

Discovery Service

At last, our much anticipated Discovery Service has been launched—a very soft launch it's true while some final quirks of the system are ironed out.

You can find it by clicking on the link which says 'Discovery Service: a unified search tool' under the main search box at the top right of most Library pages.

That presents you with a Basic search screen, although you may prefer to use, or advise students to use, the Advanced Search which can help you refine options.

The Discovery Service searches the Library catalogue and Institutional Repository as well as many of our databases, so you should be able to

find book material, journal articles and much more.

As with any such search facility of multiple databases, the 'much more' may in fact be a very large set of search results—but there are plenty of options to refine your results on the left hand side of the screen or, of course, to revise the initial search.

Unfortunately not all our databases can be included in the Discovery Service. Some appear on the right hand side as 'Additional Resources' which can be added to the results with a click, e.g. Engineering Village, PROLA or Biosis Previews.

Some, sadly, cannot be searched at all in this way and must be searched

individually as before. IEEEExplore is a good example. For a full list of what's in and what's out, check the content coverage spreadsheet available here: <http://www.port.ac.uk/library/infores/discovery/>

Other content—such as ebooks are included in the service but only by title, author, keyword in the same way the catalogue includes them. If you want the full text of ebooks, you must still search the individual collections such as eBrary.

We think it will be a great boon to all who search our resources—especially if they are interdisciplinary in nature. But let us know what you think.

Library with no books?

As we purchase more ebooks, might there come a time when our Library looks like this:

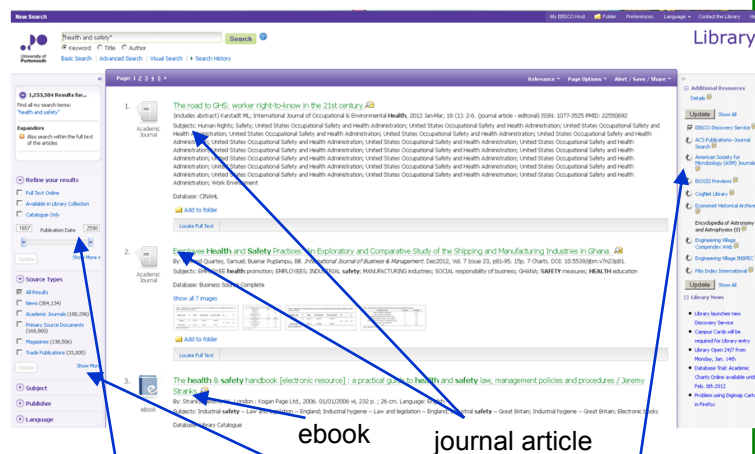
<http://news.yahoo.com/library-without-books-bibliotech-open-193118588--abc-news-tech.html>

The Editor Writes...

Don't worry that you missed November and December—we did!

Apologies to those who avidly look out for each month's issue of *SciTech Update*. What with the departure of half the editorial team to Oman, ill health and the holiday season we've had postpone a new issue until now and were waiting on the Discovery Service which we thought might happen sooner.

But we trust the new year will see a return to our regular issues and as usual, don't hesitate to let us know if there's something you like to see here, or if there's something you'd like to communicate to the Science and Technology Faculties.



The screenshot shows search results for 'health and safety'. Three items are highlighted with blue arrows and labels:

- 1. The road to GHS: worker right-to-know in the 21st century** (Journal article)
- 2. Enterprise Health and Safety Practices: An Exploratory and Comparative Study of the Shipping and Manufacturing Industries in Ghana** (Journal article)
- 3. The health & safety handbook [electronic resource]: a practical guide to health and safety law, management policies and procedures** (ebook)

Refine results when you have too many here (or revise your original search)

Limit by 'full text' or 'library catalogue' or by source, subject, etc

These databases are **NOT** included in the main search but you can add them by clicking

New Books

Don't forget you can find new Library books in your subject area by looking at the relevant Fund Codes here:

<http://www.port.ac.uk/library/about/policies/buying/newbooks/>