



THE eXt FILE

Newsletter of the External Library Service of Queensland University of Technology

Welcome!

Welcome External students to Semester 1, 2008. Please don't hesitate to contact the External Library team if you require any assistance.

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Re-Designed Library Website

The Library website has been through extensive user-testing and evaluations, culminating in the recent release of the new site. Search tools and "My Library Profile" are now more easily accessible for regular users.

QUT cite/write

QUT cite/write is a new, multi-format resource consisting of two generic print booklets, respectively addressing generic referencing and citation standards (*QUT cite*) and academic writing standards (*QUT write*), plus a supporting website containing print-on-demand guides for 3 recommended styles of referencing and citing, and print-on-demand guides to academic writing. Sets of the booklets are available for purchase from the bookshop, or they can be downloaded and printed.

Please note, this resource **replaces** *The Written Assignment* publication.

<http://www.citewrite.qut.edu.au/>

Desktop delivery for External Students

In 2007, QUT Library introduced electronic delivery of copied materials. The External Library Service now routinely supplies copies of print materials via the Internet, which is much faster than posting photocopies.

External Library Services Guide 2008

The new External library Services guide for 2008 is now accessible in PDF format from the External

Library webpage. The Guide is useful for students who are unable to get to on-campus library classes - it is designed to help you acquire search skills for finding information for assignments.

<http://www.library.qut.edu.au/services/forexternals/>

Requesting Loans is Now Even Easier!

You may now request book loans to be posted to you by simply placing a Hold in the Library catalogue: search for the item you want, and then click on the "Place a hold or intercampus request" button. You will be prompted for your username and password, if you haven't already logged in to My Library Profile. In the 'Deliver to' box, choose "External Students ONLY, via Post", then select any copy (Tip: choose one that is "In Library", if possible). And that's it!

Search 70 Databases At Once!

Try the new "360" search from the Library home page to search across 70 databases. Search results can be sorted by relevance or by database.

Google Scholar Links to QUT Library

Search results from *Google Scholar* now include links to QUT Library's online journal holdings. Searching from on-campus will automatically display the links, however, searching from off-campus via a personal Internet service will require a change to *Google Scholar* preferences: from the search screen, click on 'Scholar Preferences', type "QUT" in the 'Library Links' box, then click on the 'Find Library' button. Tick the box for *Queensland University of Technology – Get fulltext @ QUT* (there is also an option to link to *Libraries Australia* if you would like to be able to locate book materials) then click on the *Save Preferences* button.

<http://scholar.google.com.au/>

Pilot Online Information Literacy Tutorial

Pilot is an online information literacy tutorial which aims to provide undergraduates with the skills and tools to find and manage information effectively.

<http://pilot.library.qut.edu.au/>
