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Searching for Open Access information just got easier

We've upgraded the Lib4RI Search Tool so that Open Access (OA) information is even easier and clearer to find. We have also changed the design to be more streamlined and added new features to ensure the search tool is your one-stop shop for all library-related content.

Improved journal search

The Journals tab provides OA information and funding opportunities to make it easy to view and find up-to-date information on OA publishing options for each journal.

We have now integrated our Search Tool with our institutional repository, DORA. This means that the search for journals is now based on the publications of the researchers of the four research institutes – and no longer on the global results of swisscovery. Therefore, search results now display the most relevant journals for the four research institutes (Figure 1). Furthermore, they are sorted by the number of publications in our repository. Together with the new OA lock symbols, it gives you a quick overview of your OA options for the most relevant journals. If a journal does not appear in the first results, there is always the option to expand the search to all results in swisscovery.

The integration is also done in the other direction: For each journal, you can now easily view articles published by other 4RI researchers in this journal.

This update also provides further improvements. Searching in our own database, DORA, leads to a significantly improved search speed for the journals tab. And we now provide a glossary, which defines OA publishing terms.

Figure 1. Annotated screenshot of the upgraded Journals tab of the Search Tool.

New tabs for Books and Other resources

The Search Tool also compiles information from numerous sources, so instead of searching multiple platforms separately, it brings together results from a wide range of scholarly sources. However, the results have been a bit overwhelming – and we've listened to your feedback in our user survey and made the Search Tool clearer and more intuitive. We've put the results for Books into a separate tab (Figure 2), which includes the swisscovery results but also the DORA results for books, book chapters and conference proceedings published by RI researchers. Finally, we created a new tab for Other resources, where you can now find standards, patents, dissertations, maps & geodata, newspapers & magazines, images and results from Wikipedia.
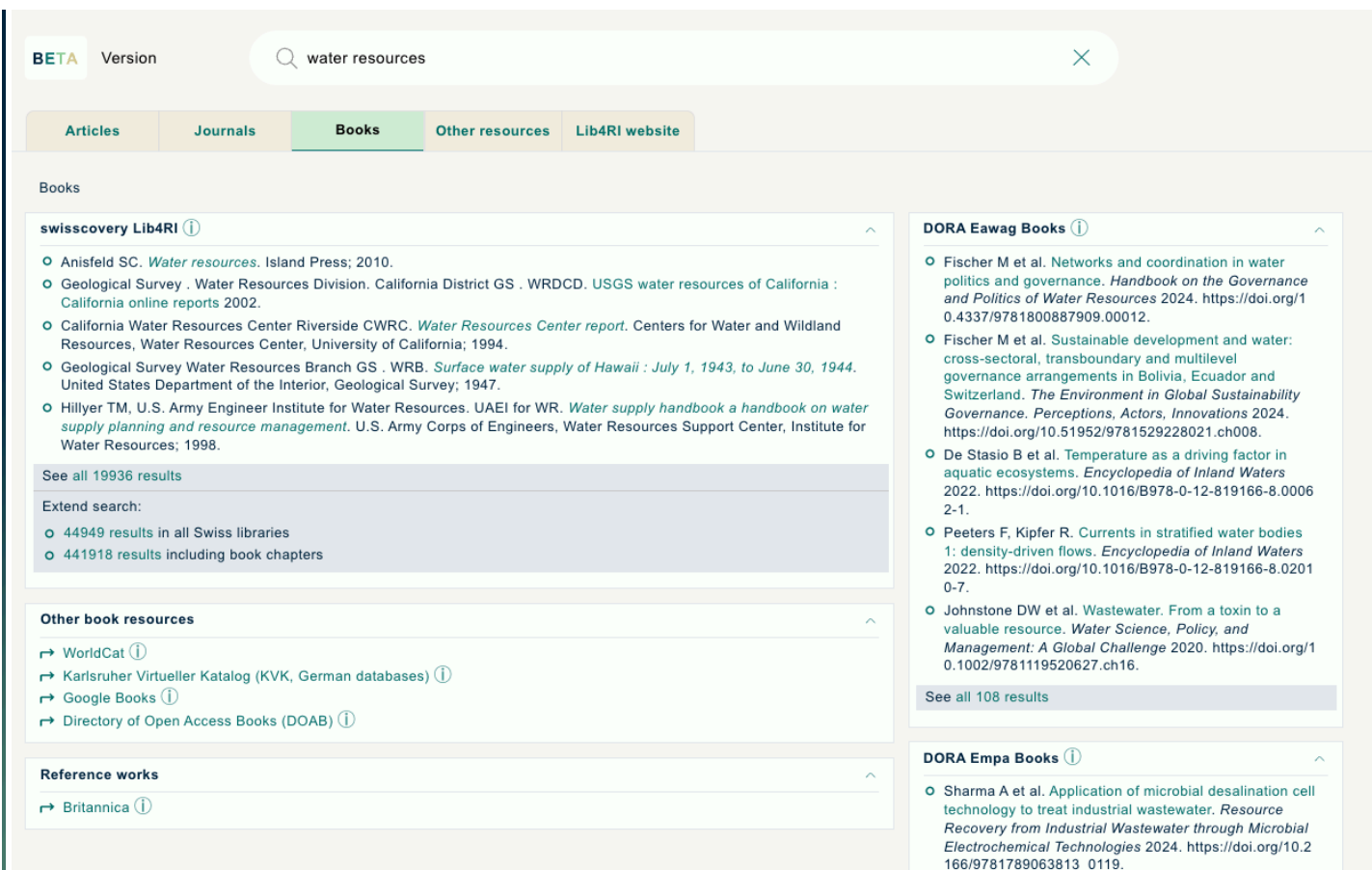
Figure 2. Screenshot of the newly added Books tab.

What's next?

We are always trying to improve our library services, and the Search Tool is no exception. More updates are planned (including searching by journal subject!) and your feedback helps us set priorities and make more improvements. If you have suggestions or ideas, we'd love to hear from you.

Send us your feedback!

Lib4RI autumn training 2025: Searching & Managing Scientific Information

Our bi-annual introductory training series is back! All modules can be booked individually and are open and free to all members of the four research institutes. PhD students can receive a recommendation for one ECTS point after participating in four courses throughout their studies.

1. «Searching Scientific Information»
2. «Scientific Publishing – From Writing to Sharing»
3. «Open Access & Copyright»
4a. «Literature Management with Endnote»
4b. «Literature Management with Zotero»
5. «Getting Started with LaTeX»
6. «Work on Your Own Project»
7a. «Research Data Management – The Basics»
7b. «Make Your Life Easier with Git»
8a. «AI Made Easy: A Beginner's Toolkit for Streamlining your Projects»

8b. «AI in Research & Scientific Writing»

Learn more here.

Want a training tailored to your group, reach out at info@lib4ri.ch.

Library news

Data Management Campus: eLearning and Open Educational Resources on how to manage your research data

Want to know how to publish your data, or figure out how to find the right metadata standard for you? The Data Management Campus is proud to announce the launch of its first set of eLearning modules to help you with your research data management! Read more here.

65 years of snow and avalanche science

65 years of snow and avalanche science Lib4RI has completed the digitalisation of more than 700 historical snow and avalanche reports from the WSL Institute for Snow and Avalanche Research (SLF) in Davos. Published between 1938 to 2005, these reports document decades of avalanche observations and snow science conducted by researchers from Switzerland and around the world. We are excited that these reports are now publicly available on our institutional repository DORA for all to explore. Read more here.

Shape your new user space at Eawag-Empa library

We've rearranged the library space, making more room available for our users. We welcome your wishes and suggestions to help shape the final space! Read more here.

Did you know ...?
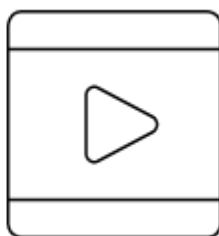
... recordings of previous events are available?

For many of our previous events, we provide the recordings on our website. This includes the Love Data Week coffee lectures, as well as keynotes from the Open Access weeks and the AI lecture series. You can find all available recordings here.

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Beyond the library

AI / AI model trained to find questionable open-access journals

With the increase of open-access journals comes an increase in questionable and exploitive journals. This AI model has been trained to flag questionable open-access journals. Read the full paper here or the news coverage here.

Career / Researchers value null results, but struggle to publish them

Survey finds that researchers are reluctant to publish null results even though the majority of respondents indicate it is important to share them. Read more here.

Open Science / NASA Open Science trainings

NASA is offering free, online training courses covering introductory Open Science training. Read more here.

Bibliometrics / Time to recalibrate metrics?

The strong reliance on academic metrics (e.g. h-index, impact factors, etc.) is changing the landscape of research - not always in beneficial ways. But there is growing interest in changing how we "value" science. Read more here.

Open Science / "Gollum effect" hinders research and careers

Terrortorialism in academia (coined the Gollum effect) affects a large portion of researchers in ecology and conservation, and disrupts career progression and scientific progress. This paper highlights six strategies to mitigate the effect. Read more here.

Bibliometrics / Google scholar metrics

Google Scholar has published its 2025 metrics, which track top publications (in terms of number of citations) and high-impact journals (in terms of number of highly cited papers within those journals). Check out the metrics here.