SEARChING FOR BOOKS AT OAKTON

The library catalog is the place to find items held at Oakton Community College. You can search for books and films by title, author, subject, or keyword.

You Must Have a Current Library Card To Borrow Books.

1. Find the Catalog

The Oakton Library Catalog offers two ways to look for books: Basic Search and Advanced Search. Both can be accessed from the library’s homepage at www.oakton.edu/library/

1a. Basic Search

Basic Search is found by clicking on the Search the Oakton Catalog for Books link.

Quick Search
Search the Oakton Library Catalog for Books
For help, use our PDF Search Guide or HTML Search Guide.
You can renew books online by accessing your User Account.

1b. Advanced Search

Advanced Search is found by first clicking on "Books" and then choosing "Oakton Library Catalog" on the next page.

You can also switch to Advanced Search from the Basic Search screen by clicking the link.

If you are looking for something that an instructor put on reserve for your class, click Course Reserves.
2. Search

You can further refine your search by selecting the type of search (Keyword, Title, Author, Subject, or ISBN/ISSN) from the drop-down menu.

Combine search terms using:
AND (looks for both terms together),
OR (looks for either term by itself), or
NOT (excludes a term).

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Type your search in the boxes here. Use only a few words or phrases in each box.

Another option is to search for a particular format (e.g. Do you want the book or the movie? Do you only want to look for journals?).

Finally, you can choose to search only through Oakton’s collection of Government Documents, or to include/exclude them from your search of the entire catalog.
3. **Search Results**

Narrow your search here. Limit by format (book, video, etc.), specific authors, and/or subject areas.

To find the most recent books, change the order to "Newest First."

This results list shows you the title, date, call number, campus location, and whether or not it's available.

4. **Item Record**

Lists the campus holding the book.

Show APA and MLA citation styles.

Click on topics to find more books about these subjects in our catalog.

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