

# Ritsumeikan Orientation: Library Quickstart for Ritsumeikan Students

## General Library Links

- [UBC Library Homepage](http://www.library.ubc.ca/) (<http://www.library.ubc.ca/>)
- [Library Hours & Locations](http://hours.library.ubc.ca/) (<http://hours.library.ubc.ca/>)
- [My Library Account](http://services.library.ubc.ca/borrowing-services/library-account/) (<http://services.library.ubc.ca/borrowing-services/library-account/>)  
Find out how to renew books, get e-mail notifications and more.
- [Subject Librarians](http://directory.library.ubc.ca/subjectlibrarians/) (<http://directory.library.ubc.ca/subjectlibrarians/>)  
UBC Librarians can help you with specific subject needs. You can find which librarians are responsible for which topics here.
- [Research Guides](http://guides.library.ubc.ca) (<http://guides.library.ubc.ca>)  
Research Guides are webpages created by librarians in order to help you find resources on specific subject areas.

## Writing Tools

- [How to Cite Sources](http://help.library.ubc.ca/evaluating-and-citing-sources/how-to-cite/) (<http://help.library.ubc.ca/evaluating-and-citing-sources/how-to-cite/>)
- [Academic Integrity Resource Centre](http://help.library.ubc.ca/researching/academic-integrity/) (<http://help.library.ubc.ca/researching/academic-integrity/>)

## Library Vocabulary

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| Catalogue 目録  | AskAway  |
| Call Number<br>( <a href="http://help.library.ubc.ca/finding-resources/books/">http://help.library.ubc.ca/finding-resources/books/</a> )  | <a href="http://directory.library.ubc.ca/subjectlibrarians/">Subject Librarians</a><br>( <a href="http://directory.library.ubc.ca/subjectlibrarians/">http://directory.library.ubc.ca/subjectlibrarians/</a> ) |
| Subject Heading 件名標目  | Database   |
| Reference 参考文献  | Index 索引   |
| ASRS<br>( <a href="http://services.library.ubc.ca/borrowing-services/asrs/">http://services.library.ubc.ca/borrowing-services/asrs/</a> ) | Citation 引用文献  |
| Stacks 書架 書庫  | Full Text 本文   |

## Related Subject Guides

- [Japanese Studies Resources](http://guides.library.ubc.ca/japanese) (<http://guides.library.ubc.ca/japanese>)
- [Canadian Studies](http://guides.library.ubc.ca/canadianstudies?hs=a) (<http://guides.library.ubc.ca/canadianstudies?hs=a>)

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# Ritsumeikan Library Orientation: Biographies

## Finding Biographies in the Library Collection

A detailed guide to finding books in the library collection can be found [here](http://wiki.ubc.ca/Library:Finding_Books) ([http://wiki.ubc.ca/Library:Finding\\_Books](http://wiki.ubc.ca/Library:Finding_Books)).

You can use [Summon](http://ubc.summon.serialssolutions.com/advanced) (<http://ubc.summon.serialssolutions.com/advanced>) to find biographies and autobiographies in the library's collection by conducting a keyword search and refining the "content type" to "Book/eBook".

You can also search for an individual's name in the [library catalogue](http://webcat.library.ubc.ca/vwebv/searchAdvanced) (<http://webcat.library.ubc.ca/vwebv/searchAdvanced>) within the "subject" heading.

## Canadian Biography Reference Works

- [Canadian Encyclopedia](http://thecanadianencyclopedia.com) (<http://thecanadianencyclopedia.com>)  
[FC23 .C36 1999 Koerner Library Reference](http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/FC23.C36.1999.Koerner.Library.Reference/catsearch?bid=2264891) ([http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/FC23 .C36 1999 Koerner Library Reference](http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/FC23.C36.1999.Koerner.Library.Reference/catsearch?bid=2264891))  
Created by the Historica-Dominion Institute, and edited by subject specialists.
- [Dictionary of Canadian Biography](http://www.biographi.ca/) (<http://www.biographi.ca/>)  
[FC25 .D5 Koerner Library Reference](http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/FC25.D5.Koerner.Library.Reference/catsearch?bid=109507) ([http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/FC25 .D5 Koerner Library Reference](http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/FC25.D5.Koerner.Library.Reference/catsearch?bid=109507))  
Made available through the Government of Canada, the content of this site was created through the University of Toronto and Université Laval.

## Biography Exercise

Find information on the following individuals using the suggested websites and/or the library catalogue:

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| 1) David Suzuki | 4) Roy Kiyooka |
| 2) Evelyn Lau   | 5) David Lam   |
| 3) Steven Point | 6) Joy Kogawa  |

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## Ritsumeikan Library Orientation: Developing your Topic

### Background Reading

After doing some preliminary reading you may come across a potential research topic. Use this background reading wisely in order to pull important concepts or keywords that can help you with a search.

CTV News: "Trudeau makes headlines for calls to legalize marijuana" (<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/trudeau-makes-headlines-for-calls-to-legalize-marijuana-1.1383738>)"

Collison, R. (2014, Mar 06). Distracted driving: 'multitasking is a myth'. (<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-drive/news/distracted-driving-multitasking-is-a-myth/article17305623/>)

### Effective Keywords for Effective Searching

Without the right keywords, we may miss important resources that are available to us. Try and think about possible terms before running your search, and keep in mind the following:

#### Place

Think about what areas you want to concentrate on. Will your paper focus on the issue in Vancouver or Canada more broadly? Can you make a comparison with Japan?

#### Date Range

When did this start to become an issue? Even though this may be a current topic of interest, you may need to look back further for your sources. For example, when did using cell phones while driving begin to be problematic?

#### People

Are there major politicians or other individuals who are integral to this issue?

#### Events / Related Issues

What other events or issues are related to the topic?

### Language Issues

#### Romanization

Although Hepburn romanization is now standard, older materials sometimes have variant romanization. You may miss finding something if you use a different romanization in your search, so try using "OR" searches or the following.

#### Wildcards and Truncation

Wildcards and truncation may be used in order to catch romanization and spacing issues.

Truncation Example:  
kaguya? = "kaguya hime" | "kaguyahime".

Wildcard Example:  
na?ba = "nanba" | "namba"

Note: the question mark is used for the UBC Library catalogue, but other databases have other truncation/wildcard symbols. See [this wiki page](http://wiki.ubc.ca/Library:Truncation_and_Wildcard_Symbols) ([http://wiki.ubc.ca/Library:Truncation and Wildcard Symbols](http://wiki.ubc.ca/Library:Truncation_and_Wildcard_Symbols)) for a more comprehensive guide.

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