



- **Enter your terms** in the search boxes and choose "Go"

*See more detailed Help on [Advanced searching](#)*

## ? **Boolean**

Boolean searching is the most complex but most powerful way to navigate the Library catalog. From the Search block on the left-hand side of a Catalog page, choose Boolean and use operators like AND, OR, and NOT between search terms to construct a search string.

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? Browsing the Catalog

It's sometimes helpful to see a list of items in the Library Catalog?titles, subjects, or authors, for example? **in alphabetical order**. That's when browsing is the way to go:

- In the Search block on the left-hand side of a Catalog page, **choose "Browse"**
- From the pulldown menus at the top of the page, **choose what you want to browse** (e.g. titles, subjects, etc.) and **limit your results to the format you want** (book, streaming video, juvenile, etc.)
- **Enter your browsing terms** in the search box and choose "Go"
- **Page back and forth through the resulting list** of browsing terms by choosing "Previous 10 Headings" and "Next 10 Headings" as needed

? Special Catalog Features

## ? **Filtering Your Results**

Many times you may be looking for items in the Library Catalog for specific types of materials (Large Print books or DVDs, for example), items held at a specific location, and so on. The Catalog offers a number of options for cutting large numbers of searching/browsing results down to specifically what you're looking for.

### **Pre-filtering searches**

One way to specify that only the search results you want are returned is by **pre-filtering**. Do one of the following to pre-filter Catalog searches:

- **Use the "Limit by" pulldown menu** underneath Search boxes to pre-filter your results to any of the categories listed
- **Choose the "More Search Options" link** underneath Search boxes to see a number of parameters you can set for your search (Library location, Publication Date, etc.)
- **In Advanced Search, choose "And" or "Not"** in the pulldown menus to the left of the search boxes to filter or narrow your search

### **After-search Filtering**

**Cutting down a long list of Catalog items** is easy using the "**Narrow Your Search**" box to the left of your Search results:

- **Perform a search/browse** in the Catalog
- From the "Narrow Your Search" box, **choose any combination of boxes** as appropriate

## ? My Account

**Logging in to My Account** makes using the Library Catalog a more dynamic and personalized experience. You can make lists of items with My Lists, get notifications when items are added to the Library's collection, place hold requests, and more. See how all that's done in the Features section of the [Using My Accounts](#) page.

## ? Reviews & More

The Catalog's more than just a directory of where to find items in the Library's great collection. Many items in the Catalog feature links to social media, reviews, suggestions for similar items, and more.

From your list of searching/browsing results, **find additional content for an item by:**

- **Selecting the item's title**, then scrolling down the resulting page
- **Choosing "More Information"** to the right of the item's title, then scrolling down the resulting page
- **Choosing other links** (e.g., Google Preview) visible near the item's title

? More Catalog Help

Choose one of the Help topics below for detailed instructions.

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