

# Database Guide

## **AVERY INDEX**

This guide will provide you with **step-by-step** instructions for navigating the **basic features** of the **Avery Index**.

Avery is a database that indexes and abstracts English and foreign language journal and newspaper articles in architecture, design and planning with selective coverage dating back to 1741.

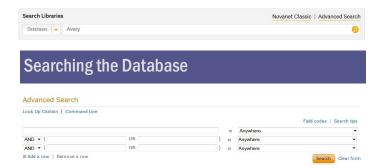
#### Subjects

Avery is the key database for **Architecture** and **Planning**.



#### **Opening the Database**

On the Libraries home page http://libraries.dal.ca/ Select **Databases** from the drop-down menu and enter Avery in the search box.



The default search from the Dalhousie Libraries page is Advanced Search. Type your **keywords** in the text boxes joined by **AND**, **OR**, or **NOT**.

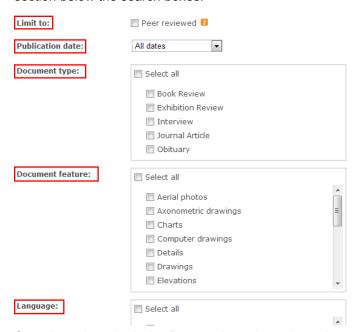
Avery Index has an auto-complete drop-down menu that will suggest possible search terms. Note that you can turn the auto-complete **off.** 

## **Searching the Database (Continued)**

Use the **drop-down menu** to the right of each text box to restrict your search to a particular field.



**Limit** your search by specifying **search options** in the section below the search boxes.



**Search options** include: Peer reviewed results only, publication date, document type, document feature and language. All of these options are also available on the results page. **Document Feature** is especially useful if you are looking for **images**.

## **Viewing Results**



- 1: **Search Terms** will be highlighted in yellow. Hover over the **Preview** button to read the abstract.
- 2: This **symbol** in the top-left indicates what type of publication it is (e.g. peer-reviewed journal, conference proceeding, book, etc.).
- 3: To view the **full record**, click the title of the article or the **Citation/Abstract** link.

#### **Refining Results**

On the **right-hand** side of the screen is the **Narrow Results** column. Click on the **+ sign** next to a header to **expand** the refinement options. Click an option to only include only those results. Click the **More Options...** link to include or exclude **multiple options**.

Move the grey sliders to operate the **Publication Date graph** to include a **range of time**. Click **Enter specific date range** to manually input your date range.



## **Organizing Records**

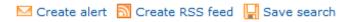


As you sort through your results **check the box** on the left-hand side of each record you think is important. Check the **All** or **Page** buttons to select multiple items at once.

In this toolbar there are several options for organizing your citations. To use the **Save to My Research** feature you will have to sign up for a **My Research** account. **Email**, **Print**, or generate a **Bibliography**.

Use the **Export/Save** feature to generate full copies of the records or save the citations to **RefWorks**.

## **Setting Alerts**



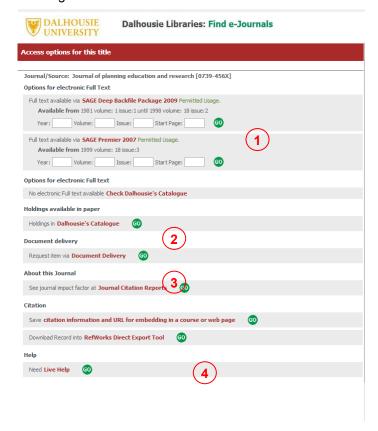
These settings can be found below the search bar on any results page.

To get new records as they are added to the database, set an **Alert** or get an **RSS** feed of citations.

A **My Research** account allows you to modify, delete, or view your alerts, or **save** your searches. Sign up for an account by clicking the **My Research** link at the top right-hand corner of every page.

#### **Getting Full Text**

Click the **GETTICIDAL** button to search for the article in our databases or see if we have the print journal in our holdings.



- 1: Options for **full text** will be shown here. Click GO next to a database to access it.
- 2: If there are no full text options, click this button to search for a **paper copy** at Dalhousie.
- 3: If Dalhousie does not have a copy, click this button to request it through **Document Delivery**.
- 4: To export this citation to **RefWorks** click here.

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