GPLL 231

LIBRARY SKILLS AND RESROUCES:
MAXIMIZING YOUR GRADUATE RESEARCH POTENTIAL

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Companion library web page: Fundamentals for Graduates: https://bit.ly/gpll231

UNIVERSITÉ Concordia UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Objectives for today

Discovering services & resources

- Where on the library web site can you find services and perks just for graduate students?

- When and how can you seek in-depth research assistance from Concordia subject specialists?

- When and how can you use subject-specific tools to find resources?

Accessing services & resources

- How can you access resources WITHIN Concordia?

- Optimizing access: how can you set up Google Scholar to find Concordia resources

- How can you access resources BEYOND Concordia?

Our workshop page:
Library Skills & Resources https://bit.ly/gpll231

Getting to know you

First, each person in your group introduces themselves:

- What is your department/field and degree program?

- Why did you come to this workshop?

Next, as a group, decide:

What are the top two topics you would like to prioritize in today's workshop?

Finally, each group will report your top two priorities to the class.

The topics

Library services
for grad students

Research assistance from
subject specialists

Subject-specific tools
to find resources

Accessing resources
available through
Concordia

Accessing Concordia's
resources through
Google Scholar

Accessing
**resources beyond
Concordia**

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR
GRAD STUDENTS

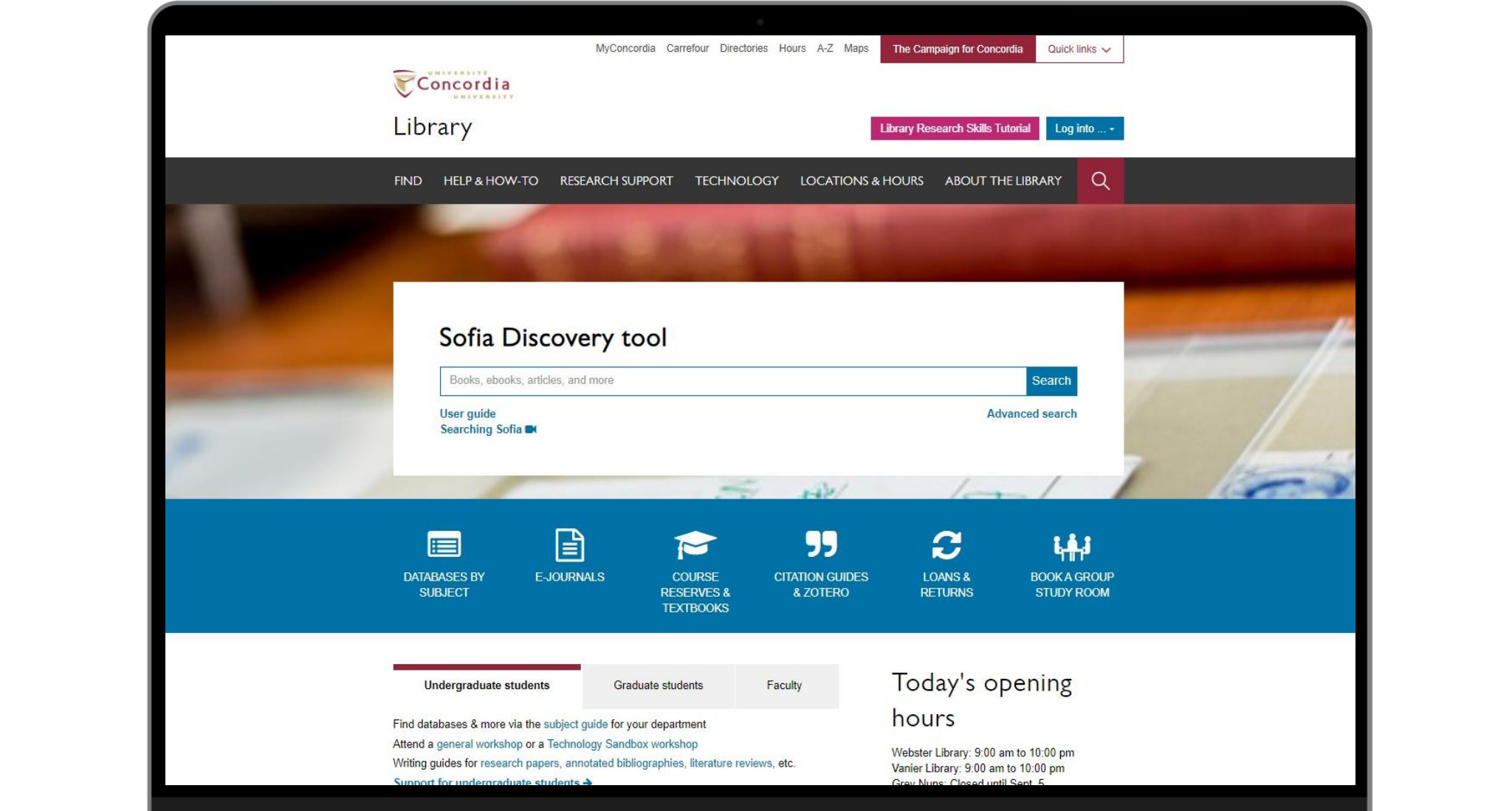# The Libraries

Webster Library

Grey Nun's
Reading Room

Vanier Library

Borrowing at the library

Regularly circulating material loans out for 30 days and renews automatically if not on hold.

We also lend out quite a variety of equipment, with [different loan periods](#):

1-day loan

3-day loan

7-day loan

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Library

Library Research Skills Tutorial   **Log into ... ▾**

FIND   HELP & HOW-TO   RESEARCH SUPPORT   TECHNOLOGY   LOCATIONS & HOURS   ABOUT THE LIBRARY   🔍

Sofia Discovery tool

| Books, ebooks, articles, and more | **Search** |

User guide   **Advanced search**
Searching Sofia 🎥

DATABASES BY SUBJECT   E-JOURNALS   COURSE RESERVES & TEXTBOOKS   CITATION GUIDES & ZOTERO   LOANS & RETURNS   BOOK A GROUP STUDY ROOM

Undergraduate students   Graduate students   Faculty

Find databases & more via the subject guide for your department
Attend a general workshop or a Technology Sandbox workshop
Writing guides for research papers, annotated bibliographies, literature reviews, etc.
Support for undergraduate students ➔

Today's opening hours

Webster Library: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
Vanier Library: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
Grey Nuns: Closed until Sept. 5

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Webster 5th Floor
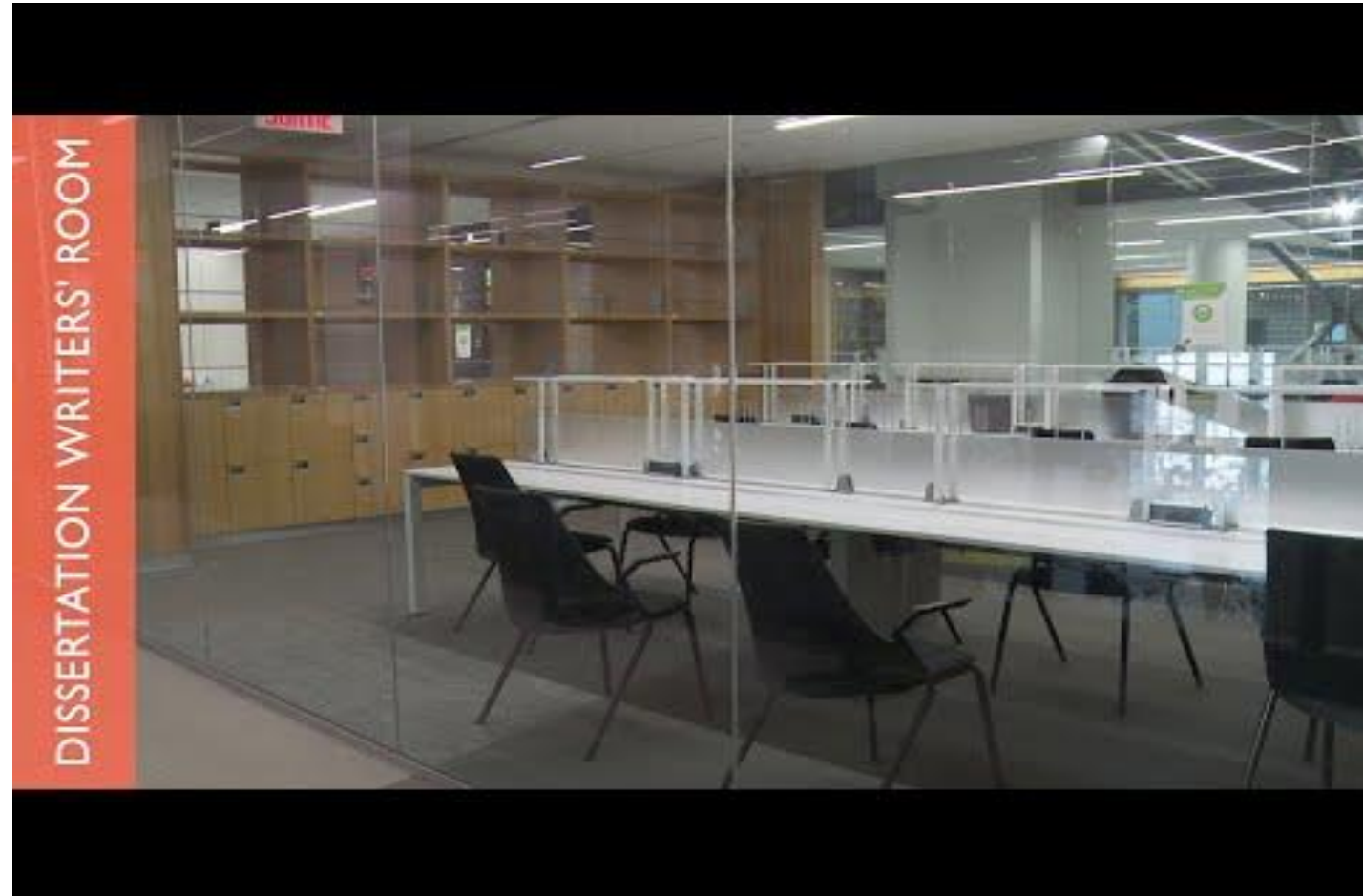
Video:

Webster 5th Floor

Graduate spaces just for you

1. Quiet reading room
2. 4 Dissertation writers' rooms
3. Lounge
4. Kitchenette
5. Lockers & Shelves
6. Dedicated printer/copier/scanner
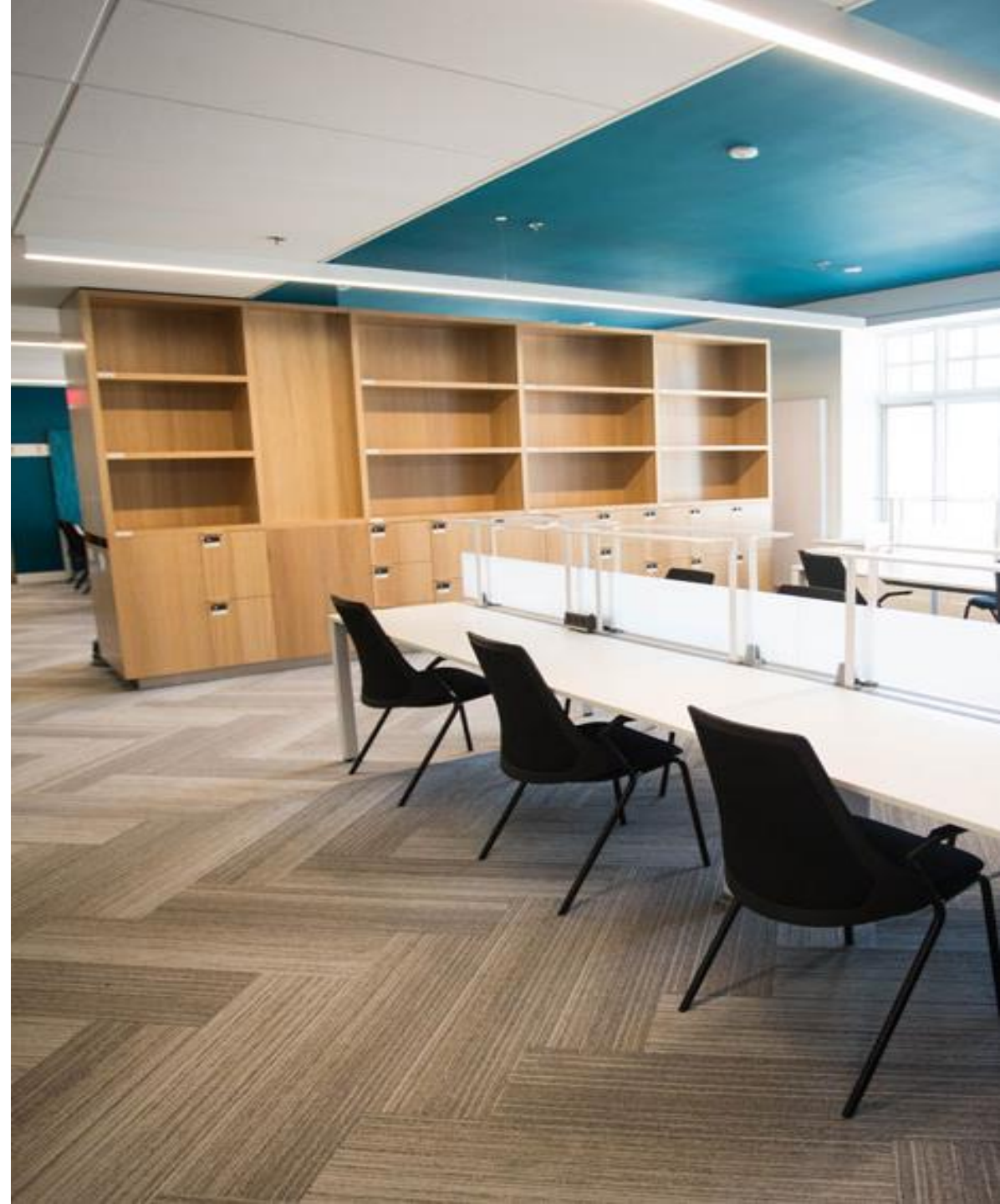
Vanier 3rd Floor

Video: youtube.com/watch?v=o-Pj8y9jcts

Vanier Library

Graduate spaces just for you

1. Quiet reading room
2. Assigned shelves
3. Obtain an access code when you arrive.
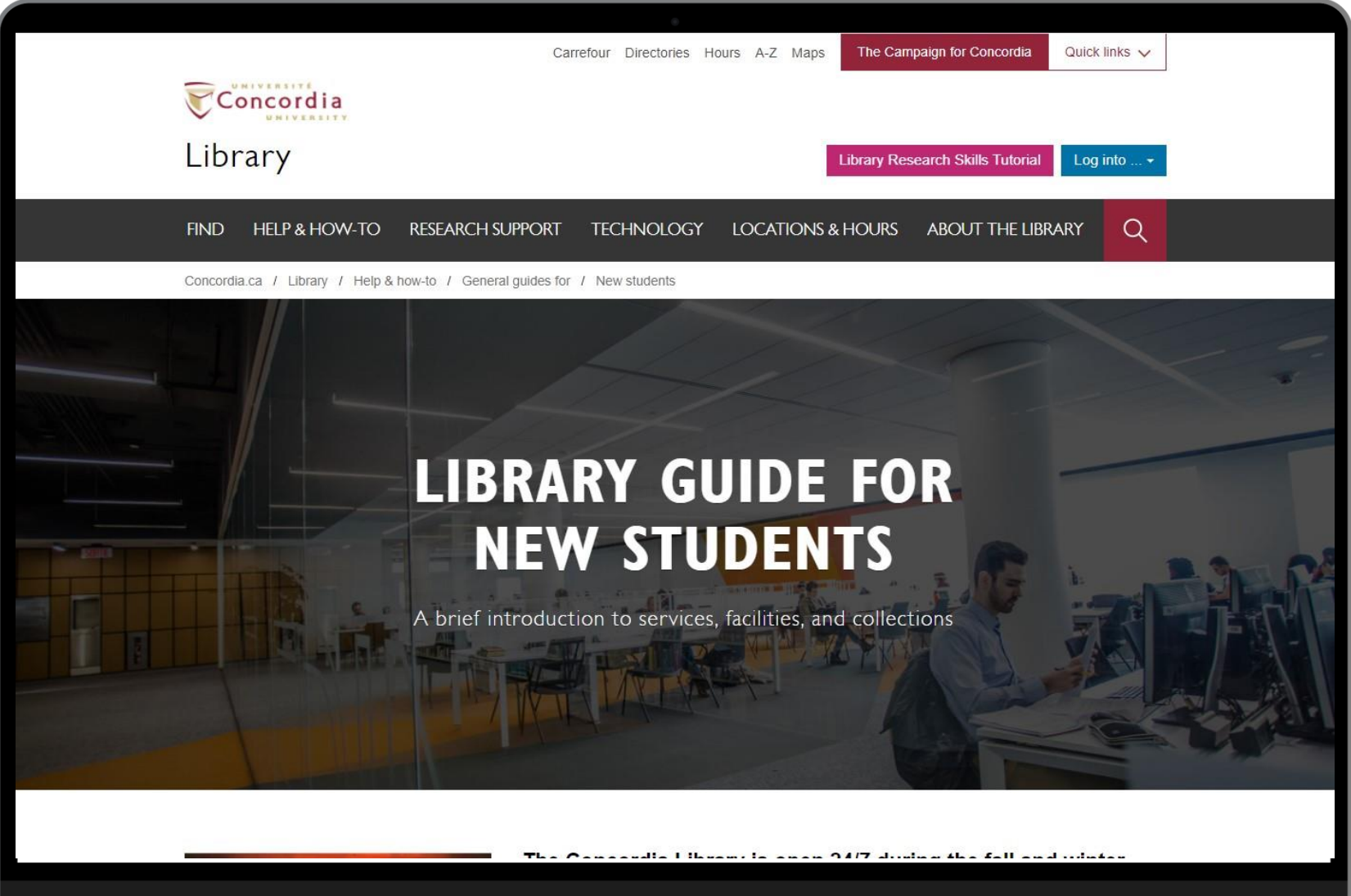
library.concordia.ca/help/users/new-students

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE FROM
SUBJECT SPECIALISTS

library.concordia.ca/services/users/grad/

Seeking Assistance

1) **Ask Us desk, chat, email, phone**
   for quick or general questions

2) **Contact your subject librarian**
   for more in-depth consultations
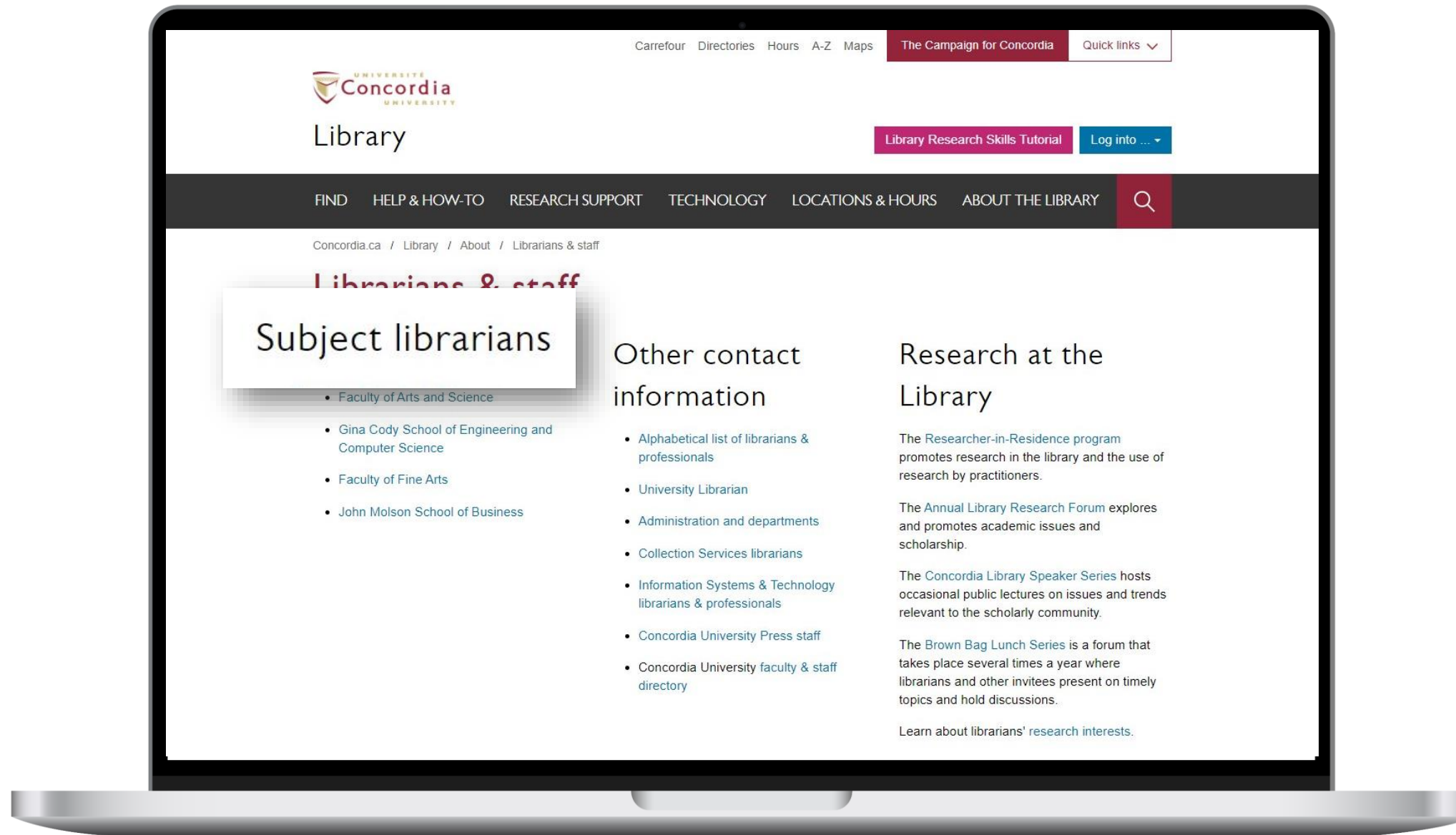
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SUBJECT SPECIFIC
RESOURCE TOOLS

YOUR TURN

Where do YOU usually start looking for information for your research?

Let's share some ideas in groups
(approximately 5 minutes) and then report back

Which of the following in NOT true?

1

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- A general search across library resources

- Good for getting started
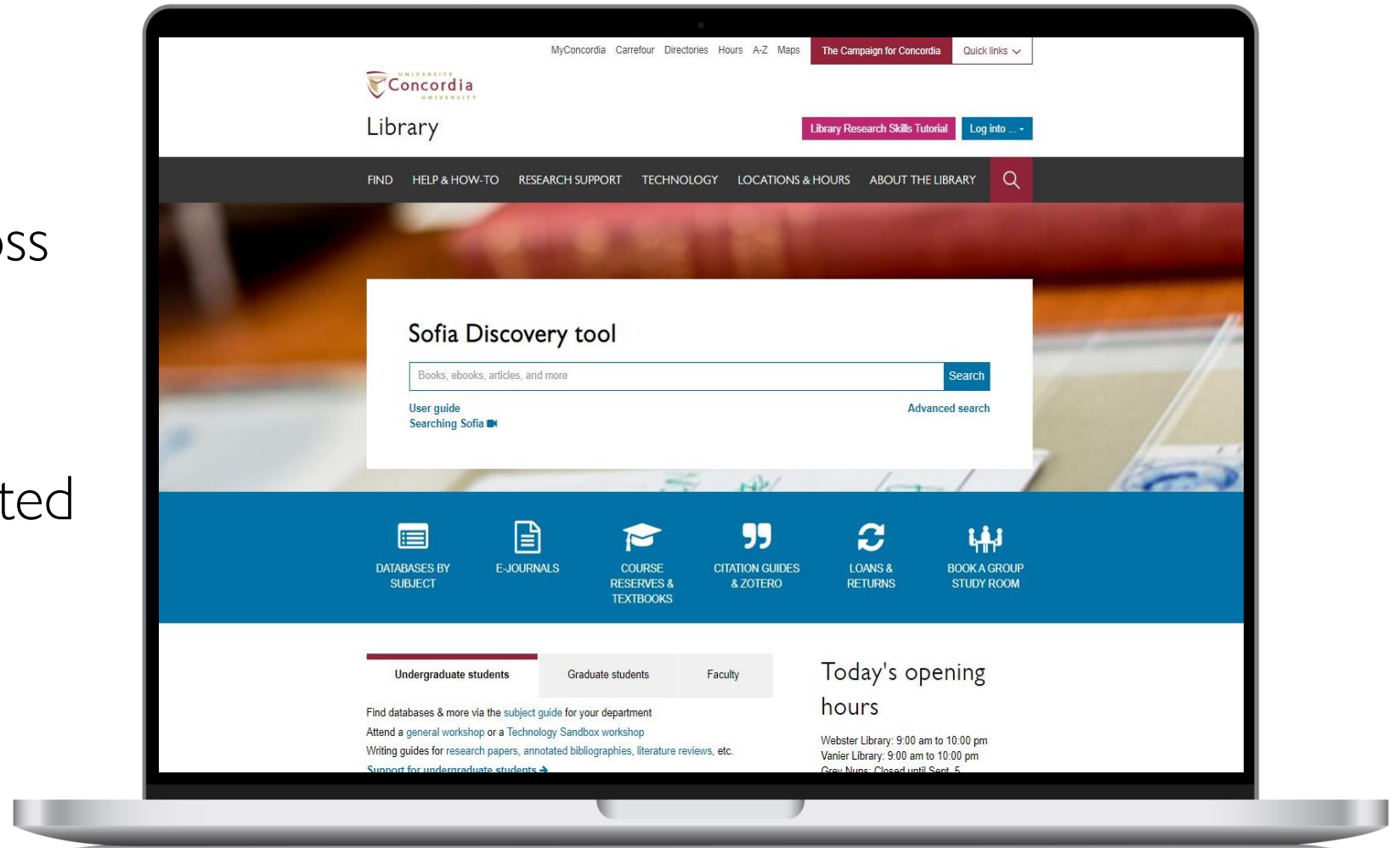
Article databases are selected,
organized sets of references that are
searchable by keyword

Different from searching Google…

Article databases

- Provide references to **articles** and other documents published in **journals**, which may or may not be in our library

- Subject-specific or multidisciplinary

- Index one or many types of documents

- Provide citations, abstracts or full-text articles

What is the difference?

Google Scholar

Volume | Quantity | Quick

Subject databases

Depth | Quality | Thorough

Where should you search?

Sofia Discovery Tool

IEEE Xplore
(Library Database)

Engineering Village
(Library Database)

Grey literature (e.g. government documents, NGO reports, working papers, newsletters, preprints)

Google Scholar

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Subject & course guides

These guides are created and maintained by Concordia University subject librarians. On each guide you will find recommended resources by subject: databases, background sources, how-to guides, websites, and more.

By subject	A-Z list	By course

Business | Engineering & Computer Science | Fine Arts | Humanities | Interdisciplinary | Science | Social Science

Business

Business research portal

Accountancy

Finance

Management

Marketing

MBA Guide

Supply Chain & Business Technology Management

Engineering & Computer Science

View the Guide

Includes resources for:

Black Studies Subject Guide: Collections and recommended resources

Leisure Reading Guide: Books, graphic novels, DVDs, streaming videos, and music

Pikiskwêtân Companion Resource Guides: Recommended resources to accompany the Indigenous Learning Series

Related guides

Government Information

Indigenous Educational Resources

Law & Criminal Justice

Open Educational Resources (OER)

Meet Your Subject Librarian

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YOUR TURN

Find one subject-specific database in your discipline that is new to you and that you would like to try out on your own later.

1. Go to the Concordia Library website

2. Under HELP & HOW-TO – select: Subject & Course Guides

3. Find and select a Subject Guide relevant to you.
   ex: Education Subject Guide

4. Find a new Database in your subject area. ex: ERIC or Education Source

5. Let us know what you found!

6. Write your database's name on a whiteboard near you.
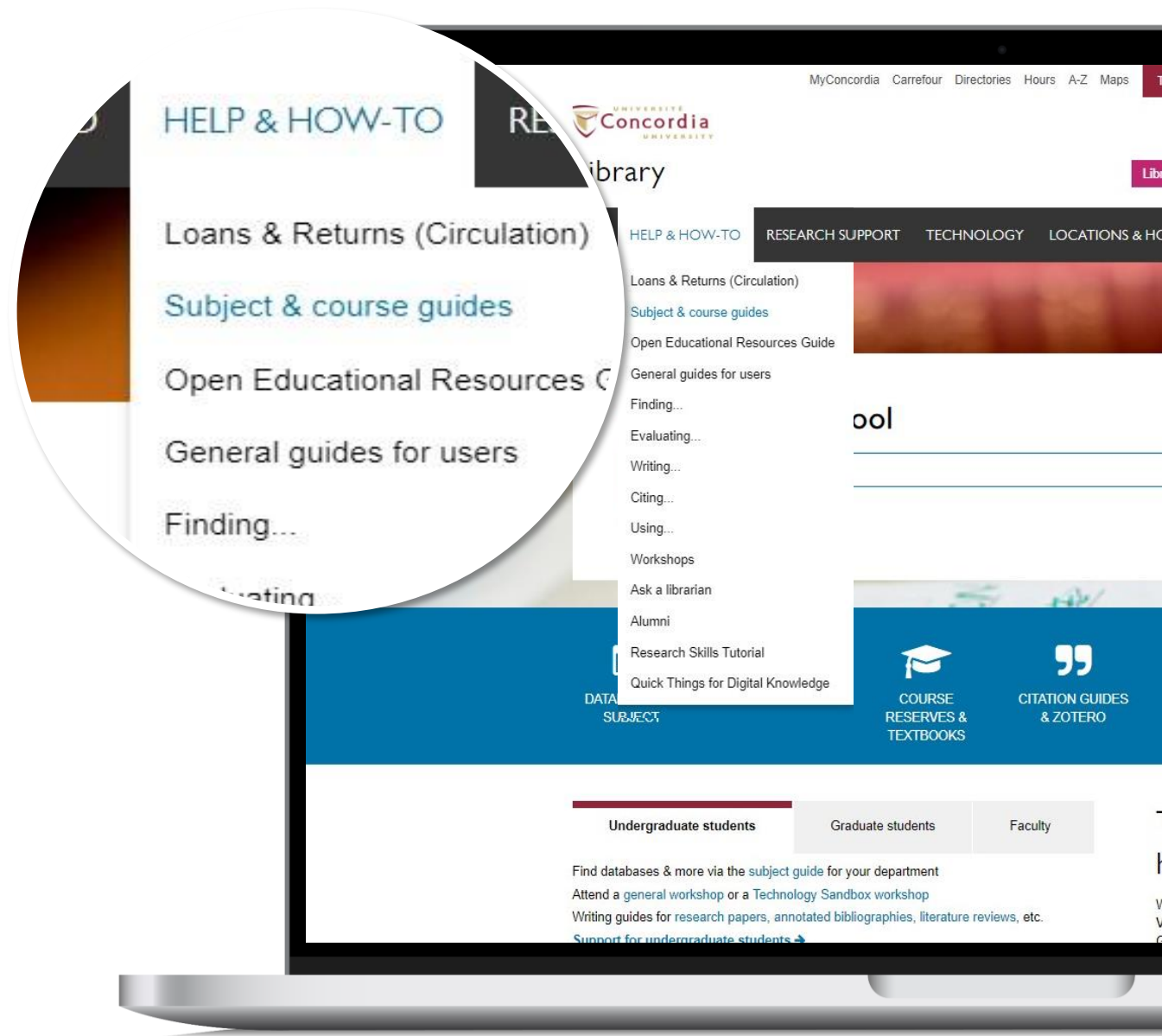
Other resource and service guides

- Digital Scholarship
- Copyright
- Research Data Management
- Systematic Reviews
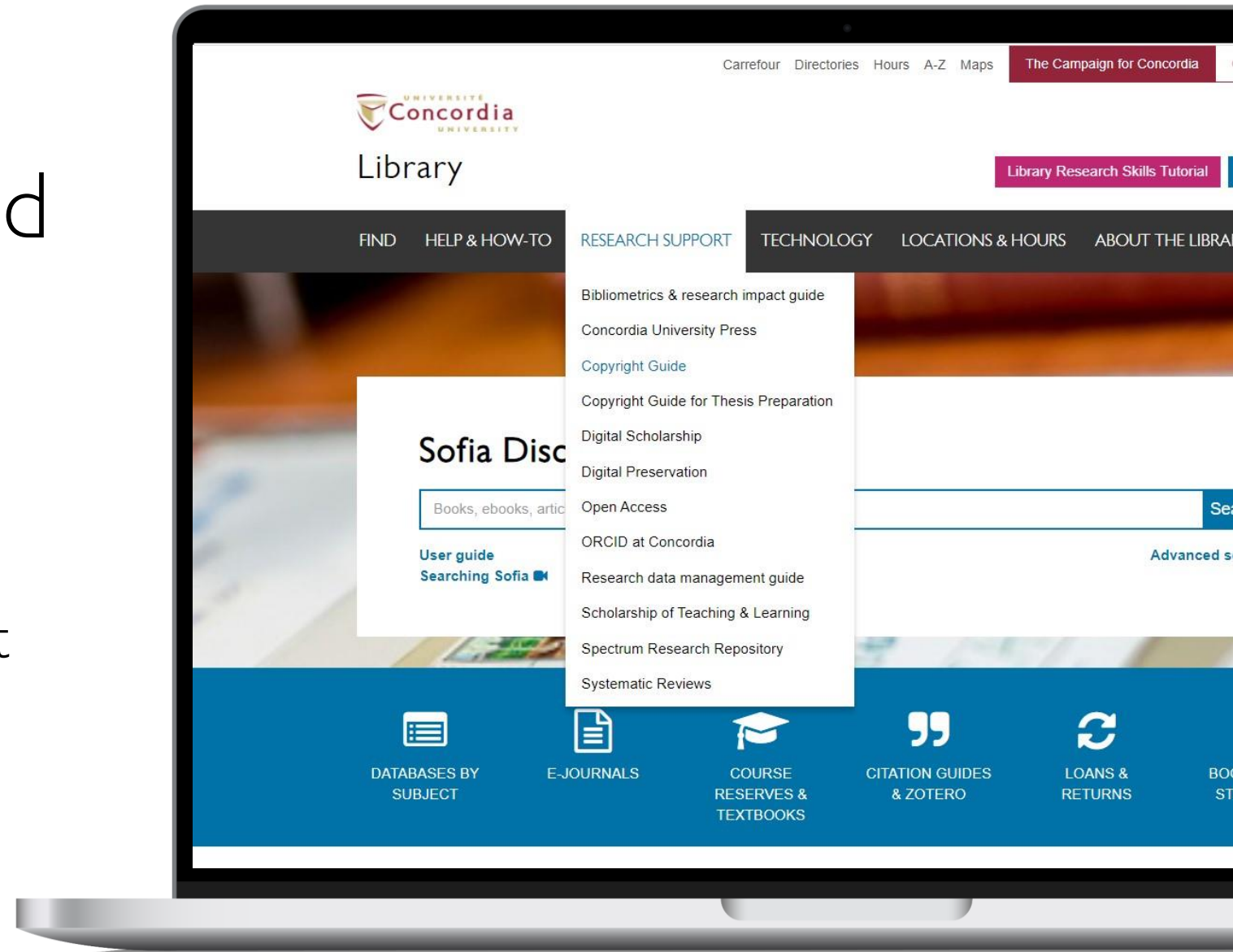
Pro tip

Start from a really good bibliography
or background resource!

See more in the guide for this session
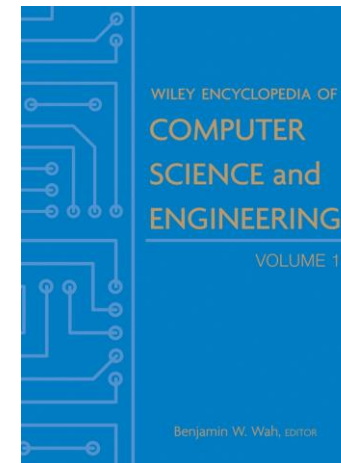
How do you keep track of everything you find?

zotero

Bibliographic management software

Zotero general library workshops

Zotero GradProSkills workshops

Zotero library help page

Zotero screenshot
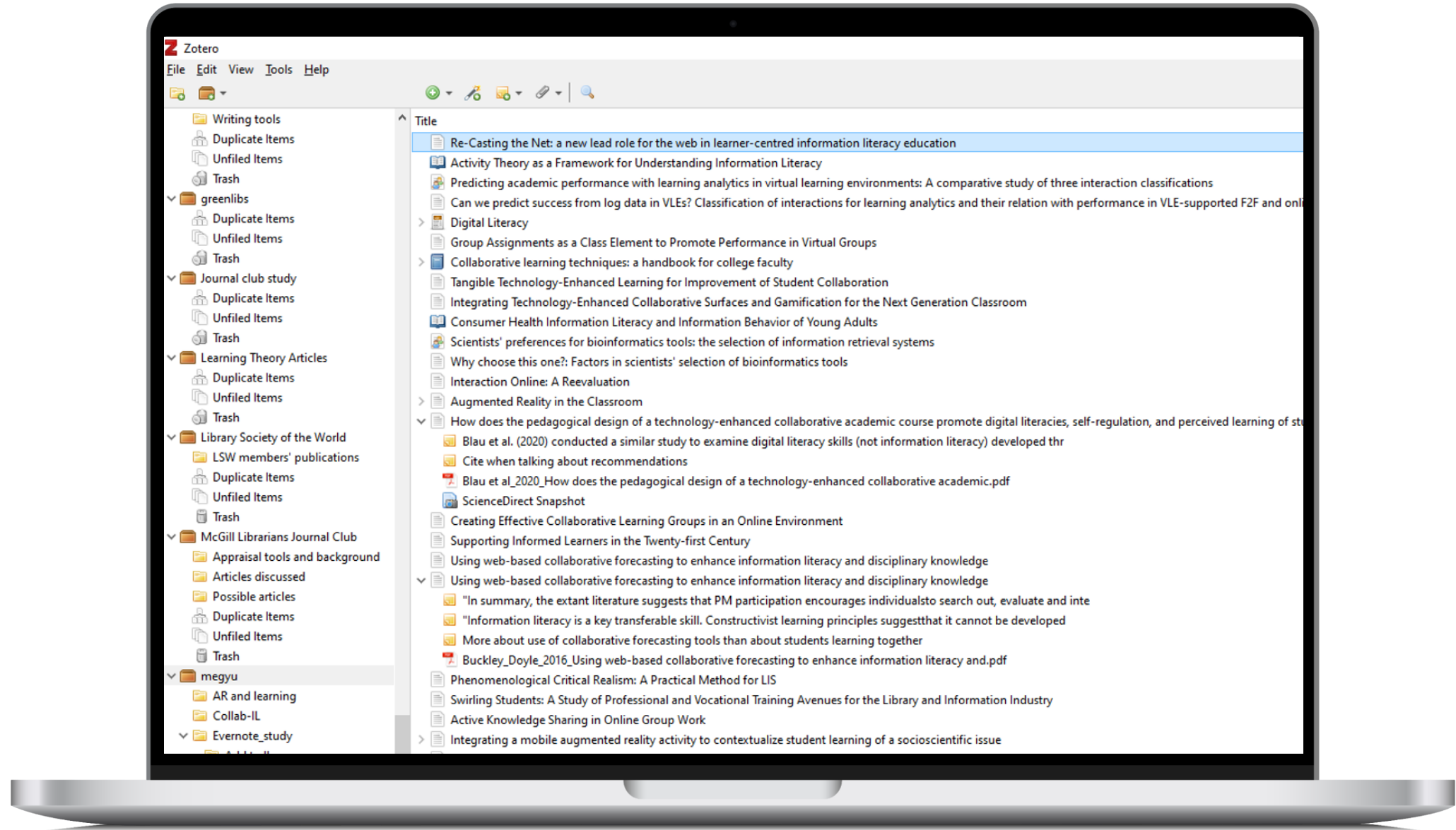
ACCESSING RESOURCES
AVAILABLE THROUGH CONCORDIA

YOUR TURN

Using Sofia answer the following questions:

1. Does Concordia Library own the following book?

   Diverlus, R., Hudson, S., & Ware, S. M. (Eds.). (2020). Until we are free : reflections on black lives matter in Canada. University of Regina Press.

2. Does the Library have electronic access to the book?

3. Does it have a paper copy? Is it available?

4. If you wanted to obtain the paper copy, what would you do?

5. What if you only wanted a scan of a chapter, what would you do?

Sofia pro searching tips

- To see all editions (print and electronic) of a particular book – in your search results go to "Search Results Display" and choose "Show all":
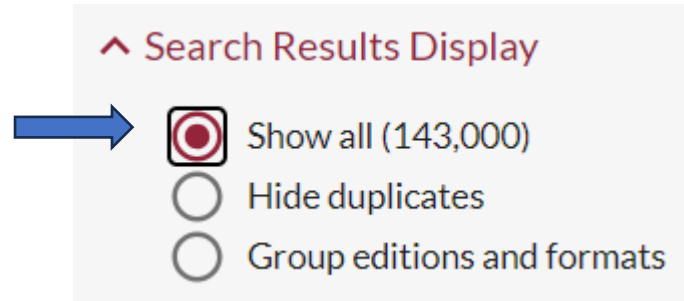
- To request an item at Concordia or from another Quebec University Library, use this button:

- To request a scan of a chapter, use this button:

Other collections you have access to
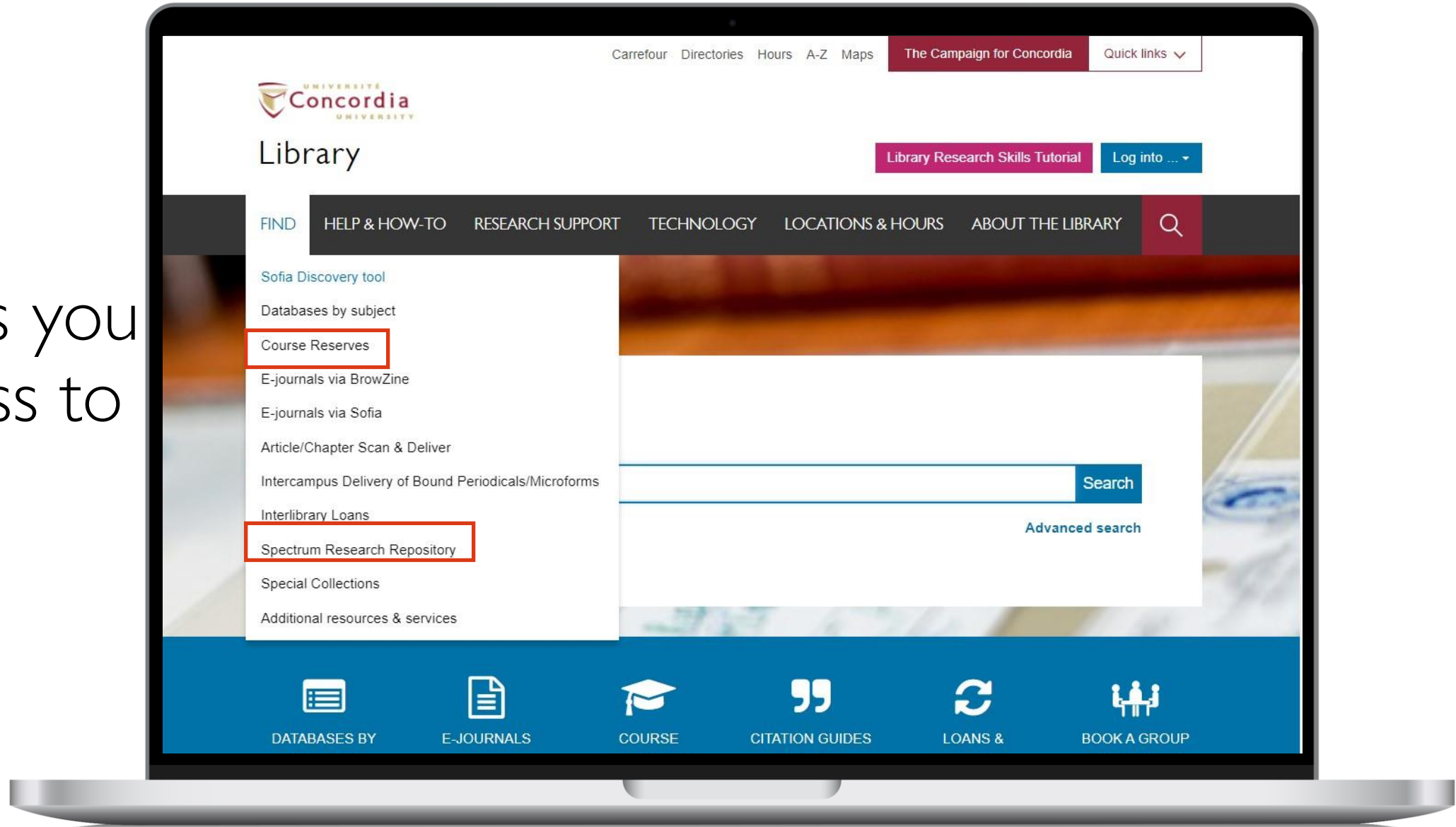
Spectrum Research Repository
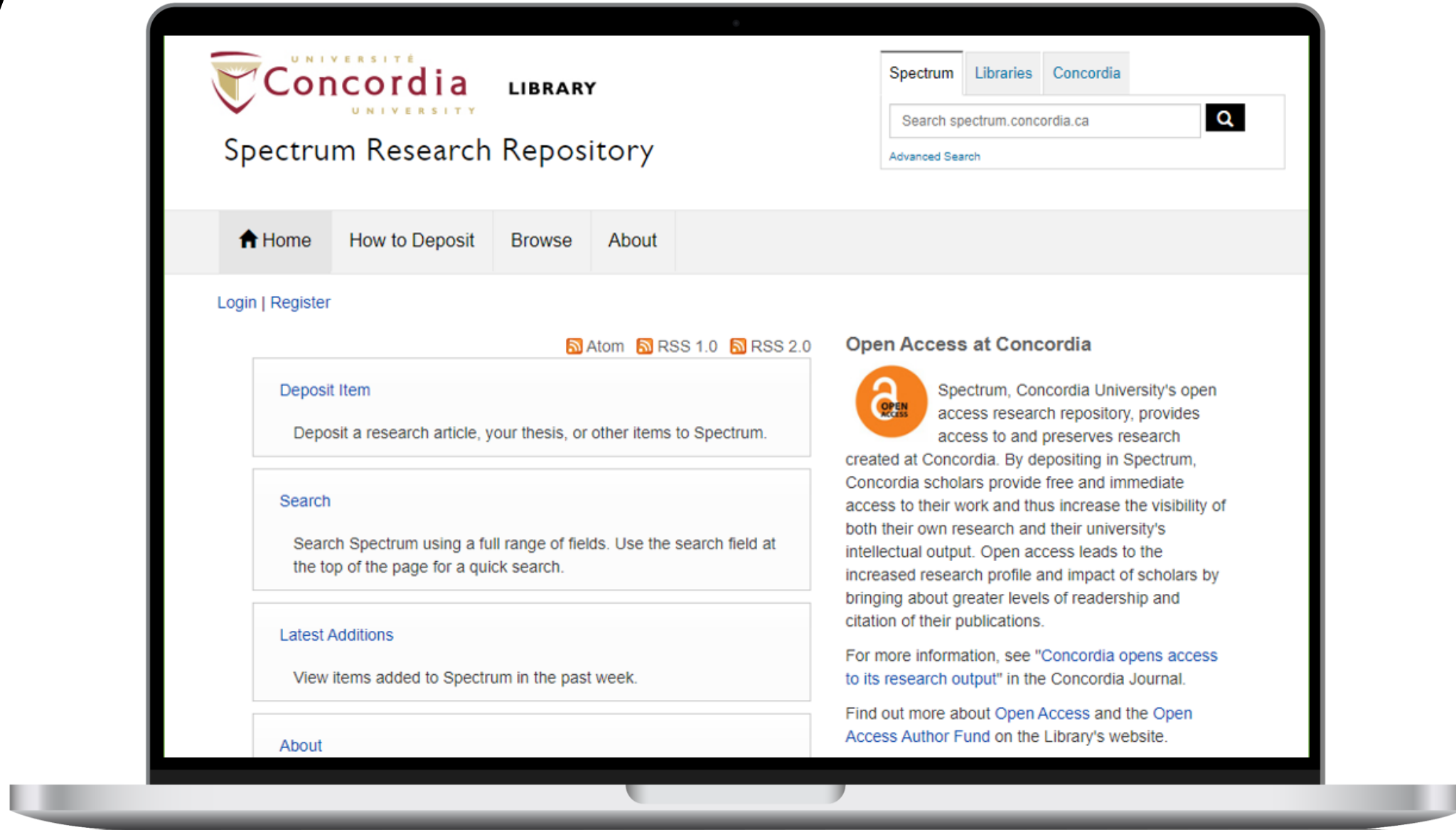
ACCESSING CONCORDIA'S RESOURCES THROUGH
GOOGLE SCHOLAR

Journal article pro searching tips

- There are **two ways to search** for journal articles:
  - By searching the **article title**
  - By searching for the **journal title**, along with knowledge of the volume and issue
- **To search an article title**, can use (for example):
  - Sofia
  - Google Scholar
- **To search a journal title** (usually when online access is not obvious):
  - Sofia best
  - *Alternatively you might want to search for the publisher's webpage, in case the journal is open access.*

YOUR TURN

Using Google Scholar, try locating the following articles:

1. McArthur, D., Lewis, M., & Bishary, M. (2005). The roles of artificial intelligence in education: current progress and future prospects. Journal of Educational Technology, 1(4), 42–80.

2. Slater, J. (2023). Just judge: the jury on trial. American Philosophical Quarterly, 60(2), 169–186.

Google Scholar
Settings
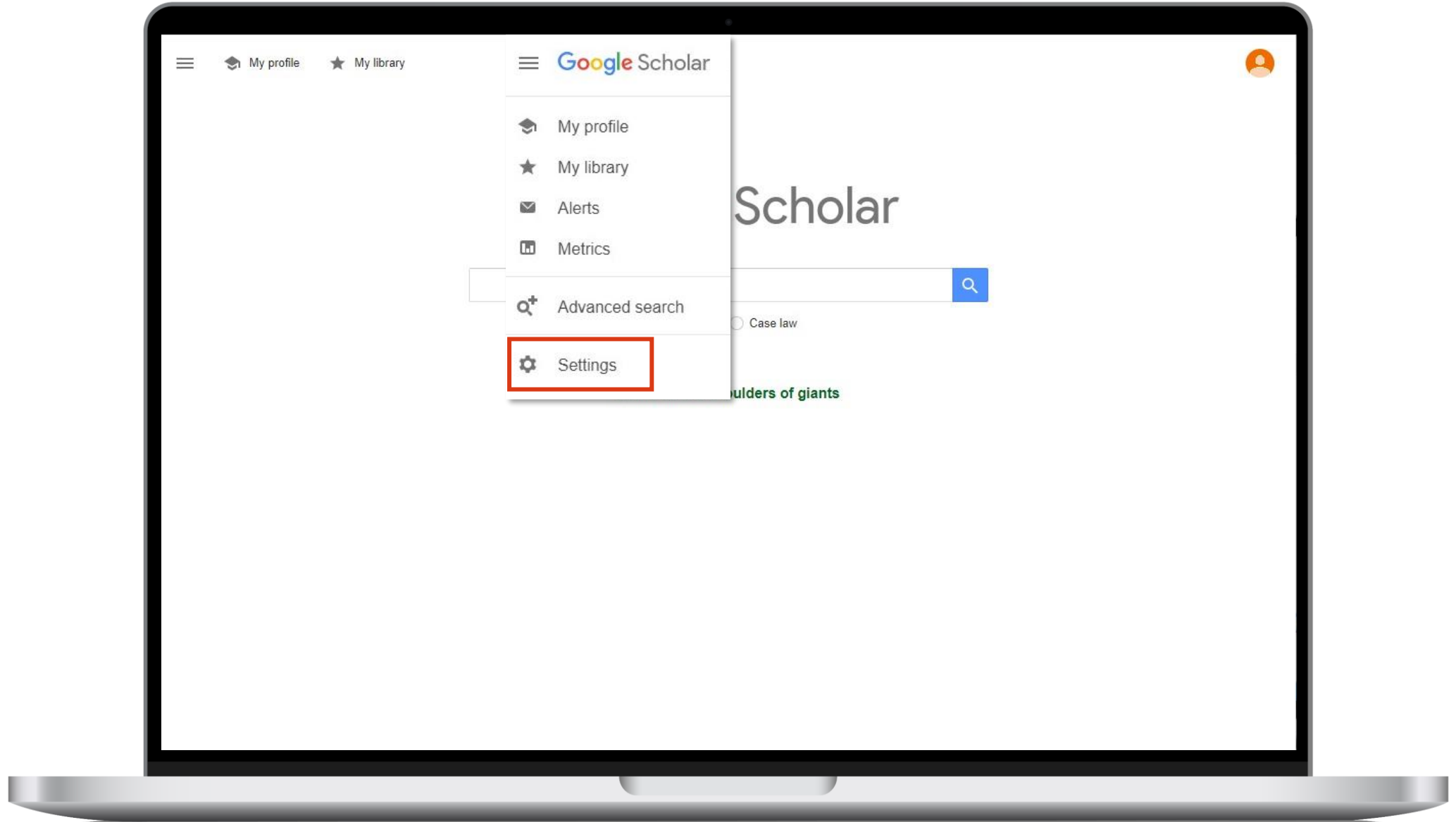
Google Scholar
library links
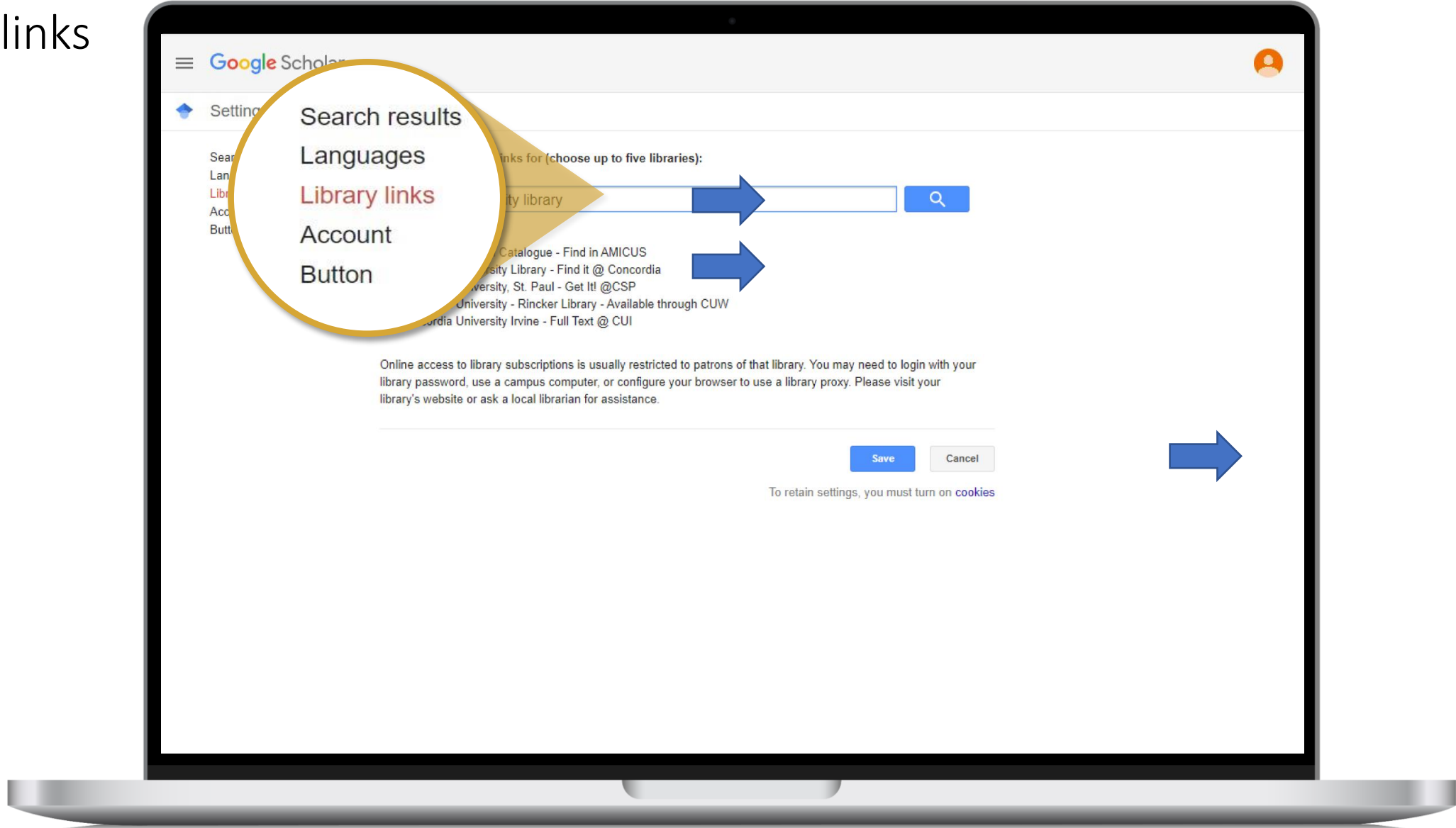
ACCESSING RESOURCES
BEYOND CONCORDIA

How to efficiently access material beyond Concordia?

- Network loans from other BCI institutions

- Your Concordia ID card gives you in-person access to other Quebec university collections

- BCI card gives you in-person access to university collections outside Quebec

- Interlibrary Loans (ILL)

More about ILL
How to access the service

- Via Sofia

- From search results, expand search to "Libraries Worldwide"

More about ILL
How to access the service

Then look for the button "Request via Interlibrary Loan"

Note that the "Chapter scan / Put on Course Reserve" button will also lead to this service
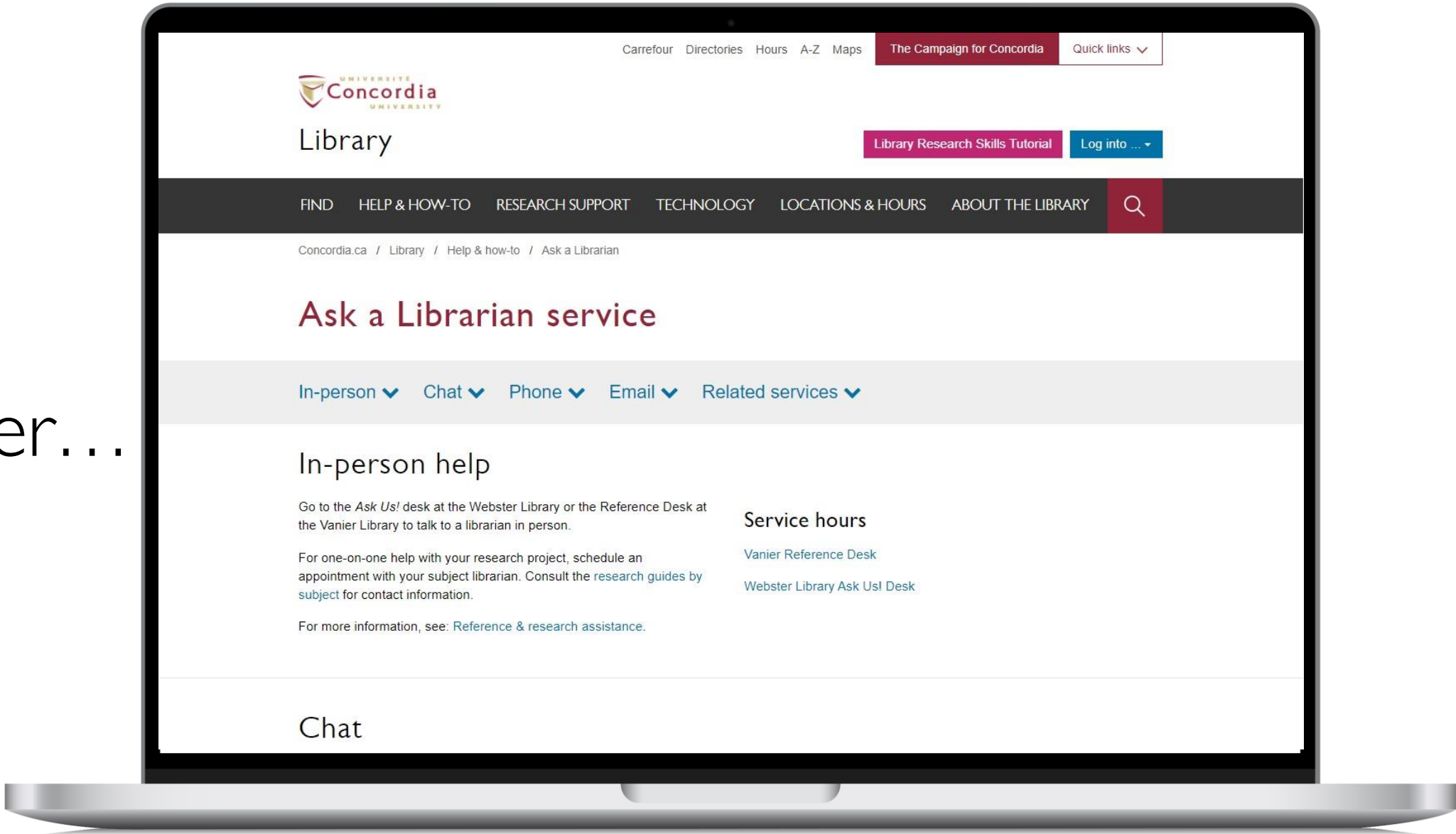
More about ILL
Parameters of service

- You will receive email notifications when your ILL request is available for pickup or download

- Physical items can be picked up at the Circulation/Loans desks at either Vanier or Webster Library

- ILL requests can be borrowed for 30 days, with up to 4 automatic renewals, or until item is recalled

- For more information see:

  https://library.concordia.ca/help/using/sofia/request.php

  https://library.concordia.ca/find/interlibrary-loans/

For help remember…

Any questions?

https://www.concordia.ca/library/guides/gradproskills/gpll231.html