

Online Research Resources

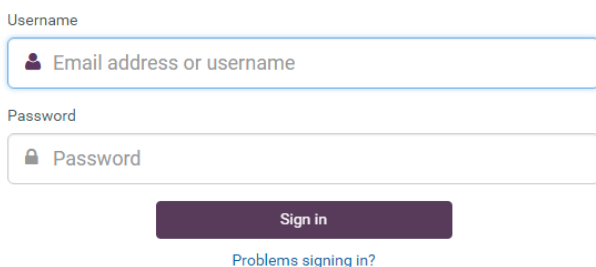
Who can use CDD online resources?

All students and staff at BOVTS, CSB, LCDS, NSCD, 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.



The screenshot shows the OpenAthens login interface. It features two input fields: 'Username' with a placeholder 'Email address or username' and 'Password' with a placeholder 'Password'. Below the fields is a dark purple 'Sign in' button and a link for '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, LCDS, NCCA, NSCD & Rambert will receive details of their personal OpenAthens account in September each year.

If you commence employment or your course of study mid-year you should ask your library staff for details of how to register for OpenAthens.

Please provide your school contact with the following details so they can request an account on your behalf:

- Full name
- Email address
- Course / Job Title
- Current year of study (students only)
- Date course ends (students only)
- Affiliate name e.g Circus Space

What do I do if I forget my OpenAthens password?

Simply go to the OpenAthens login page at <https://login.openathens.net/> & select the 'problems signing in' option.

You can also contact the CDD OpenAthens Administrator Samantha King @ samantha.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

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

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/>

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, LCDS, NSCD & 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/>