

## **Virtual Library Resources**

The IOU Virtual library aims to:

- (1) provide members of IOU Community with access to library services and information resources irrespective of their geographical location, social or employment circumstances
- (2) provide strong research collections that support and strengthen academic programs and the research interests of faculty and learners.
- (3) work with collaborating organizations and institutions in providing library and learning resource facilities and services
- (4) To continuously increase access to research data bases and other learning resources to meet the University Community information needs.

### **Library Access**

As adult learners in Graduate Studies many in our IOU community already have access to library resources through positions in Higher Education and Industry. The Virtual Library data bases listed here are designed to supplement library access.

### **Library Skills Assessment**

During the IOU graduate Studies Orientation, the faculty will make an assessment of learner research skills and work with individuals to strengthen them where necessary

### **Recommended Databases**

To further learner access to research materials our faculty recommend the following two open data bases:

The [European Library](#) This is a free service that offers access to the resources of the **48** national libraries of Europe in **20 languages**. Resources can be both **digital or bibliographical** (books, posters, maps, sound recordings, videos, etc.) Currently The European Library gives access to 150 million entries across Europe. The amount of referenced digital collections is constantly increasing.

[COPAC](#), National, Academic, & Specialist Library Catalogue. This is a freely available library catalogue, giving access to the merged online catalogues of many major UK and Irish academic and National libraries, as well as increasing numbers of specialist libraries.

The faculty further recommends [Questia](#), a subscription based database. Questia is the world's largest online library of books, with over 72,000 full-text books, 2 million articles, and an entire reference set complete with a dictionary, encyclopedia, and thesaurus. The subscription to the entire Questia academic library also includes digital productivity tools for highlighting text, taking notes, and generating footnotes and bibliographies in seven different styles.

#### Library Fees Reimbursement

IOU will reimburse learners up to 200 Euros for the cost of Library subscription fees over the course of their studies.