Okay, so we’ve just had a look at the tree-like structure of UTAS resources, and having seen that you might think to yourself: well, that’s good, but at which level do I go in? Do I go in at the database level? Do I go in at the journal level? Should I look exclusively within the library catalogue? Should I branch out and use the full spectre of the library resources using the summon catalogue? Or should I do a more global search using Google Scholar? The short answer is: it’s up to you. But that decision is made easier by experience and confidence, and the best way to build that is by going to the library guides. So I’m just going to click on the library guides in the top right-hand corner there.

Now there’s a library guide for every subject or discipline taught here at university, and basically librarians like myself, we’ve pooled all the resources — the subject-specific resources — that we believe are going to be useful to that particular subject in one area. So if we look under the Arts banner here on the top left – just going to click on the English library guide here.

And we get taken to a page that looks like this. Now this is the standard format for all library guides, and you navigate across the library guide by using tabs across the top here. So you can see we’ve got a getting started tab – that’s exactly as it sounds; it’s going to point you in the direction of resources that will get you started. Now I’ll talk about these in a separate module – both the online reference resources here, and also books. You’ve got a Unit Reading List, which I will talk about again in another module. The journal articles using databases – this is a big one, okay. So the reason why it’s important to use this tab in the Library guides is because we — UTAS subscribes to a whole bunch of databases, and it’s important that you go to the correct database to find the content that’s going to be suitable for your particular subject. So, got some databases listed here, which point you in the right direction. We’ve also got guides to using the MLA style, which happens to be particular referencing style applicable to the school of English. And we’ve also got some library research skills here.

So that is the library guides. That is a great place to start, and we’ll talk a little bit more about that in some future modules. That’s it.