Literature search

Hi, I'm Michelle and last year I completed my Master's thesis.

I found it very difficult to search for literature. At first I simply entered some words in a database, but I was not happy with the results.

I was not sure whether I had found the best and most recent information or whether I had found everything I should find.

Then my supervisor reminded me of the library instructions taught in the Bachelor phase and there I discovered a good method to handle my search in a structured way.

This part repeats and expands on the material taught in the Bachelor phase. It builds on the parts Orientation and Exploration, where you have learned to lay a good foundation for your literature search.

If you search in this structured way, you can be sure you haven't left anything out and you will know what to do if you find too much or too little information.

You will also be able to judge whether your search is complete.

Another tip: also check out the part Keeping up-to-date, where you can learn how to keep informed about your subject automatically, without having to search all over again.