


Guests and Visitors: Access to E-Research @ Harvard Libraries

Access Online

Guests and visitors are welcome to use E-Research @ Harvard Libraries to locate e-resources and e-journals of interest to them. However, access to restricted, licensed materials is limited by contract to authorized members of the Harvard community with valid Harvard IDs and PINs. Please note that some types of Harvard ID are authorized for guest access only (e.g. non-matriculated extension school students). Restricted resources are noted with yellow lock icons .

Access from Public Workstations in the Harvard Libraries

It is important to note that building access to most Harvard libraries requires a Harvard ID. Visiting scholars and guests who are authorized to enter a Harvard library building may have access to most restricted e-resources and e-journals from that library's public workstations.

Access policies vary among the libraries at Harvard. For specific information on access policies for Harvard's library buildings, visit <http://lib.harvard.edu/libraries/>.

Research Options for Guests

Below is a brief summary of Guest User functionality for each component of E-Research.

[Find E-Resources](#)

Guests may use E-Research to locate e-resources of interest to them by title, keyword or subject. Restricted resources are noted with yellow lock icons. Guests can choose to limit their searches to unrestricted resources only.

[Find E-Journals](#)

Guests may use E-Research to locate e-journals of interest to them. Again, access to most e-journals is restricted to holders of current Harvard IDs and PINs.

[Quick Search](#)

Because of contractual restrictions, most Quick Sets in this research module are not available to guests. However, guests are welcome to search the Harvard Library Catalogs Quick Set, which is the default set for those who have not logged in with a Harvard ID and PIN.

[Cross Search](#)

As noted above, guests are able to locate e-resources by title and subject. As in Quick Search, Guest Users may search only unrestricted resources (without yellow lock icons).

My Research

Guests are able to select citations retrieved in searches of unrestricted resources, and to email these citations or to save them as files on their own computers. Citations may not be saved on public library workstations. Lists of citations created with Guest user log-ins will not be saved after exiting from E-Research.

FAQ for Visitors

For additional information, please refer to the [FAQ for Visitors](#) on the Harvard Libraries web site.