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# Online Catalogues

search your library's catalogue

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## What is a library catalogue?

A library catalogue is an “inventory” of material found in the library. This material may include items such as books, computer files, web sites, journals, maps, newspapers, magazines, music cds, dvds and much more.

Are you looking for adventure, action, romance, and mystery? Travel through the library's catalogue for all this and more. Once you have found what you are looking for, enjoy your adventures in the comfort of your own home.

Maybe you are looking for ways to start up your new business or looking for how to build that deck. All this and much more is available to you at your library. Find it through the library's catalogue.

Most libraries have made their catalogues available electronically, which means that you can access them outside the library from your library's website, as well as from in the library. Library catalogues can usually be searched by author, title, publisher, subject and keyword.

## Why would I use a library catalogue?

There are many reasons why you would want to use your library's catalogue. You can:

- find out if your library has a specific item;
- see what the library has by a certain author;
- if you are looking for information on a specific topic, and
- place holds on the items you want.

## How do I use the library catalogue?

With most catalogues, you will be able to search by keyword (similar to a search on Google). You can also search by exact title, author or subject, listed to a standardized list or terms and names. For example, the author “John Grisham” may be listed as “grisham, john”.

You can also browse the catalogue by broad subject categories such as “poodles”, titles such as *The case of Clue's circus caper* or authors names such as “Sierra, Judy”.

Most library catalogues let you place holds on the items you want. If your library does not have the item you want, you can request an interlibrary loan, which is a request through your library for the item.