Conservatoire for Dance and Drama

Online Research Resources

Who can use CDD online resources?

All students and staff at BOVTS, CSB, LAMDA, LCDS, NSCD, RADA, Rambert & NCCA.

How can I access these resources?

On any computer with internet access via an online gateway called **OpenAthens**. You will need a username and password to log into OpenAthens @ **http://www.openathens.net/**

Sign in with an OpenAthens account.

Username

👤 Email address or username

Password

🔒 Password

Sign in

Problems signing in?

You can also log into OpenAthens by following the 'Athens' link at the bottom of the CDD website.

How do I get a username and password to access OpenAthens?

Students and staff at BOVTS, CSB, LAMDA, LCDS, NCCA, NSCD, RADA & Rambert can create an OpenAthens account at

https://register.openathens.net/cdd.ac.uk/register

You must be using a computer on your school network or using your school email address to register for an account.

What do I do if I forget my OpenAthens password?

Simply go to the OpenAthens login page at **https://www.openathens.net/** & select the 'Forgotten your password?' option or go to the CDD Libraries website at **http://www.cdd.ac.uk/students/library-**

resources/ & follow the links provided to reset a password, register for an account or renew an expired account.

You can also contact the CDD OpenAthens Administrator Samantha King @ **samanatha.king@nscd.ac.uk** if you are experiencing issues with your account.

Please include the following details in your email:

- Full name
- School email address
- Course / Job Title
- Current year of study (students only)
- Date course ends (students only)
- Affiliate name e.g NCCA, LCDS, CSB, etc

Please use your school email address when contacting the Administrator.

What is available on OpenAthens?

All CDD students and staff:

- Dance in Video I & II
- Digital Theatre Plus
- Drama Online
- International Bibliography for Theatre & Dance (IBTD)
- Performing Arts Periodicals Database (PAPD)
- Theatre in Video
- Useful Online Resources

At specific schools:

- Dawson ebooks (LCDS, NSCD, NCCA)
- Additional ejournal titles subscribed to by NSCD, LCDS & RADA

A range of helpsheets have been written to help you get the most out of these resources, you'll find them on the CDD Libraries website @ **http://www.cdd.ac.uk/students/library-resources/**

CDD Libraries Helpsheet No.1

Using Libraries

As a CDD student or member of staff you can access a range of different libraries for research purposes. To get the most out of visiting a library keep the following in mind:

- Plan your visit:
    - Check the online library catalogue before your visit
    - Take change for the photocopier
    - Check the opening hours online
    - Take a couple of forms of ID the first time you visit
- A library catalogue can't be searched in the same way as Google, you will need to use clear search terms & author's names
- Don't be shy - utilise library staff to help you locate resources
- Make use of inter-library loan schemes if they are available
- Be aware of copyright law & how it applies to you
- Keep a note of resources used and where you accessed them – this will help with compiling your bibliography & re-accessing resources at a later date

What is available in the library at my home institution?

The libraries at CDD offer a wealth of resources for research:
- Online databases, books & journals via OpenAthens (e-resources)
- Books & Journals
- DVDs, Music CDs & scores
- Plays & scripts
- Archives

Why not pop in and see what they have to offer? You'll find more information on your school website/VLE, in guides produced by your library staff, your student handbook, plus you'll receive information as part of your student/staff induction & the CDD libraries page is also a good place to get started
http://www.cdd.ac.uk/students/library-resources/

How can I access other libraries for research?

There are a number of schemes that offer access to other libraries:

- **SCONUL Vacation Access Scheme** – allows undergraduate & taught postgraduate students free access to other Higher Education libraries during non-term time. **https://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/summer-vacation-access**

- Your local public library – check out the gov.uk **Local Libraries** page to find out more about public libraries in your area of the UK.

CSB, LAMDA, LCDS, NSCD & RADA, Rambert students & staff:

- **SCONUL Access Scheme** – allows students & staff at these institutions to access university library services across the UK. See the 'Using SCONUL Access' section @ **http://www.sconul.ac.uk/sconul-access** for more details.

Check out your library's website to get more information about visiting other libraries.

Are there other online tools I can use for my research?

- **COPAC** - Search over 70 UK & Irish academic, national & specialist library catalogues @ **http://copac.ac.uk/**

- **British Library Online Catalogue** - search, view and order items from the main catalogue of nearly 57 million records, or search the contents of the Library's website @ **http://catalogue.bl.uk/**

- **Zetoc** - comprehensive research databases, giving you access to over 28,000 journals, 45 million article citations & conference papers through the British Library's electronic table of contents @ **http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk/**