

# The Browse Search

**Browse by author, title,  
call number or subject.**

Browse searching allows you to scroll through the lists of authors, titles, subjects, etc.

Search:   

Search the library catalog on Facebook or on your mobile phone!

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The **Browse Search** lets you browse an alphabetical list of records by author, title, subject or call number.

**Subject browse** - Enables you to browse the alphabetical subject index, which contains a controlled vocabulary of subjects. Subject headings often include detailed subheadings that divide a heading by topical, geographical, chronological and format aspects. Our catalog uses Library of Congress subject headings.

Examples: *Philosophy, Ancient*  
*History Dictionaries - Italian*

**Call Number browse** - Use the call number browse search to locate a specific item or to browse items online within the same subject area.

**Tips:**

- Leave a space between each segment of the call number.
- Include any punctuation, usually a decimal point.
- Type letters in either uppercase or lowercase.

The Library of Congress call numbers are based on the item's subject. They consist of a combination of letters and numbers. The first two segments (letters and numbers before the decimal) represent a subject area; the letters are filed alphabetically and the number is filed as a whole number. After the decimal will be a combination of letters and decimal numbers representing the author and title of the work. A date, volume and copy number may be at the end of the call number.

**Call number browse by collection**

<b>TYPE THIS</b>	<b>FOR THIS</b>
CDM	Music CDs
CDS	Audio Books
DVD	Films
Lec	Lectures in paper format
CDLec	Lectures recorded on CD
M12	Vinyl records

# The Basic Search

**You can search by general keyword, author, title, subject, series or ISBN.**

Search the library catalog by selecting your desired index, input your term and select the 'go' button.

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## BASIC SEARCH TIPS

**General keyword:** When you do a general keyword search you are searching multiple fields, including: author, title, publisher, subject, descriptive notes, contents notes, and alternate title and author spellings. These fields contain many kinds of information about the item, including: contents, formats, origins, languages, details about film casts, listings of songs or musical pieces, poems, short stories, plays, alternate translations of program titles, etc. Some bibliographic records have extensive notes, while others have few.

**Phrases:** Search for exact phrases by enclosing them in quotation marks. These words will appear together in search results.

**Boolean operators:** Use “AND” or “OR” (capitalization required) to specify multiple words in any field, any order. Use “NOT” to exclude words.

### Examples:

General keyword: Homer AND Odyssey

Author keyword: Lattimore OR Fagles

Title keyword: Bible NOT “New Testament”

**Note:** Keyword search results are usually grouped by relevance to bring the most likely titles to the top of the list. Each group represents a similar level of relevance and results are sorted within the group by date or title. To get an ungrouped result set, use Boolean operators to form a complex query.

# The Power Search

Search the library catalog. Fill in at least one field. The more words you search for, the smaller and more refined your results list will be.

## Search by:

Author Keyword and  Title Keyword and  General Keyword and  Subject Keyword

Articles aren't necessary.

Subjects such as Chinese Art, Quantum theory, French philosophy.

## Refine your search (optional):

You can refine your search by selecting a limit or sort option.

### Limits

**Limit by Collection**  
 Coll: Audio Book CD  
 Coll: Music CD  
 Coll: Children's Collection  
 Coll: DVD  
 Coll: General Collection

**Limit by Language**  
 Lang: English  
 Lang: Chinese  
 Lang: French  
 Lang: German  
 Lang: Greek

### User defined limits

Limit results by selecting limit type, desired operator and value.

None =  and  None =

### Sorting

Sort your results by selecting a sort option.

Select...

Sort your results by author, title or publication date.

## SEARCH TIPS

**Wildcards:** Words may be right-hand truncated using an asterisk (\*) in place of characters. You may use the question mark (?) to replace a single character anywhere within a word.

- i.e. Author keyword: *Lobachevsk\* returns results Lobachevski, Lobachevskii, Lobachevsky, etc.*
- General keyword: *wom?n returns results woman, women, etc.*

**Phrases:** Search for an exact phrase by enclosing the words in quotation marks.

- i.e. Title keyword: *"Don Quixote"*

## Limiting search results

**Collection/Language** - It is possible to see which of our DVDs include spoken French or French subtitles. Use an asterisk (\*) in the General Keyword search box, select "DVD" in the Limit by Collection search box, and select "French" from the Limit by Language search box. You can sort the results alphabetically by author, by selecting author

- i.e. General Keyword: \*
- Limit by Collection: *DVD*
- Limit by Language: *French*
- Sorting: *Author*

**Collection/Date Range** - To see all prizewinning Sophomore music tutorial essays from the past ten years put "sophomore music tutorial" in the general keyword box, limit to the collection "Prize Essay" and under "User defined limits" select publication date < 2018 and > 2007.

- i.e. General Keyword: *sophomore music tutorial*
- Limit by Collection: *Prize Essay*
- User defined limits: *Publication date < 2018 and > 2007.*

**Author/Title/Collection** - A search for Title Keyword "Ave Verum Corpus" and Author Keyword "Mozart" limited to the "Music CD" collection will retrieve CD recordings of the Ave Verum Corpus by Mozart in the Freshman Music Manual.

- i.e. Author Keyword: *Mozart*
- Title Keyword: *"Ave Verum Corpus"*
- Limit by Collection: *Music CD*

**Capitalization** - You can enter search requests in either uppercase or lowercase letters. The search functions are not case sensitive.

**Punctuation** - Apostrophes, commas, periods, accent marks, multiple spaces and so forth do not affect the search.

**Spelling** - Our catalog searches for a term exactly as you enter it. Misspelled words are not corrected and alternate spellings are not offered.

**Bonus** - To find Naxos streaming audio books of program titles held by the Meem Library, search General Keyword: Naxos and Author/Title keyword of the text you wish to hear. If you click the link of the audiobook from within the bibliographic record, and you are on campus, it will take you right to the Naxos Audiobook website. Just click "Play." Off-campus faculty, staff and students may connect to The Naxos Spoken Word Library from our Online Resources page.

# Search Results

sjc St. John's College

Search My Account Staff and Hours ILL Request Online Resources Facebook SJC Digital Archives

Power Basic Browse History

Search: Author Keyword  Refine Search

> You're searching: Meem Library

Sort results by author, title or publication date.

Sort by: Publication date

Limit by: Limit by Collection

You can limit your results by collection or language.

Search Results

69 titles matched: plato AND republic

III means this library owns a copy

- A day in Athens with Socrates; translations from the Protagoras and the Republic of Plato.** III  
by Plato  
New York, C. Scribner's sons, 1883.  
Call #: B358.M28 D4

Collection	Call No.	Copy	Status	Due Date	Barcode
General	B358.M28 D4	c.1	Available		25056733

Add to my list

- The works of Plato.** III  
by Plato  
London : G. Bell, 1891-97.  
Call #: B358.C3 1896

Collection	Call No.	Copy	Status	Due Date	Barcode
General	B358.C3 1896	v.2 c.1	Available		25016421

Add to my list

You can create a list of results for printing.

- Platonis Res pblica / recognovit brevique adnotatione critica instrvxit Ioannes Burnet.** III  
by Plato  
Oxonii, e typographeo Clarendoniano [c1924]  
Call #: PA3405.S8 P67 1924

Collection	Call No.	Copy	Status	Due Date	Barcode
General	PA3405.S8 P67 1924	c.1	Available		25009287

Add to my list

100%

## TYPES OF COLLECTIONS:

**General** – contains most of the circulating collection.

**Oversize** – located in separate collections on both floors. Most of these circulate. Exception: oversize music is shelved in the general collection.

**Music Room** – located in the southwest corner of the main floor of the library. These items may be borrowed for 7 days.

**Reserve / Circulation Desk** – located behind the circulation desk. Most of these items circulate for 2 hours in-library use.

**Reference** – located at the beginning of the general collection on the main floor. This is a non-circulating collection.

**Special Collection** – located in the Ault-Evers room. These items may be requested at the circulation desk. Access is considered on a case-by-case basis. This is a non-circulating collection.

**Faculty Collection** – located in the Ault-Evers room. These items may be requested at the circulation desk and are limited to in-library use.

**Alumni Collection** – located in the Ault-Evers room. These items may be requested at the circulation desk and are limited to in-library use.

**Archives** – may be requested from the archives librarian for in-library use.