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POCKET GUIDE TO LIBRARY INFORMATION RESOURCES

University of Nairobi Library provides access to both print and electronic information resources to support the teaching, learning and research programmes of the University. The Library has a web-based Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) to facilitate browsing of library print materials from anywhere. In addition, the Library facilitates access to electronic books (e-books) and electronic journals (e-journals) in all subject areas. The UoN Library has over 1.3 million **e-books**, over 160,000 **e-journals**, over 80,000 **e-repository resources** and over 700,000 **book titles**. This guide gives step by step instructions on how to access these resources.

Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC)

1. Access University of Nairobi website at <http://www.uonbi.ac.ke/>
2. From the home page, under resources, select **LIBRARY SERVICES PORTAL**
3. Under **INFORMATION RESOURCES** select **ONLINE CATALOGUE**
4. In the dialogue box given under **SEARCH OUR CATALOGUE**, type your search term (author, title or part, subject, topic, etc...)
5. Using the drop down arrow on the right you can choose to narrow your search to any of the options given (Optional)
6. Click on the word **SEARCH** given in green on the right hand side to search a list of items is displayed
7. Select the item you want by clicking on it
8. Bibliographic details of selected item will be displayed indicating the location and availability of the item
9. From the option Location, take note of the item location and number on a piece of paper e.g Main Library S613.N48
10. Proceed to the appropriate library to retrieve the item from the shelves.
11. In case of any problems, consult the library staff

How to access E-books

1. Access University of Nairobi website at <http://www.uonbi.ac.ke>
2. From the homepage under resources, select **LIBRARY SERVICES PORTAL** to go to the Library Website
3. Under **INFORMATION RESOURCES** select **ELECTRONIC BOOKS**
4. A list of electronic books databases is displayed alphabetically with the subject description for each
5. Select the database that covers your subject area by clicking on it
6. This selection will take you to the homepage of the selected database
7. You can explore and use the options given to search for the items you want.

How to access E-journals

1. Follow Step 1-2 above
2. Under **INFORMATION RESOURCES** select **ELECTRONIC JOURNALS**
3. An alphabetically arranged list of e-journal databases is displayed
4. Under each database the subject coverage is provided
5. Select a database of your choice
6. This selection will take you to the homepage of the selected database
7. Explore and use the options given to search for items you need

Remote access to e-resources (Off campus)

The UoN e-resources can be accessed off campus following the procedure given below:

1. Using the student link on the UoN Homepage, create a UoN e-mail account using registration number and National ID/passport
2. Create a network access account on students email link using documents mentioned in No.1 above
3. You will receive network access account details through your email
4. Go to <https://vpn.uon.ac.ke>, login to the network access account to access library resources, (Authenticate yourself twice) or access the Library website and select **REMOTE ACCESS** to take you to the login page.
5. The link to New UoN Library Website will be displayed. Select it.
6. For UoN staff, remote access is available by using the UoN e-mail login details i.e. by going to the portal indicated in step 4 above.

For more information please contact: libraryhelp@uonbi.ac.ke