

Searching the WRLC Libraries Catalog

Using ALADIN on the Web

What Is the WRLC Libraries Catalog? The catalog is part of the ALADIN collection of databases and lists books, journals, CUA dissertations, sound recordings, and other materials owned by the CUA Libraries and other members of the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC).

How Do You Connect? Use a Web browser and the URL: <http://www.aladin.wrlc.org>. Click on 'WRLC Libraries Catalog'.

Which Search Should You Use?

Keyword Search: Search for material by using words or phrases that may be part of the title, author's name, subject headings, or table of contents. Combine these keywords with AND, OR, NOT (which must be uppercase). Keyword searches are recommended if you need to find books or other materials on a particular topic (also see Subject Search).

Author Search: To find works by a specific author.

Title Search: To find a specific book, CUA dissertation, or other item listed in the catalog.

Journal Title Search: To find a specific journal. Use a journal title search to determine if CUA or another WRLC library owns the journal volume in which an article has been published.

Subject Search: To find material using the *Library of Congress Subject Headings*. This is not a keyword search; the official subject headings must be used and must be typed in the proper order.

Guided Keyword Search: Another way to search by keyword, using pull-down menus to combine words. Guided Keyword is useful if you are not sure how to do a keyword search or if you want to limit keywords to specific fields and combine them (for example, to find books by Aristotle on the subject of ethics).

Keyword Search Examples:

To Do This:

Search for a word

Search for a phrase;
quotation marks must be used

Search for synonyms
that describe your topic;
OR must be uppercase

Combine the concepts of your
topic; AND must be uppercase

Combine synonyms for one
concept with a word or phrase
for the second concept; use
parentheses to group the words

Search for different word endings;
type a '?' at the end of the word

Type:

aging

"old age"

aging or "old age"

aging and memory

(aging or "old age") and memory

(aging or "old age") and "memory loss"

gerontolog?

For Records That Include:

the word 'aging'

the phrase 'old age'

the word 'aging', the phrase
'old age', or both

both the word 'aging' and
the word 'memory'

the word 'aging', the phrase
'old age', or both, combined with
the word 'memory'

the word 'aging', the phrase
'old age', or both, combined with
the phrase 'memory loss'

the words 'gerontology',
'gerontologist', 'gerontological'

Title Search:	Type:	For:
Type the entire title	great expectations	<i>Great Expectations</i>
Type only the beginning of the title, if desired	cat on a hot	<i>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i>
Omit initial articles (the, a, le, der, etc.)	stranger etranger	<i>The Stranger L'Etranger</i>
Omit punctuation, if desired (note: you may need to include hyphens)	alls well all's well	use either for <i>All's Well</i>
Search for spelling variations	proceedings of the 3rd proceedings of the third	<i>Proceedings of the 3rd... Proceedings of the Third...</i>

Author Search:	Type:	For:
Type the last name followed by the first name or first letter of the first name	joyce james joyce j	James Joyce J. A. Joyce, James Joyce, etc.
Try variations of double names and prefixes	garcia marquez gabriel gogh vincent van van doren carl	Gabriel Garcia Marquez Vincent van Gogh Carl Van Doren
Search for organizations/ institutions as authors	american hospital association	American Hospital Association
Search for pseudonyms	twain mark clemens samuel	Mark Twain Samuel Clemens
Search for spelling variations	organization for economic organisation for economic	Organization for Economic... Organisation for Economic...

Subject Search:	Type:	For:
Use terms from the <i>Library of Congress Subject Headings</i>	art modern	items about modern art
Add subdivisions to the main headings	art modern 20th century	items about 20th century modern art

Journal Title Search:	Type:	For:
Type the title	social education	<i>Social Education</i>
Type only the beginning of the title, if desired	journal of applied	<i>Journal of Applied Behavioral Science Journal of Applied Psychology, etc.</i>
Omit initial articles	journal of business	<i>The Journal of Business</i>

