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That depends. There are four main options.

As you type your search in the Omni search box, three of the options appear underneath the box for you to choose from: Laurier Library, Laurier plus Guelph and Waterloo, and Laurier plus Omni Libraries.

You can also find these options in the dropdown menu next to the search box at the top of your search results page. By default, this menu says Laurier Library.

Zone 1: Laurier Library

Unless you specify otherwise, Omni searches Laurier Library only.

The Laurier Library zone includes print resources from all Laurier campuses, electronic books, journals, databases, and a subset (not all) of the Library's electronic articles. For more in-depth article searching, use the Library's [specialized research databases](#).

Zone 2: Laurier, Guelph and Waterloo

Instead, you can choose to search for resources from Laurier, Guelph and Waterloo.

The search includes everything in Zone 1, plus print resources from the University of Guelph and University of Waterloo libraries. You can request print Guelph or Waterloo resources for delivery, to be picked up at your local Laurier library.

Zone 3: Laurier + Omni Libraries

You can also search for resources from Laurier plus Omni Libraries.

This search includes everything in Zone 1, plus print resources from the other 13 Omni libraries in Ontario, including Guelph and Waterloo. You can request these print resources for delivery, to be picked up at your local Laurier library.

Zone 4: Laurier + Omni Libraries Eresources

Another zone option appears at the top of the left column on the search results page, under Modify Your Search. It is called Add results beyond Laurier Library's collection.

This search includes everything in Zone 3, plus electronic resources from the other 13 Omni libraries in Ontario. You do not have access to these Eresources directly, but may be able to request some for delivery, depending on vendor license agreements.

Which Zone To Use?

If you're looking for things you can get quickly, search Laurier Library.

If you're searching broadly for what is out there on a topic, and can wait for delivery from other libraries, search one of the other zones. Guelph and Waterloo offer faster delivery than other Omni Libraries.

For more in-depth article research, you'll also need to search in one of the Library's [other research databases](#).