

Searching the *new* Library Catalog

The Library Catalog contains the records for materials in libraries around the world, including Cornell, as well as for articles within some (but not all) journals. The Library Catalog search function defaults to simple keyword searches. You do not have to worry about omitting initial articles in titles or the order of an author's name. On the search results page, you can use the options on the left side of the results page to refine your search.

How are search results sorted?

Initial search results are sorted so that those held at Cornell appear first, followed by those from our partner Borrow Direct Libraries, then Worldwide Libraries. Check the 'Held by' statement to see where item is located.



A new history of anthropology
by Henrika Kuklick;
Book
Language: English
Publisher: Malden, MA ; Oxford : Blackwell Pub., 2008.
Held by: Cornell University Library
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How do I limit my search to Cornell only?

Choose the **advanced search** option from the main Library web site and select Cornell from the Library drop-down menu.

How do I refine my search by format (also called *faceted browsing*)?

You may limit your results to a particular format by using the lists on the left side of your search results page. The number of results for each type of available format is listed in parentheses. **Very useful when searching for journals.** There are also facets for author, year, content, audience, language and topic.

Note: You may also place limits before you search by using the drop-down menus in the Advanced Search (see below).



Format
[Article](#) (132264)
[Book](#) (11639)
[Internet Resource](#) (1140)
[Journal / Magazine / Newspaper](#) (646)
[Map](#) (51)
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How do I use Advanced Search?

Advanced Search, which is linked from the main Library web site, allows you to construct more complex searches by limiting your search to particular fields (title, author, subject) and limiting your results by location (Cornell only), format (such as "only journals"), date, subject content, audience, and/or language.

Searching Tips	
Keyword Searching	A general keyword search searches for all of the words you enter anywhere in the record, including titles, notes, abstracts, summaries, descriptions, and subjects.
Phrase Searching	To search for an exact phrase use quotation marks (e.g. "near east")
Truncation	To search for variations of a word, enter at least three letters of the term followed by a question mark (?) or an asterisk (*). For example, securit? or securit* retrieves records that contain <i>security</i> , <i>securities</i> , <i>securitization</i> , etc.

How do I see all editions of a particular work?

In your search results select the **View all editions and formats** link of the work you are interested in.


Notes: Limit to 'Cornell only' in your initial search to more easily see editions the Library owns. Editions are assembled based on title. Foreign language versions are listed separately.



Homer's The Iliad
by Harold Bloom;
Book
Language: English
Publisher: New York : Chelsea House, 1987.
Held by: Cornell University Library
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Cornell's *new* Library Catalog

The Library Catalog and Classic Catalog each have advantages and disadvantages, depending on the type of search you need to do. Here is a brief overview of how the systems compare. The other side of this handout provides search tips for the *new* Catalog.

	Library Catalog	Classic Catalog
What does this system search?	Resources in libraries around the world. Most resources that are owned by Cornell University Library, including many online resources to which the Library provides access. A majority of the resources available from our Borrow Direct partner libraries.	Items held physically by Cornell University Library or electronic resources to which the Library subscribes. This system has all Cornell subscribed ebooks, journal titles, recent issues of print journals, and books on order or in the process of being added to the collection. Better records for some law, music, rare book, and manuscript resources, as well as items in some large online historical collections.
How does the basic search work?	Employs a Google-like free text keyword search. You can use the Advanced Search to search by fields (author, title, or subject). You cannot search by call number.	Allows searching by field (author, title, subject, call number, etc.), as well as keyword searches.
Does the system search journal articles?	Yes. Searches for articles within some journals. Includes citations for articles indexed in four databases [ArticleFirst, (inter-disciplinary), MEDLINE (medicine); GPO (U.S. government publications); and ERIC (education)]. "Get it Cornell" links are provided to help locate the articles in full-text.	Does not search for articles within journals. You will need to search separate databases to find articles.
How can I retrieve non-Cornell materials?	You can find and request non-Cornell items by clicking on this button: 	You need to search other databases to find non-Cornell items. You can then request items through Interlibrary Loan or Borrow Direct.
What else does this system allow me to do?	View cover art and reviews when they are available. Mark, save, and e-mail citations, export them to your RefWorks or other citation management account, or download them to your citation management tool. Sign-up for a free account to create personalized lists, bibliographies, and to contribute reviews.	Mark, save, and e-mail citations or export them to your RefWorks account. View which items you have checked out and renew materials.