Academic Support Services

Using Library Search



1. Begin at My Ara: https://myara.ara.ac.nz/



- 2 Click on the **Library Search** tile.
- 3. Type in your search terms and press Enter on your keyboard to action the search e.g.

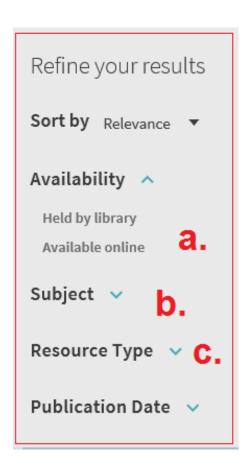


4. You can **Refine your results** in the right column:

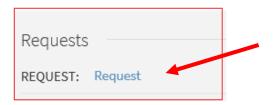
- a. Availability
 - Choose **Held by library** to view physical library items i.e. not electronic.
 - Choose **Available online** for ebooks and ejournals
- b. Choose a **Subject**
- c. Limit by **Resource type** for Books, DVDs, CDs etc.

e.g. To see only ebooks, choose:

- Resource Type: **Books**
- Availability: Available Online

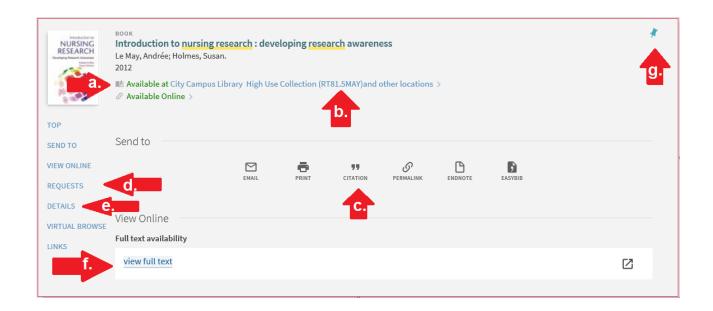


- 5. For each of the titles from your search results, you can:
 - a. See if the item is **Available**. (Note: **Not available** means an item is **on loan**.)
 - b. Write down the shelf location e.g. RT81.5MAY
 - c. Find the APA reference under **Citation** (Always check this against your APA referencing guide for Ara Institute of Canterbury Students)
 - d. **Request** the item.

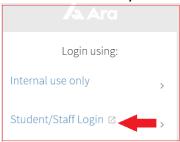


Select:

- a. your Pickup Location: e.g. City Campus Library.
- b. Your Not needed after date
- c. Send request
- e. Read more information on this item.
- f. View the ebook or other online version if available.
- g. Pin the title to your favourites. (Sign in with your **Ara Email Address** and your **student password** to manage your favourites).

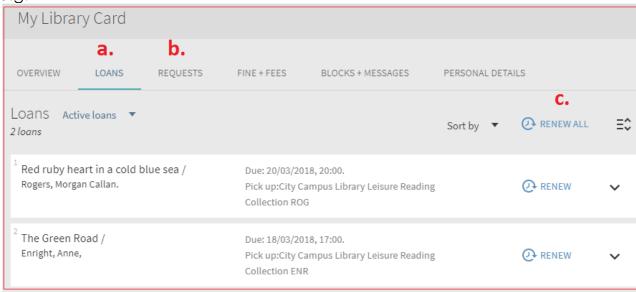


- 6. Access your library account
 - a. Click on My Library Account on the Library Search homepage.
- b. Choose Student / Staff Login



- c. Use your **Ara email address** It is your <u>username@arastudent.ac.nz</u> e.g. <u>abc123@arastudent.ac.nz</u> and **student password** to log in.
- d. In your account you can:
 - a) See your loans
 - b) See your requests
 - c) Renew your loans

e.g.



For further assistance

- Ask at the Library, City Campus, Christchurch
- Ring (03) 9408089 or 0800 24 24 76 and ask for the Library
- Email: library@ara.ac.nz