



# Online Catalog Searching

## Middleton Library Reference Services

**Coverage & Access:** Free access to the catalog is available through the LSU Libraries home page at [www.lib.lsu.edu](http://www.lib.lsu.edu). The catalog identifies materials in the LSU Libraries which includes Middleton Library, Hill Memorial Library (Special Collections), the Cartographic Information Center (maps), and the Veterinary Medicine Library. These materials include books, newspapers, journals, magazines, government publications, electronic books, electronic journals, videos, music scores, cassettes, CD-ROMS, maps and other cataloged items.

**Keywords:** Select **keywords anywhere** from the drop down box on the library's homepage and enter your search term(s) Click Search.

ex: liberal and conservative

This search is most appropriate when you're not sure of the complete author or title or when you have concepts that you want to combine in a single search. If you are combining concepts, you may use **and**, **or** to manipulate your results.

**Author:** Select **author** from the drop down box on the library's homepage and enter the author's name, last name first. Click Search.

ex: Shakespeare, William.

**Title:** Select **title** from the drop down box on the library's homepage and enter the title or beginning words of the title, omitting 'the' or other article words. Click Search.

ex. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn NOT The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

**Subject:** To do a **subject** search you must use specific vocabulary terms issued by the Library of Congress. Click Search.

ex: United States History Civil War, 1861-1865

You can look up the official Library of Congress Subject Headings at the Reference Desk. To use them in the catalog enter them into the search box . If you aren't familiar with the vocabulary you can do a "**keywords anywhere**" search instead.

**Periodical Title:** Select **periodical title** from the drop down box on the library's homepage. Click Search.

ex: Newsweek

**Precision searching:** You can specify **exact** or **browse** in the radio buttons below the basic search drop down box to eliminate false hits. This is very helpful if you are getting too many irrelevant records retrieved from a search.

**Truncation:** To truncate a word, use the \$ symbol. You can also use the ? wildcard symbol to represent a single character.

ex: *polit\$* will retrieve *politics, political, politicians*

*wom?n* will retrieve *woman, women, womyn*

An **advanced search** can also help refine your catalog search. **Advanced search** allows you to specify a particular library, location, language, material type, or publication year. It also permits sorting retrieved records by several criteria. For assistance with advanced searching, please refer to our separate handout on this topic.

## Basic search

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**Advanced Search**

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Once you have returned a list of hits, click **Details** for complete holdings and location information, such as stacks, current periodicals, microforms, etc.

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Huckleberry Finn as idol and target : the functions of criticism in our time  
Arac, Jonathan, 1945-