2.3.1 Searching the catalogue using a subject heading:

Unlike a keyword search, a subject search browses an alphabetical list of subjects called an index. If the exact term you entered is not listed in the index your search will be unsuccessful. Subject searches are useful because they find very relevant material on a topic. If you do not know the subject heading for a topic, follow the steps outlined in the previous keyword search demonstration.

- From the USQ website, click on the link for the Library
- From the library website, under the “Find It” heading, ensure the “Books, DVD’s and more” tab is selected
- Use the drop-down arrow in the option box to select the field “subject”
- Type in the keywords: “intercultural communication” (I have previously conducted a keyword search and learnt that “intercultural communication” is a subject heading).
- Click on “Find” to start the search
- Note that there are over 400 results for this subject search
- At this point, you could peruse the results to see if there are suitable books, or
- Note the box above the search results with the heading “Suggested subjects (Within this search)”
- Click on the “more” link to see “additional suggested subjects within this search”

- If one of the suggested subject headings is more specific to what your topic is about, select that subject heading
- If you want to find out more information about a particular record, click on the title link and look at the other subject headings. This will also help you decide if the book will be useful for you.