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How to Search Academic Information with Discovery

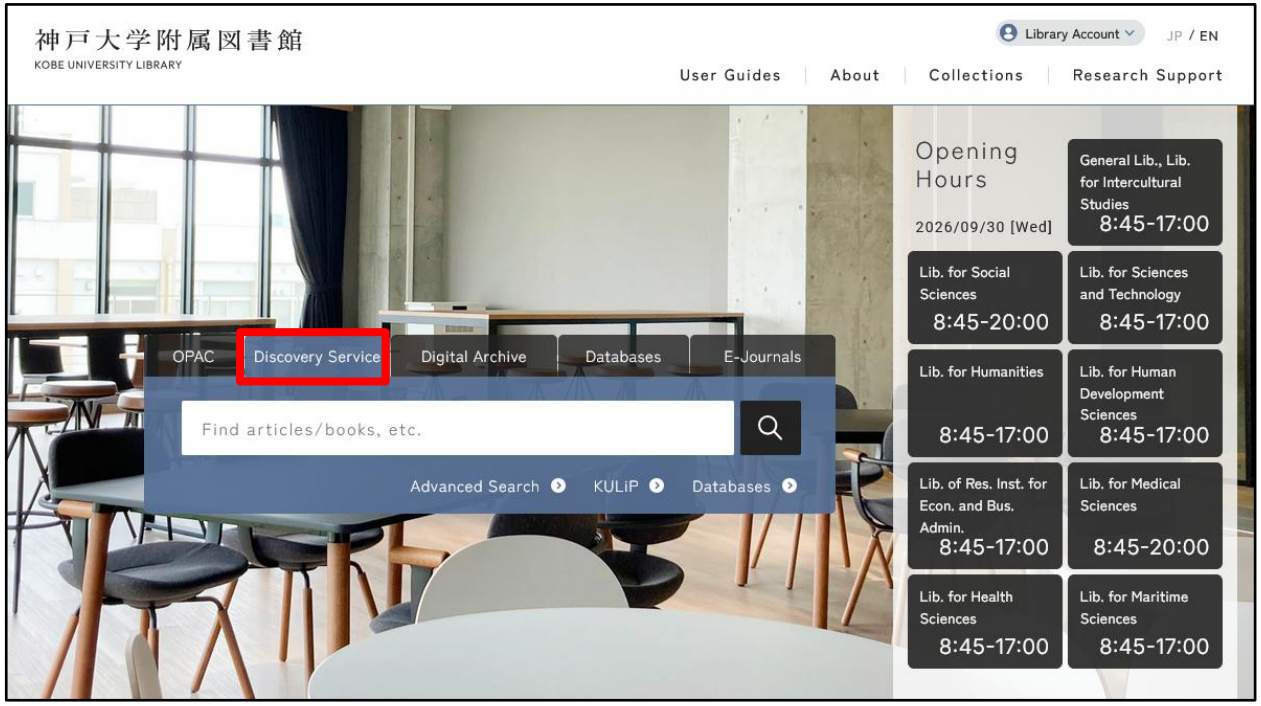
What is Discovery?

The Discovery Service can be used to carry out a metasearch for many kinds of academic information. With Discovery, you can find not only Kobe University Library holdings, but also digital archives or academic papers on external databases. Electronic resources have full-text links.

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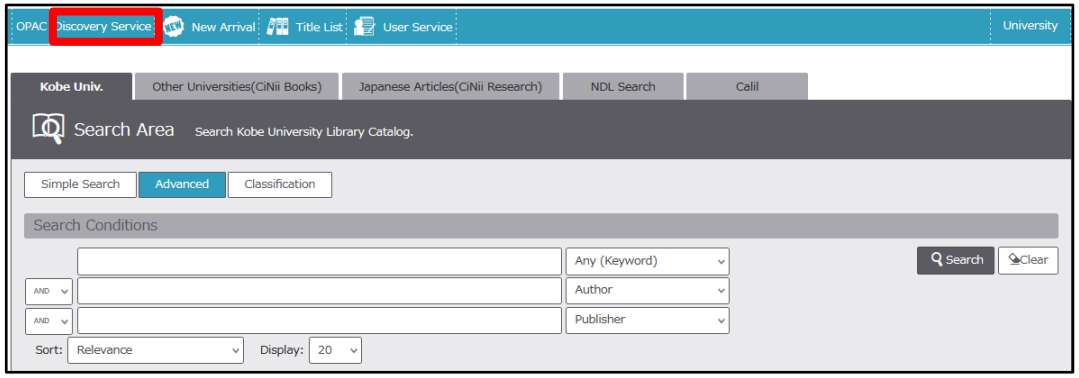
1. Access

The Discovery search can be used by selecting “Discovery Service” above the search box. You can also access it from the menu of OPAC screen.



Library Website

https://lib.kobe-u.ac.jp/en/



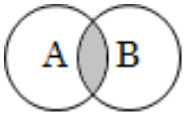
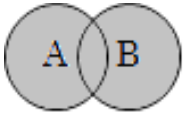
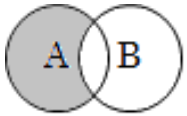
When you use the Discovery search, please enter keywords into the search box and select “Discovery Service” .



2. Search Rules

You can obtain many results by using the Discovery Service. It is useful to know search rules like the following for obtaining appropriate results.

● Boolean Operators

AND		You can search for resources that include both A and B.	**Space** e.g.)「A␣B」
OR		You can search for resources that include at least one keyword.	**OR** e.g.)「A␣OR␣B」
NOT		You can search for resources that include A but not B.	**NOT** e.g.)「A␣NOT␣B」

※ “( )” : Change search priority ⇒「economic␣(world␣OR␣global)」
: Search for resources that include economic and world or economic and global.

● Wildcards (Special Symbols)

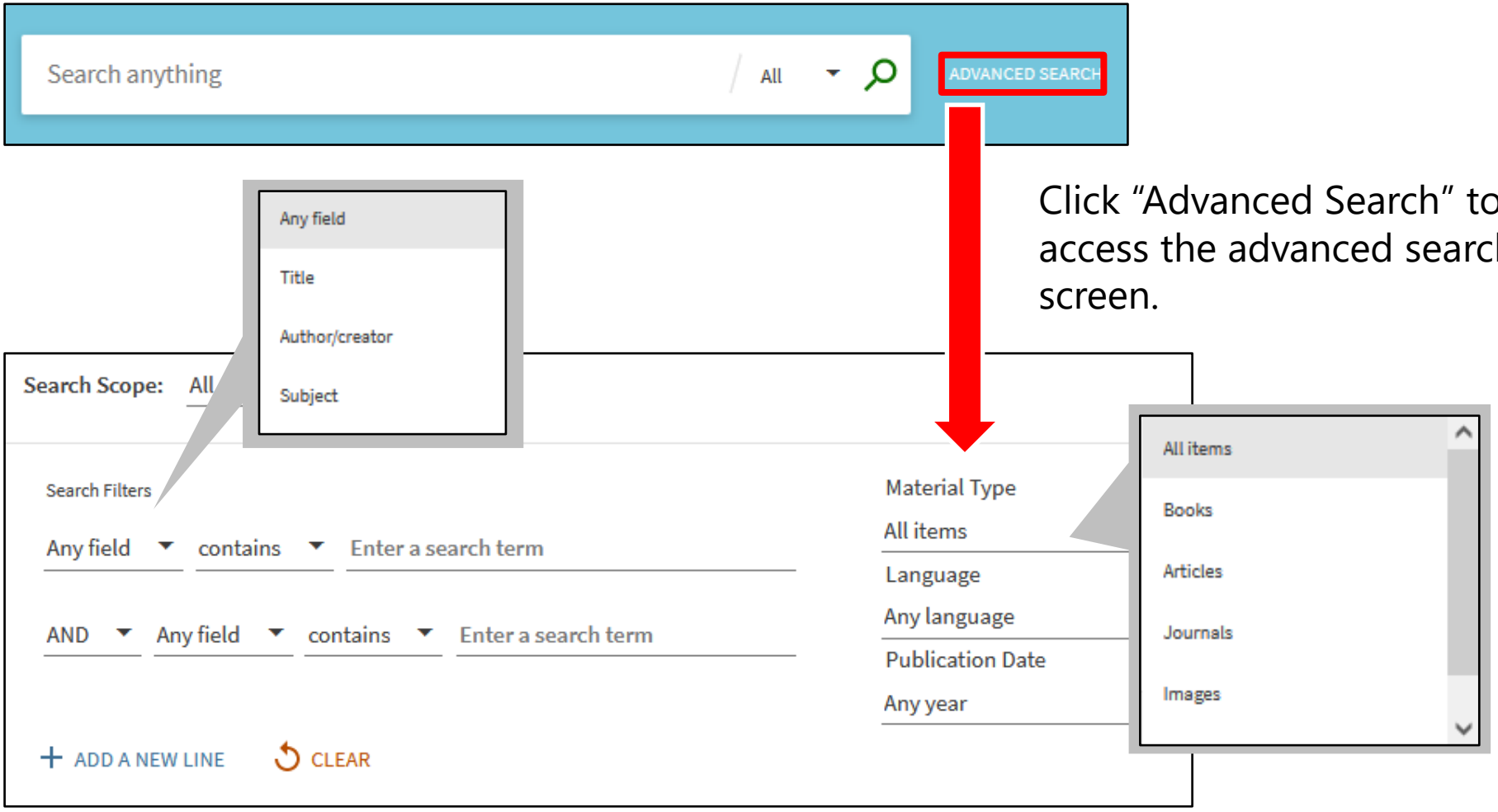
*	**Prefix Search**	e.g.) gene* ⇒ Search for gene, general, generation
?	**Character change**	e.g.) dostevsk? ⇒ Search for Dostevsky, Dostevski

● Phrase Search

Enclose phrase in “”	e.g.) “cosmic dust” ⇒ Exclude “dust on cosmic microwave”

3. Advanced Search

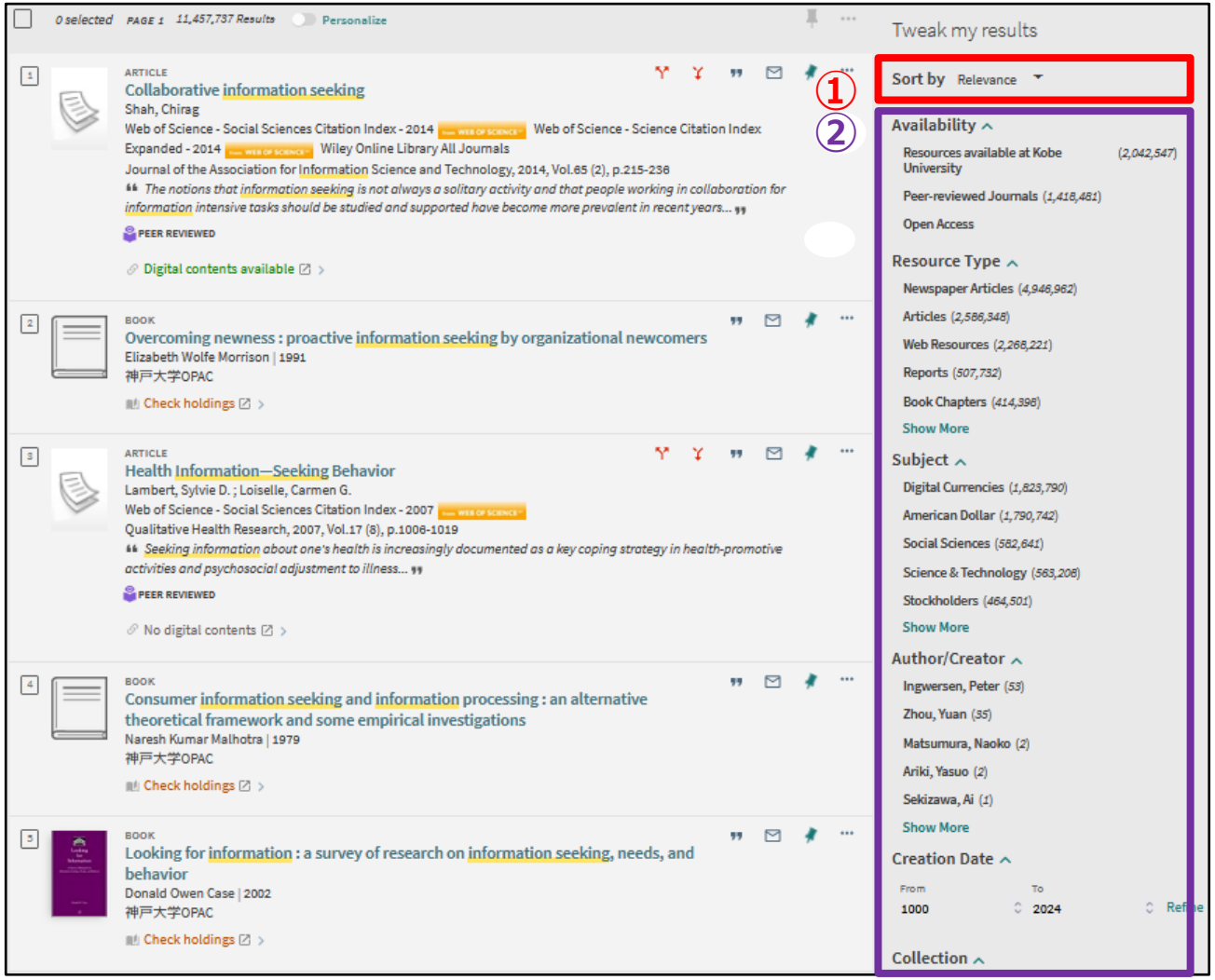
You can specify more detailed criteria by using advanced search.



By using advanced search, you can select Boolean operators from the pull-down menu and easily specify the publishing year, document type and so on.

4. Results List

A results list is displayed after searching. You can refine and sort the results as well as checking them.



① Sort

② Narrowing Results

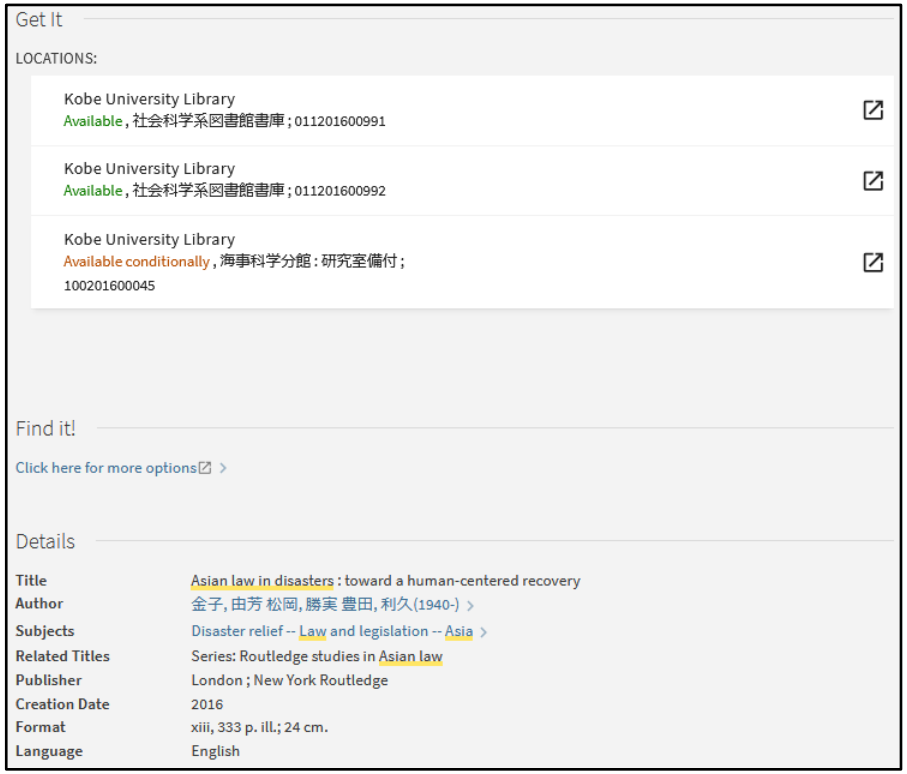
You can refine the search results by available conditions, resource types, subjects and so on.

5. Ways to Access Resources（1）

● Kobe University Holdings



A detailed information screen is displayed when you click on the resource's title.



From "Locations:" , you can check the availability of materials.

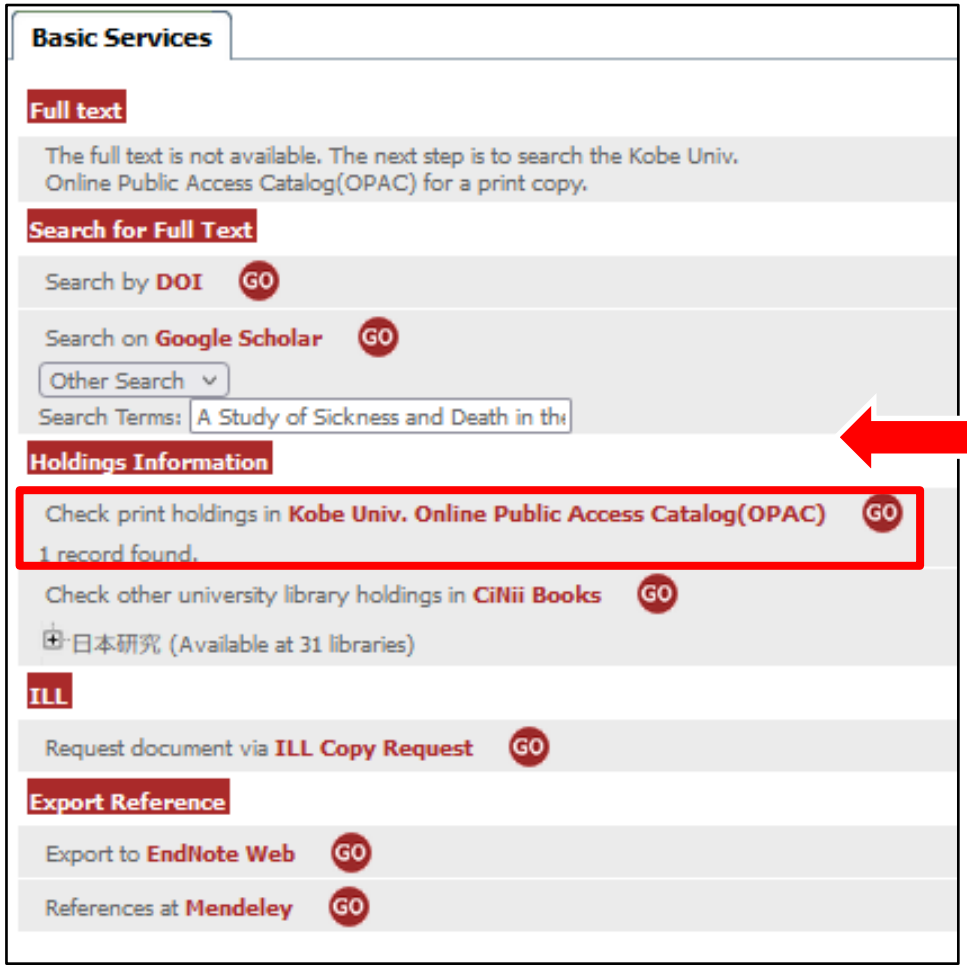
● Digitized Materials (Electronic Paper, Digital Archives)

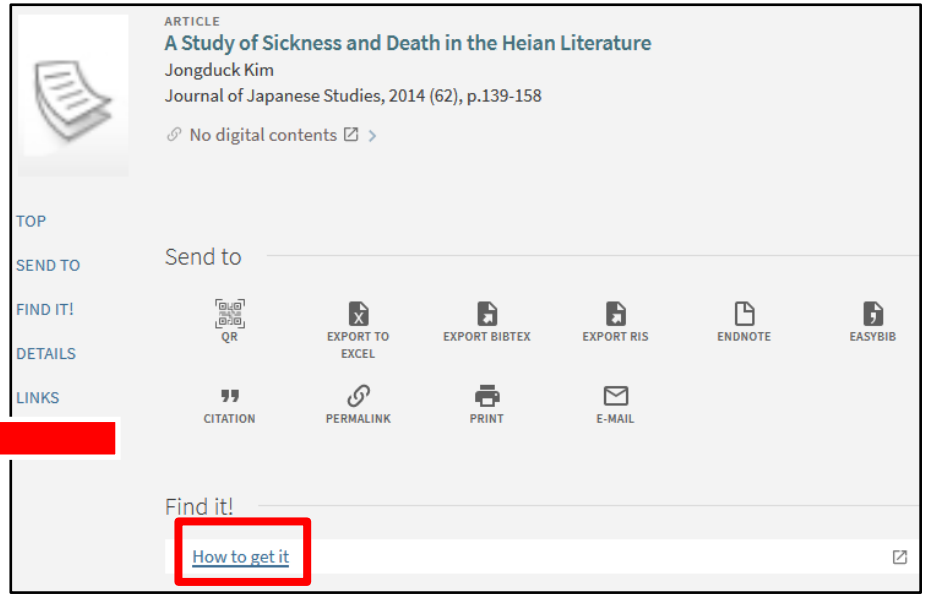


When you want to visit the digital contents provider site,
Please click on "Digital contents available"

6. Ways to Access Resources (2): Find it! Kobe Univ.

Even if the paper has "no digital contents", Kobe University may have paper-based academic journals that contain the full text of the paper. You can easily check the holdings of Kobe University by clicking “How to get it!".

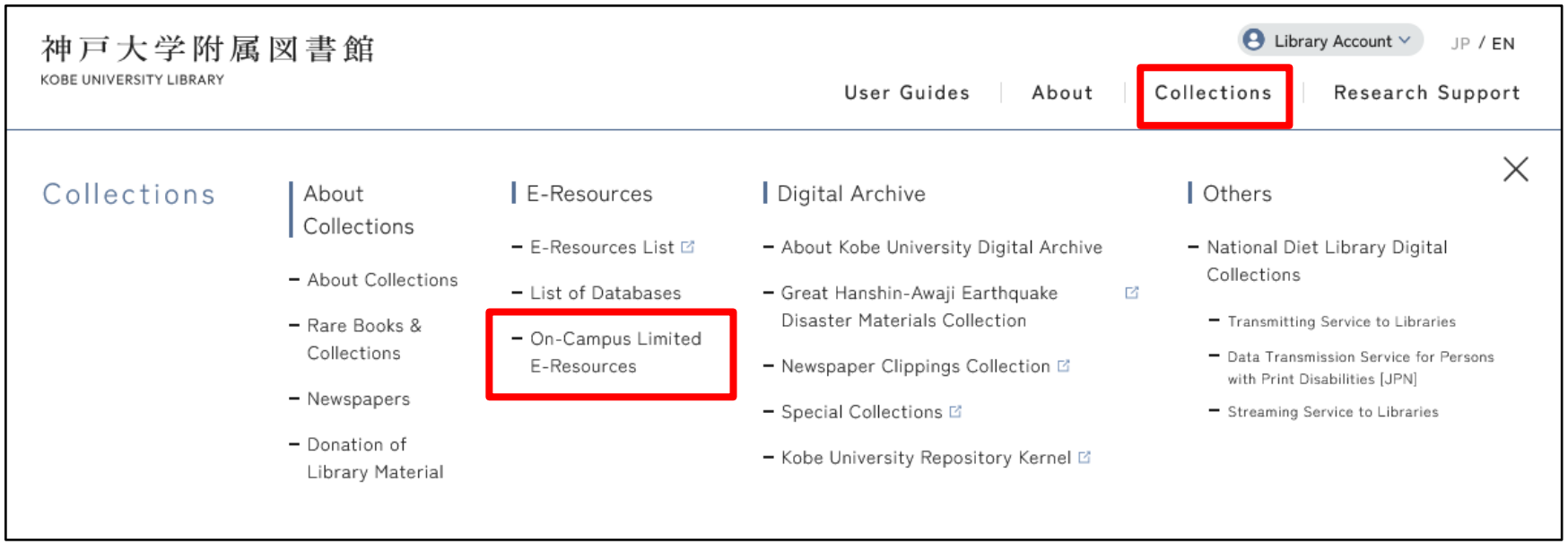




You can access the detailed information screen of OPAC by clicking the “GO” icon if you find the journal is available from “Holding Information”.
When the journal is not held by Kobe University, you need to apply for “ILL Copy Request” or “Visiting Other Libraries”.

7. On-Campus Limited E-Resources

Databases and e-journals that Kobe University has subscribed to are limited access. However, you can access them from off-campus networks by using “VPN Connection Service” or “GakuNin”.





Please ask a Information Science and Technology Center staff or Library staff when you want to use “VPN Connection Service” or “GakuNin”.

https://www.istc.kobe-u.ac.jp/services/StandardService/VPN/
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