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<http://59.181.126.36:8080/jopacv11/html/SearchForm>

Subject

Asiatic Society of Mumbai--Library--Catalogs

Accessibility

Partially free

Language

Multilingual

Publisher

Asiatic Society of Mumbai

Scope and Coverage

The Asiatic Society of Mumbai (formerly *Asiatic Society of Bombay*) forms part of the network of institutions created by the British to generate, systematize and disseminate knowledge of India and Orient: a vast and cumulative body of information, learning and knowledge which became constituted into the field of Indology. Asiatic Society of Mumbai Library is encyclopedic in its scope, including areas like numismatics, epigraphy, anthropology, history, archaeology, linguistics, philology, natural history, geology, philosophy, literature and theology. The library of the Society has over a hundred thousand books out of which 15,000 are classified as rare and valuable. It also has priceless artifacts and over 3,000 ancient manuscripts in Persian, Sanskrit and Prakrit, mostly on paper but some on palm

leaf. The numismatic collection of 11,829 coins includes a gold coin of Kumaragupta I, a rare gold mohur of Akbar and coins issued by Shivaji. Its map collection comprises 1300 maps. The collection of the Society include:

1. One of only two known original copies of Dante's Divine Comedy.
2. The manuscript of Vasupujyacharita (1242), a Sanskrit text on the life of the Jain Tirthankara Vasupujya.
3. The manuscript of Shahnama of Firdausi (1853), written in Persian.
4. The Aranyakaparvan (16th century) manuscript contains illustrated text from the Mahabharat and is written in Sanskrit.
5. Five Buddhist caskets excavated in the ancient port town of Sopara near the suburb of Nala Sopara.

Kind of Information

The Asiatic Society of Mumbai is a learned society in the field of Asian studies based in Mumbai, India. The library provides following type of search facilities for its users:

- Simple search;
- Advanced search;
- Additional search;
- Browsing of collection;
- Searching by ISBN;
- Searching by accession number;
- Full text search

In simple search process, users are able to search for documents by mentioning bibliographic fields like author, title, subject, ISBN, series, place of publication, publisher.

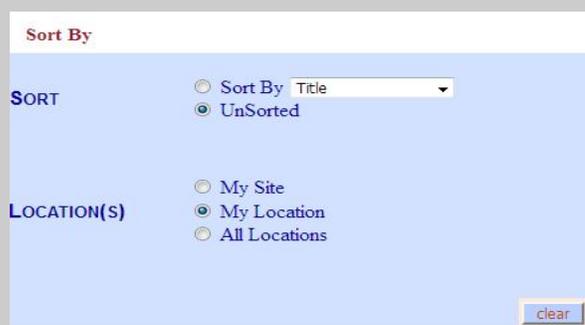
The user can make a simple search using this option also. The fields to be entered are Database, Field, Enter word(s) or phrase, Connector, Specify Year(s) of Publication etc. The following screen shots show it:

The screenshot shows a search filter interface titled "Restricted By". It contains several fields: "Database" with a dropdown menu showing "Books etc"; "Language" with a dropdown menu showing "All"; "Document Type" with a list box containing "----Select----", "book(AACR)", "Books", "compact disk", and "manuscript"; "News Entry" with two input fields separated by a hyphen; and a "More..." button at the bottom.

The screenshot shows a search filter interface titled "PUBLISHING YEAR". It contains a vertical label "PUBLISHING YEAR" on the left. To the right, there are radio buttons for "All", "Between", "Upto", "After", and "Selected". The "Between" option is selected. Next to "Between" are two input fields separated by a hyphen, followed by a "Year(s)" label. There are also input fields for "Upto", "After", and "Selected". A "clear" button is located at the bottom right. At the bottom of the interface, there is a link that says "Click for alerts".

The search result can be sorted by the options like Title, Author, Call No., year of

publication (ascending or descending) etc.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a 'Sort By' section. Under 'SORT', there is a dropdown menu currently set to 'Title' and a radio button selected for 'UnSorted'. Under 'LOCATION(S)', there are three radio buttons: 'My Site', 'My Location' (which is selected), and 'All Locations'. A 'clear' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

The above search process produces a list of relevant documents to the search query. In this list users can access limited kind of bibliographic information namely Title of the work, name of the author, call number. All the titles in that list is hyperlinked with its bibliographic information which is presented at the right side of the web page. In this format bibliographic information mainly the title, author's name, edition, publication place, year and publisher, physical description, call number, subject are provided.

Special Features

- In the OPAC page of the library, there is a external link to Library of Congress.
- Members of the library are able to reserve specific books and also are able give feet back.

Arrangement Pattern

Users are given opportunity to choose pattern of arrangement of books in search list. The list can be arranged or rearranged by title or Author (alphabetical arrangement), Call No. (alphanumeric arrangement), year of publication (ascending or descending) etc.

Remarks

The **Asiatic Society of Mumbai** can trace its origin to the Literary Society of Bombay which first met in Mumbai on November 26, 1804, and was founded by Sir James Mackintosh. It was formed with the intention of "promoting useful knowledge, particularly such as is now immediately connected with India". Function of this society are preserving, conserving, cataloguing and documenting holdings, generating supporting and disseminating research in its chosen fields, providing a forum for debate and discussions on topics of public interest.

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