I’d like to now briefly introduce the Library’s new keyword search catalogue, which is listed there under the catalogue heading on our homepage.

Now you’ll see beneath the keyword search that the previous catalogue is still accessible via our homepage, though it is now called the classic catalogue search. Today, though, I’m going to demonstrate the new features available via the keyword search. So let’s take a look at that.

Okay, so as with most search interfaces now you have the choice of a basic search—or a single search box option, which is what we are looking at here. Or you can use the advanced search feature, which essentially allows you to search for information within specific parts of a resource. So for example here I could look exclusively within book titles for a particular keyword, or I could have a look exclusively for an author.

The other you can do is you can combine different search boxes as well, and you can limit the type of results that are returned too, by certain fields such as format, by language, location and year.

For the purposes of this demonstration though I’m just going to return to the basic search box, and I’m going to assume, or I’m going to pretend, that I am a teacher—I’m studying to become a teacher—and I’m interested in books on managing classroom behaviour.

So if I were to approach the catalogue with this mindset, I would probably put in keywords to the effect of: classroom behaviour and management. So once we put those in there we click on the arrow and we run the search.

Okay, so this is what the catalogue looks like now—the results screen. It’s nice and clean and colourful. So I’m just going to talk you through some of the features that are available on this page. The first thing you’ll notice there is the did-you-mean function. You’ve probably seen this in Google. In this case I don’t mean beyond behaviour management, but if I did, if I click on that hyperlink there and it will take me to some relevant results. It will also tell me here how many results my search has returned. So in this case we’ve got 233 results, of which the first 25 are displayed on that page.

Now at the moment the algorithm that this particular search engine is running under will sort your results based on relevance—that’s the default sorting feature. But you can also change that if you want; you can also sort by title, or you can sort by publication date—so you might not be interested in stuff that is too old, for example.

In terms of narrowing your results and refining your search as well, (it is) a very good idea to look down this left hand column here. So we saw with the advanced search that we can actually limit our information types based on certain criteria, such as format, location, language. Again you can do this here in this stage, and it’s a bit more explicit. For example, if you were only interested in books; you didn’t want DVDs or computer files or kits. It tells you here that 165 results—that’s written in parenthesis there—of the 233 that have been returned are texts. So if you were to click on that, for example, it will refine our results and get us down to 165. And we’ve got a new set of results now, so you can keep clicking on those (limiters) to trim your results.
In terms of the original display of the books—the initial display—we get some very basic bibliographic data, things like: the title of the book, the authors of the book, where the book is locate. So this book here—Positive teaching in the Primary school—it’s in Morris Miller. There’s the call number—LB so on and so forth—and the publication date, which is 1990.

And you can also request it here. So I’ll talk a little bit about request it in a moment. You can see as well that when you hover over the particular item, these two buttons come up. So the first one there is add to cart—you’ve probably seen that if you’ve done any online shopping. It’s exactly the same; it’s like throwing it in a cart. So if I were to add that to my cart, for example, my book cart is up here, and it’s just going to keep adding items to my book cart. So it’s a good idea if you are doing a prolonged or extended search and you don’t feel like making notes on all the books that look good, you can continue to add those to your cart.

And the other button that comes up here is the export to EndNote. EndNote is just a bibliographic management software, so if for anyone who is using that, this new keyword search catalogue will allow you to directly export the citation into your endnote library.

If you want a little bit more detailed information though about the book you can click on the (book) title, which is what I’m going to do now. And we come to this screen.

So, again, a little bit more bibliographic information about the book. And we’ve also got these details down here. So it’s telling us a little bit more about the book: it’s part of a series called effective classroom behaviour management; and it also has subjects attached to it as well. So when a book comes into the library it’s tagged with certain subjects—or catalogued with certain subjects. And in this case (or rather in every case) they are hyperlinked, so this particular book—Positive teaching—has been tagged with Elementary school teaching, so if I were to click on elementary school teaching that will take me to all the books in the library catalogue that have been tagged with that particular heading.

The other thing—the new extras with this particular catalogue—is you can get a summary, so I click on that summary and it’ll tell me a little bit about the book. Also, really neat feature, is if this book is previewed in Google books, they’ll be a little button that you can click on and it’ll just take you directly to the Google preview and you can check out the book and maybe decide whether it’s worth you taking it out of the library.

The other things you can do as well, is there is a quick My Library login. So it’s a good idea to make use of this My Library feature—that will allow you to manage your holds, manage your loans, and extend the books you have on hold and that sort of thing.

The other feature I was going to show you was how to request it. So this is a really good idea. I mean at the moment this book is in the Morris Miller Library. If you weren’t in the Morris Miller Library, for example, and you wanted to request this book, that’s a good idea. Otherwise, if the status was On Loan, and you wanted to be the next in line to borrow this book, you would click on Request It.

When you request a book you just need to enter your UTAS ID, which is just your student number, and you also have a library pin as well so if you don’t know that don’t worry just give us a call and we’ll be able to tell you that quite quickly. And then it’ll say: we’re happy for you to do this request,
in which library would you like to pick it up? And you just select whichever library you want, and then also you can ... basically when that book comes in we’ll give you an email and we’ll let you know.

And that’s basically some new features of the (Keyword search) library catalogue, and we hope you find them useful.