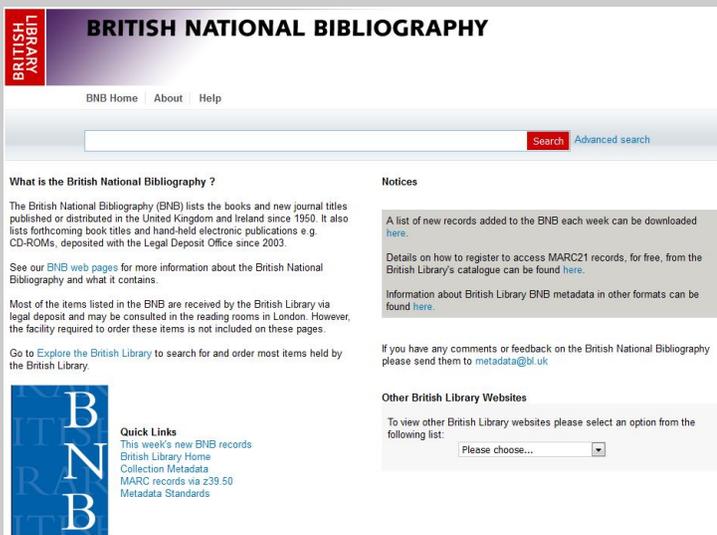


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System number	009010181
Author - personal	Davison, Keith.
Title	Theory of classification : an examination guidebook.
Publisher/year	Clive Bingley, 1966.
Physical descr.	59p.,23cm.
Series	(Examination guides series)

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1001	a Davison, Keith.
24510	a Theory of classification : b an examination guidebook.
260	b Clive Bingley, c 1966.
300	a 59p.,23cm.
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	Book	Details
4		☆ Chemistry / by J.M. Horgan. J. M. Horgan Sunbury on Thames Lincoln Way, Windmill Rd, Sunbury on Thames, Middx : Celtic Revision Aids, 1979.
	Book	Details
5		☆ Chemistry / Andrew Hunt. J. A. Hunt, (James Andrew), 1942- Deddington : Philip Allan Updates, 2009.
	Book	Details
6		☆ Chemistry / author: Rob Ritchie. Rob Ritchie London : Letts Educational, 1998.
	Book	Details

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