, Inspec, and Geobase. By default, only Compendex is selected. The databases on the platform cover peer-reviewed engineering journals (many also supplying articles in press), conference proceedings, dissertations*, trade publications, patents and government reports across hundreds of engineering disciplines. *Note that certain content types, such as dissertations, are not accessible in every database. [Elsevier recommends using Firefox or Internet Explorer on Windows for the best search experience.]

[more...](#)

Scopus   

Scopus offers access to more than 14,000 scholarly titles including approximately 750 conference proceedings, all journals in Medline, 400 trade publications and also approximately 500 Open Access Journals. In development for more than two years with the collaborative efforts of 300 librarians and researchers, Scopus covers the content of over 4,000 international scientific, technical, medical and social science publishers. For information on Scopus APIs, go [Elsevier website](#)

Geography & Spatial Analysis: Introduction

Search this Guide

This guide is an introduction to library resources supporting research in Geography & Spatial Analysis

Introduction

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Recommended Article Databases for Geography and Spatial Analysis Research

ProQuest Research Library    

ProQuest Research Library provides one-stop access to thousands of full-text periodicals from the broadest, most inclusive general reference databases ProQuest has to offer. Search from a diversified mix of scholarly journals, professional and trade publications, and magazines on all subjects and topics.

Scholars Portal Journals   

Scholars Portal Journals is a digital repository of over 22 million scholarly articles drawn from every academic discipline.

Canadian Business & Current Affairs Database (CBCA)     

This database, with 600 full text titles, is the most comprehensive Canadian reference collection. Accessible to readers and researchers at every level, CBCA Complete features a highly-resolved selection of publications, including scholarly journals, trade publications, dissertations, books, news

3. Expertise

- Library staff are experts in research. We can tell you where to go and how to find what you are looking for.
- You can [chat](#) with us in real time, [visit us in-person](#), attend a [workshop](#), or [book an appointment](#) for more assistance.
- If you would like to know what resources are recommended for your subject area or program, have a look at our [Research Guides](#)
- Need more in-depth support? Contact your [liaison librarian](#)

4. Study Spaces

- [Study space](#) is available throughout the Library, and in the Student Learning Centre
- You can study quietly on your own, or [book a group study room](#) if you are working in a group
- Group study rooms and quiet study spaces for individual study are available throughout the Library
- Individual seating is first-come, first-served



Questions?