

GUIDE TO SEARCHING BIBLE SOCIETY'S SCRIPTURE COLLECTION AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

1. Go to the CUL webpage: WWW.LIB.CAM.AC.UK
2. Click on Newton, (2nd button at top of page)
3. Click on UL and dependent libraries, (1st on list)
4. 2 options appear "basic" and "guided search"
5. Click on "guided"
6. Scroll down until "apply limits" appears in bottom right hand corner, click on it
7. Scroll down until "location" appears (the 2nd heading). Bible Society's Library is the first option, highlight this
8. Scroll down and click on "set limits". NB it will often be enough to set this one limit. From guided search, select from the dropdown menus to narrow the search.
9. Most records for Bibles do not have a subject heading, so do not input any terms as "Subject" when looking for Bibles. At each box select the best definition e.g. "date" from the dropdown menu. It can be helpful to set the headings as "keyword anywhere" for keywords such as language name, bible and translator's name in the 3 boxes. If you are certain of the title it can be typed in "As a Phrase", which is the default setting in the title box – though this is better used with titles in the less common languages than with ones such as "Holy Bible" or "Biblia Sacra" which can generate unmanageably large numbers of hits.
10. Scroll down and click on search, this will bring up one or more titles e.g. entering "Malayalam" and "bible" and "bailey" gives a number of entries, scroll down to read them.
11. Columns are headed "title" "author" "date"; the classmark (call number) is also given (as you have set your limits to Bible Society all classmarks will begin BSS)
12. Click on the number in the LH column to read full record

REMEMBER

"Help" is available on search methods.

There are always different ways to search, e.g.

1. Use a variant of the language name, or a different spelling
2. If you get a very large number of hits try to narrow the search further
3. Check your typing - especially in an unusual word in any language, it is easy to make a slip
4. Try a "basic" search instead of "guided" – this is useful if you have the exact title (but not recommended for say "New Testament") or especially an ISBN

Once you are familiar with the basics explore different options, e.g. at the "set limits" stage it is possible to limit between a range of dates, or by language but here you should note that there are 2 alphabetical sequences, the first – for the major languages – is followed by a second list of less widely used ones.

HAPPY HUNTING!

