Up-to-speed with Swisscovery

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Learning objectives

- Recognize the platform and its network of libraries
- Find and borrow the document you need in the new catalog
- Explore your user account on Swisscovery
Starring

- Lauréline Grandjean as a researcher
- Mathilde Panes as a librarian
Thank you!

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What’s Swisscovery?

- A network of 475 academic libraries in Switzerland
- EPFL Library is part of Swisscovery since its creation in December 2020
How do I look for a document?

- Use the EPFL Library catalog: **BEAST**
- In the search bar, select EPFL Library or Swisscovery according to where you want to search
Can I access eBooks from home?

- Yes, thanks to a VPN
- Check how to set your EPFL VPN on go.epfl.ch/vpn
While access to the EPFL campus is restricted, you can request books for pick-up at our dedicated library desk.

Outside covid-19, EPFL Library is open to the public 7/7, from 8 am to 12 pm. You can note the shelf number and location of a document and come pick it up yourself.
What if I need to digitize an article?

- There are scanners in the library if you need to scan a book from our collection.
- On-demand digitization is available for free to EPFL staff, see conditions.
- A request form is at your disposal via go.epfl.ch/beast.

BEAST discovery tool
The access portal to all the resources of the EPFL Library
How do I return the books I borrowed?

- Drop off the books at the « pick-up desk »
- If you have access to the library, drop off the books in the boxes provided for this purpose
- Return the books to the library where you picked them up
How can I have an overview of my account?

- Via go.epfl.ch/beast
- Log in and see in your account: your loans, requests, fees, and more