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Logo



URL

http://library.harvard.edu/

Subject

Harvard University Library--Catalogs

Accessibility

Free

Language

English

Publisher

Harvard University

Scope and Coverage

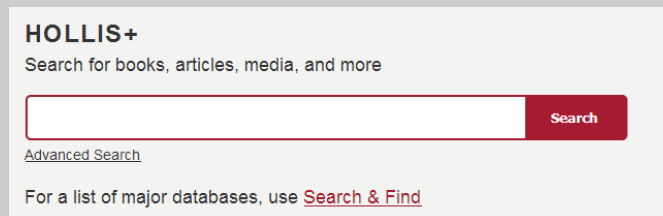
Harvard's library holdings embrace thousands upon thousands of individual items that are historical, rare or unique. These materials range from illuminated manuscripts and the earliest of printed books to photographs gathered since the dawn of photography, as

well as personal papers and organizational records, cartographic holdings from around the world, and much more. Working with these materials has long been an irreplaceable part of a Harvard education. Increasing access to unique materials requires increased investment in preservation and digitization. The library has the objectives like implement a Harvard Library collection and content development strategic plan in support of University-wide research, teaching, and learning; actively build and manage general and special collections in a One Harvard framework; Web OPAC to provide students and scholars a broad and boundless array of materials, independent of location or ownership; Shape and implement a strategy for print and digital storage that links local capacity and collaborative opportunities and many more.

Kind of Information

The library in its website provides opportunities to search its huge collection by different ways.

These are “**HOLLIS+**” (following screen shot) which provides option to search for books as well as articles, media, and more. Under this heading along with the search bar there is another option “Advance search” which gives provision of Boolean search and user can search the books, articles etc. by choosing from key words, titles, author or creator, subjects, resource type, language, publication date, location of the document etc.



The screenshot shows the HOLLIS+ search page. At the top, it says "HOLLIS+" and "Search for books, articles, media, and more". Below this is a search input field with a red border and a red "Search" button to its right. Underneath the search bar is a link for "Advanced Search". At the bottom of the search area, it says "For a list of major databases, use [Search & Find](#)".

“**HOLLIS Classic Full Catalog**” provides different search types like key words, title key words, author keywords, author names, subject key words, series, ISBN, ISSN, call number of the documents, HOLLIS number etc. (following screen shot).



The screenshot shows the HOLLIS Classic Full Catalog search page. At the top, there are navigation tabs: "Full Catalog", "Find Articles", "Journal Titles", "Digital Resources", and "Reserves". Below the tabs is a yellow banner that says "Have you tried HOLLIS+? HOLLIS+ is a new search tool that enables you to search Books and Articles together." Below the banner, there is a "Search Type:" dropdown menu with options: "Keywords anywhere", "Title beginning with...", "Title keywords", "Author (last name first)", "Author keywords", "Subject beginning with...", and "Subject keywords". To the right of the dropdown is a "Search For:" input field with "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below the input field is a "Search tips" link and an "Example(s):" section with the text "evolution and altruism", "achievement test", and "(語彙 or 漢語 or モンゴリ) and (history or 歴史)". At the bottom, there is a link to "Go to Expanded Search to limit by Year, Location, Language, or Format."

“**Journals**” by which one can search for the journals as well as for the articles of those journals. Here users can search for journals by putting key words in the search bar and also can search for journal articles by titles and citation (the next screen shot shows it).

Find a Journal (or browse E-Journals [A-Z List](#) or browse E-Journals by [Subject](#))

Journal title: Contains Omit initial articles such as "the," "is," "to"...

Find an Article by Title

Article title: (Harvard ID/PIN)

Find an Article by Citation (If you don't have all the information, fill in what you have.)

Journal title: Begins with Make sure to enter journal title, not article title

Date: Year mo. day

Citation info: Volume Issue Start page

ISSN:

PMID:

DOI:

“**Databases**” which makes possible to find Databases and E-Resources, these are Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost), Business Source Complete (EBSCOhost), Google Scholar, JSTOR, LexisNexis Academic, MLA Int'l Bibliography (EBSCOhost), Oxford English Dictionary, 3rd Edition, ProQuest Dissertations and Theses, PsycINFO (EBSCOhost), PubMed (MEDLINE), Web of Science, and WorldCat (FirstSearch). In last three months, the library has introduces 23 databases.

Find Databases and E-Resources

Not sure which database to use? Check out a [Research Guide](#) for research tips from librarians.

Database Name:

Starts with Contains

Major Databases

- Academic Search Premier (EBSCOhost)
- Business Source Complete (EBSCOhost)
- Google Scholar
- JSTOR

All the search results provides bibliographic information like title, publisher, location, description, series, summary, contents of the document, notes, ISBN, subjects of the documents, authors, HOLLIS number etc.

Special Features

Along with the above search portals, the library also provides some other searching systems. These are:

- **OASIS (Online Archival Search Information System)** which provides centralized access to a growing percentage of finding aids for archival and manuscript collections at Harvard. These finding aids are detailed descriptions of collections that contain a wide variety of materials, including letters, diaries, photographs, drawings, printed material, and objects.

- The **Visual Information Access (VIA)** system is a union catalog of visual resources at Harvard, focusing on artistic and cultural materials. VIA includes catalog records for objects or images owned, held or licensed by Harvard. Access to the catalog is open to the general public: all catalog records and thumbnail images are available to everyone. Access to higher resolution images is usually available to the Harvard community, is always determined by an individual repository, and is often dependent on copyright.
- **The Harvard Geospatial Library** is the main repository a catalog for geospatial data in the Harvard University Libraries. Originally developed in 2001 with an internal Library Digital Initiative grant as well as the generous support of the Rasmussen Foundation, HGL is now part of a broader multi-institutional project. The flagship site of this effort is Geodata@Tufts.

Arrangement Pattern

By default the search results or the listed documents are arranged by relevancy to the search queries. One can also re-arrange the list by the year (descending or ascending), the alphabets of titles and author's name.

Remarks

The Harvard University Library advances scholarship and teaching by committing itself to the creation, application, preservation and dissemination of knowledge and develop strong technology to support growth of and access to digital collections. According to the American Library Association, the library is a largest academic library in the United States, and one of the largest in the world.

Comparable Tools

- The University of Illinois Urbana Champaign Library Online Catalogs (<http://www.library.illinois.edu/catalog/>)
- University of Calcutta: University Library Online Catalogue (<http://www.caluniv.ac.in/opac/OPAC.HTM>)
- University of Cambridge Library Collections (<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/camlibraries/catalogues.html>)
- University of California Library (UCLA Library) (<http://www.library.ucla.edu/>)

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