ONLINE CATALOG SEARCH


Click on the tab on the home page that says: CATALOG.

Use the search box on the screen that comes up to perform a keyword search of all the material in our catalog.

To perform a more targeted search, click on the link beneath the search box that says “Advanced Search.”

On the next screen, a drop-down box under “Simple Search” allows specific modes of searching using different fields like “title” or “author.” There is another drop-down box on the same line that lets you search for material in different physical locations or in different formats.

Use boxes on this screen under the words “Keyword Search” for a keyword search, or use the keyword search function in the drop-down box as described above. Once you are in a record for an item, the term “keyword” in the drop-down box is replaced by the phrase “Advanced Boolean.” You can execute a new search from within a record!

If more than one record is retrieved by your search, an abbreviated list of the records will appear. Click on the highlighted link for each record to show more content for that particular record. You can also sort your list of records differently by using the “Sort” feature on the right side of the screen above your results.

If you do a keyword search, your results are usually sorted by relevance. You can also sort by date or title by selecting the links for date and title at the top of your result list.

(Most individual records in the catalog have a map button to locate the book. Look on the right side of the record displayed!)

TRY THESE SEARCHES:
- title=librarians’ nitty-gritty guide to social media
- subject=library science
- author=holley robert
- keyword=(librarian* or libraries) and ethic*

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