

## Guide on Access to Daystar University Library Resources (online, print, and audio-visual)

Daystar University Library provides print, audio-visual, and electronic information resources that support the learning and research needs of the university's students and faculty.

This guide provides instructions on how to access these resources;

### Access to the Print and Audio-Visual Collection

You can find out what print and audio-visual information resources the library holds by visiting the library Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) at <http://library.daystar.ac.ke/>

Open <http://library.daystar.ac.ke/> to get the catalog's search interface.

On the search interface, you can either use the **standard** or **advanced** search to enter your search term.

The catalogue allows you to search by the **author, title, subject, or topic**.

It is advisable to use the **advanced search** for it provides for more refined searching.

The catalogue is web-based and therefore accessible from anywhere

To get the information resources that you identify through the catalogue, you will need to visit our libraries.

More details on the use of the of OPAC are provided in the "*Daystar Library Online Public Access User Guide*"

### Access to Electronic Books & Electronic Journals

The Daystar University Library **E-books** and **E-journals** can be accessed in two ways: **within the university premises** and **off-campus**.

#### Access within the University Premises

Visit the Daystar University homepage at [www.daystar.ac.ke](http://www.daystar.ac.ke).

From this homepage, you will see the library portal labelled '**Library**'

Once you click on 'Library' you will see 'Digital Library' as one of the icons within '**Library**'

Click on the 'Digital Library' and you will see these subheadings: **E-Books, E-Journals, and Abstracts**.

Click on either **E-Books** or **E-journals** to get the list of e-book or e-journal databases that the library provides access to.

For each of the databases, a subject description is provided.

Select the database\s that provides the subject you are interested in.

The selection will lead you the database's home page from where you can do your search.

Each of the databases provides various search and browsing options.

## Off-Campus Access

Off-campus access will require log-in credentials. If you have not received credentials, you can request for the same by sending an email to [referencelibrarian@daystar.ac.ke](mailto:referencelibrarian@daystar.ac.ke). Indicate your student and National ID/Passport number in the email.

Two ways for off-campus access:

### 1. *Through the Library Portal*

Visit the Daystar University homepage at [www.daystar.ac.ke](http://www.daystar.ac.ke)  
From this homepage, you will see the library portal labelled 'Library'  
Once you click on 'Library' you will see 'Off-Campus Access' as one of the icons within 'Library'  
Click on the 'off-campus' link and you will be directed to a log-in page  
Sign-in with your assigned off-campus access credentials  
Once you sign in you will see a list of e-book and e-journal databases  
Select the database\ that provides the subject you are interested in  
The selection will lead you to the database's home page from where you can do your search  
Each of the databases provides various search and browsing options

### 2. *Through the URL: <http://webopac.daystar.ac.ke:2048>*

Type this URL: <http://webopac.daystar.ac.ke:2048> on to your web browser  
You will be directed to a log-in page  
Sign-in with your assigned off-campus access credentials  
Once you sign in you will see a list of e-book and e-journal databases  
Select the database\ that provides the subject you are interested in  
The selection will lead you to the database's home page from where you can do your search  
Each of the databases provides various search and browsing options.

## Access to Daystar University Theses & Dissertations Abstracts and

Visit the Daystar University Institutional Repository (IR) at <http://dspace.daystar.ac.ke/>  
Once you click on <http://dspace.daystar.ac.ke/> you will see Theses and Dissertations Abstracts as one of the items within the IR.  
Click on the Theses and Dissertations link to get a list of main subject areas  
Select the subject area of your choice – this will lead you to sub-subjects within the main subject area  
Click on your preferred sub-subject to get a title list of theses and dissertations abstracts within the selected sub-subject  
Select a title of your choice to open its abstract

## Access to Daystar University Past Exam Papers

Visit the Daystar University Institutional Repository (IR) at <http://dspace.daystar.ac.ke/>  
Once you click on <http://dspace.daystar.ac.ke/> you will see Past Examination Papers as one of the items within the IR.  
Click on the Past Examination Papers link to get a list of schools

Select the school – this will lead you to list departments within the school  
Click on your preferred department to get a title list of past examination papers within the selected department  
Select a title of your choice to open the paper

**For further enquiries; you can contact the library on:**

**Email:** [referencelibrarian@daystar.ac.ke](mailto:referencelibrarian@daystar.ac.ke)

**Facebook:** Daystar university libraries

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