When researching a topic, it's important to be aware of newly published materials in your research area. There are countless ways in which you can do this. This cribsheet is intended to give you a selection of methods you may wish to adopt.

**Zetoc**

Zetoc is a service that the library subscribes to which allows the user to view a Table of Contents for journals and receive alerts on topics when new information is released. You can access Zetoc via the University of Bolton’s e-resources page.

![Zetoc](zetoc.png)

Alternatively you can create a [zetoc Alert](#) which will email you the tables of contents of your chosen journals when new issues are added to the database.

Many other databases also offer this alert service also e.g. Scopus.

**RSS Feeds**

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) allows information to be delivered to your computer using feed reading software. It allows you the user to see when new content is added to the site. The orange RSS icon above indicates when this feature is available.

**Social Media**

Many organisations and researchers now have Facebook, Twitter, Linked In, Google Plus and numerous other ways to share and communicate with interested parties. The button below is an example of what you may see on a website.
Conference Papers

Conference papers detail the latest research in a given topic and are quite often practitioner based. You can search for these online or use Zetoc to search by topic.

Email Discussion Lists

Email discussion lists, social media and blogs can alert you to the latest information in subject areas. It’s important to always check the credentials of the information for validity and authority before using them for academic purposes.

Online News

You can use Discover@Bolton or Proquest News and Newspapers, which you can access via various links on the A – Z list of databases, to search worldwide news sources. Use European Newsstream to search UK newspapers. Always check with your tutor before citing newspaper sources, as often tutors prefer scholarly journals. However, if you want to research something which is new, newspapers are a good place to familiarise yourself with the topic.

Publishers Websites

You can sign up to publishers’ websites (journals and/or books) and receive emails when new material is released. Most large publishers offer this service.

Further help

You can speak to the staff in the Library, if you require any further help and guidance, telephone 01204 903232 or email subjecthelp@bolton.ac.uk