As well as searching Primo students can also focus their search results by looking at specific types of databases and searching by subject specific databases. The Library has access to a huge range of databases via our Find Database link.
Once you have discovered relevant databases you can navigate to this by selecting the relevant letter and choosing the link – to help you discover the most relevant resources for your subject we have Library subject guides or you can choose from the drop down menus for the subject and type of databases.
Our library subject guides are based on the programmes we teach here at Plymouth so you may not find your specific course listed but there should be a guide for the general subject area. The guides are created by the Information Specialists who support each subject here at Plymouth so may have slightly different styles but all of them will include information about resources relevant to that subject area.
On the LibGuide for each college there are links to general databases that all subject may find useful – these include Box of Broadcasts which is an off air TV and radio archive and recording service and our newspaper and legal databases.
Bob allows you to search its archive and request programmes to be recorded – you can request recordings up to 7 days after the show was aired. You can create your own playlist and also create clips from programme and then share them via a link with your students (as long as they are University Plymouth students).
Lexis is our legal database and from here you can search for legislation or a particular case or precedent.
Nexis is the newspaper database that the library subscribes to you can search via keyword and choose what type of newspapers you want to search e.g regional or broadsheets, national or international and within certain date ranges.
Another key resource listed on the college LibGuide is Lynda.com which is a collection of online training videos covering a range of IT systems including Microsoft Office Programmes, presentation software, photo, video and audio editing. There are also tutorials on essential skills such as time management and note taking.

As well as helping with assignments Lynda.com offers you a chance to gain transferable skills to help your employment prospects.

Access Lynda.com here
You can browse the Library by type of software you are interested in, like Bob you can create your own playlist of courses you are interested in.
EXERCISE

Have a look at the Library guide for a chosen subject — see if there are any resources that would be useful.

Explore BoB, Lexis, Nexis or Lynda.com.