

HOW TO FIND BOOKS & ARTICLES

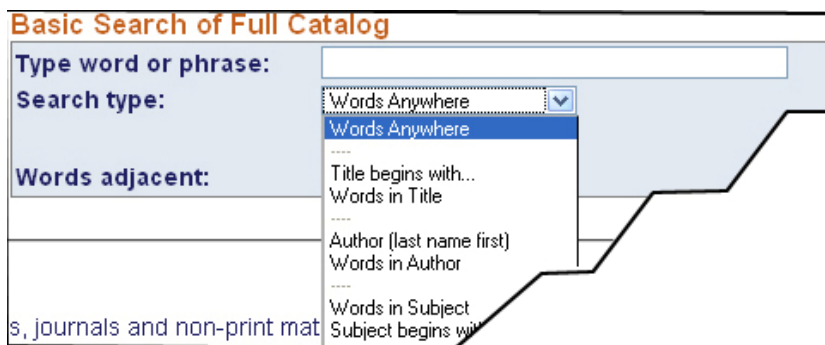
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(Note: most databases are available anywhere with Internet access.)

CATALOG – BOOKS AND . . . :

Books, DVD's, titles of Journals and Newspapers, and MORE! Search 2 million items.

From VCU Libraries home page, under “Search Collections” click “Catalog.” Search the Catalog by “Words Anywhere” (default search) - searches author title, subject all at the same time. Other search options available via the pulldown menu (image below).



Main searching options for Words Anywhere:

Tip #1: Use truncation “*” when possible: (Example: adolescen* searches for adolescent, adolescents, adolescence.)

Tip #2: Use combinations of keywords in parenthetical phrases: (Example: (child* or youth* or adolescen*)) will bring up any suitable variation of searching for children. Using parenthetical phrases is called “nesting.” (Note also the additional use of truncation.)

Tip #3: Use “and” to combine a parenthetical nest (Tip #2) with another search term
Example: (child* or youth* or adolescen*) and safety will bring up any suitable variation of searching for information on child safety

Other searching options:

Tip #4: Put phrases in quotations marks (Example: “fast food”)

Tip #5: “Title begins with...” do not begin title with “a”, “an” or “the”

Reminder: Check the Availability to see if books are “AVAILABLE” or “CHECKED OUT,” or which volumes of journals are available and the specific location.

GENERAL FORMS & SERVICES:

Request Item: Cross-campus delivery - click “Request item” for each item in the Catalog to request items.

Renew and More: In the Catalog, click “My Library Record” to view loan due dates and fines, renew books, or check the status of hold requests.

Interlibrary Loan Services: (Also known as ILL) Borrow books & journal articles not owned by VCU Libraries – from the libraries home page, click “Interlibrary Loan Services” under “Use the Libraries.”

ARTICLE RESEARCH:




From Quick Links (in the center of libraries home page) start with one of our suggested databases, Academic Search Complete, or click the chevron arrow for other databases including LexisNexis, PsycInfo, or ERIC.

For Academic Search Complete:


Tip #1: Search by keyword, combining with “and,” “or” or “not.”

Tip #2: Truncation for Academic Search Complete is “*”: (Ex.: adolescen*).

Tip #3: Limit search to “Academic Journals” – the scholarly publications.

Tip #4: It is easy to find many full text articles with the  button.

TO FIND THE ARTICLE: Get It @ VCU !

 Most databases feature the “Get it @VCU” button. This service provides hyperlinks to a variety of options such as the **full-text** (if available), the **VCU Libraries Catalog**, **ILLiad**, and **Ask-a-Librarian**. Quick – easy – it’s the little research article pot of gold!

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Title: Fast food perceptions: A pilot study of college students in Spain and the United States.
Source: Appetite [0195-6663] Bryant yr:2008 vol:51 iss:2 pg:327

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For more databases, from Quick Links select “Resource Guides.” Librarians have created a variety of guides on many popular subjects: **Sociology and Anthropology**, **Marketing**, **Fashion**, **Biological Sciences**, etc. These guides offer suggestions for top databases, books, encyclopedias, and Web sites. The databases are listed with a brief description of content to help you determine the best database for your topic.

*Remember, most databases do not have full-text;
use the  button to find the options available!*

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