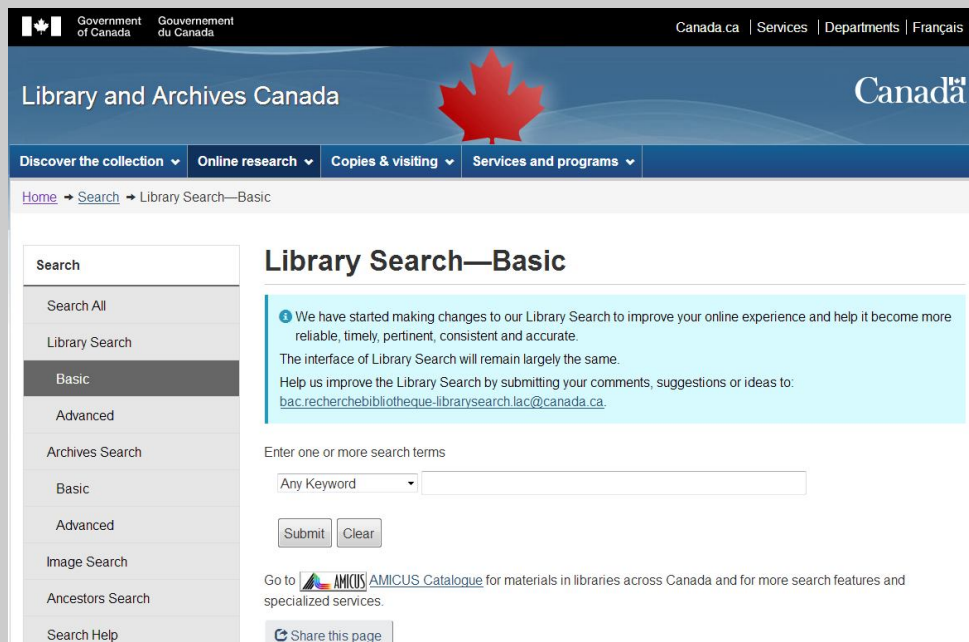
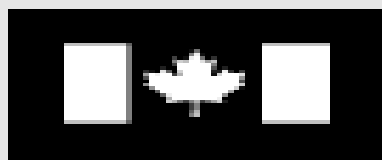


Home Page



Logo



URL

http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/lac-bac/search/lib

Subject

Library and Archives Canada (LAC)--Catalogs

Accessibility

Free

Language

Bilingual (English, French)

Publisher

Library and Archives Canada (LAC)

Scope and Coverage

LAC's holdings include the archival records of the Government of Canada, representative private archives, 20 million books acquired largely through legal deposit, 24 million

photographs, and more than a petabyte of digital content. Some of this content, primarily the book collection, university theses and census material, is available online. Many items have not been digitized and are only available in physical form. As of May 2013 only about 1% of the collection had been digitized, representing "about 25 million of the more popular and most fragile items".

The collection includes the proclamation of the Canadian Constitution Act, which bears marks left by raindrops during a ceremony on Parliament Hill in April 1982 when Queen Elizabeth II signed it; the British North America Act, which features editing changes made by the first Prime Minister of Canada, Sir John A. Macdonald; the oldest book in the collection, *De antiquitate Judaica: De bello Judaico* (Antiquities of the Jews and the Judean War), written by first-century historian Flavius Josephus and printed in 1470; the chair used by world-renowned pianist Glenn Gould while he played and recorded.

### ***Kind of Information***

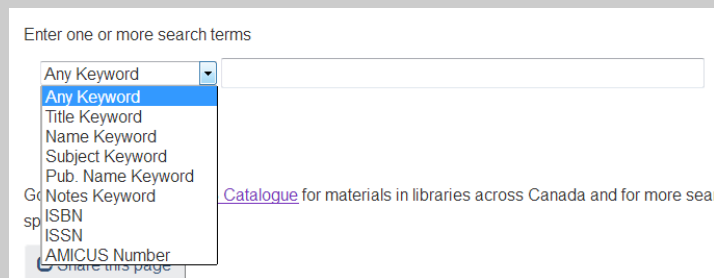
Library and Archives Canada (LAC) preserves and makes accessible the documentary heritage of Canada. It also serves as the continuing memory of the Government of Canada and its institutions. This heritage includes publications, archival records, sound and audio-visual materials, photographs, artworks, and electronic documents.

There are following search options:

- Basic Library Search;
- Advanced Library Search;
- Basic Enhanced Archives Search;
- Advanced Enhanced Archives Search;
- Enhanced Image Search;
- Ancestors Search;

By these above search processes users are able to access the collection including the archival materials, images, etc.

**Basic Library Search:** In basic library search there are following fields to select (following screen shot):



The screenshot shows a search interface with a text input field labeled "Enter one or more search terms". Below the input field is a dropdown menu with the following options: "Any Keyword", "Title Keyword", "Name Keyword", "Subject Keyword", "Pub. Name Keyword", "Notes Keyword", "ISBN", "ISSN", and "AMICUS Number". The "Any Keyword" option is currently selected and highlighted in blue. To the right of the dropdown menu, there is a link that says "Catalogue for materials in libraries across Canada and for more search options".

**Basic Enhanced Archives Search:** In this search process, there are options to choose the types of materials from arts, map, moving images, photographs etc.; the hierarchical levels which includes Fonds/ Collections, Sous-fonds, Series, Sub-series, Sub-sub-series, File, Item, etc. (The following screen shot):

## Enhanced Archives Search—Basic

Search the archival holdings (MIKAN)

Enter one or more search terms

**Any Keyword(s):**

**Type of material:**

**Hierarchical level:**

**Online:**

**Number of results per page:**

### Advanced Library Search & Advanced Enhanced Archives Search:

In these two search processes, there are options to add bibliographic fields by Boolean operators and also users are able to choose type of materials, hierarchical levels, and date of publication, etc.

**Enhanced Image Search:** In Image search option, users have to put key words in the search bar and they are provided to choose the type of materials (the following screen shot):

## Enhanced Image Search

Search the archival holdings (MIKAN)

Enter one or more search terms

**Any Keyword(s):**

- Type of material:
- All
  - Architectural and technical drawings
  - Art
  - Maps and cartographic material
  - Objects (including medals and pins)
  - Photographs
  - Stamps and stamp products

After completing the search processes, users are provided a list of relevant documents where under each title, there are name of author, year of publication, place of publication. After clicking the hyperlinked title from the list the users are able to access the detail bibliographic information, viz., the title, author's name, place of publication and publishers, physical descriptions, series, notes, classification numbers, subjects etc.

**Special Features**

- In the website, along with the search processes, users are able to browse the whole collection of Library and Archives Canada (LAC) under the heading “Discover the Collection” which provides following options:



- LAC gives many services to their public under the heading “Services for the public” which includes the following options:



- “Services and Programs” option on the website provides following options:



***Arrangement  
Pattern***

The search results by default are arranged by relevancy. Users may also rearranged by title (alphabetically), date of publication (chronologically), name of authors (alphabetically).

***Remarks***

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) is a federal institution tasked with acquiring, preserving and making Canada's documentary heritage accessible and no doubt the collection is huge.

***Comparable  
Tools***

- Sahitya Akademi Library OPAC  
( <http://59.177.240.158:8000/cgibin/gw/chameleon?sessionid=2017041813264616316&skin=salnew&lng=en&inst=consortium&host=localhost%2b1111%2bDEFAULT&patronhost=localhost%201111%20DEFAULT&search=NOSRCH&function=START&sourcescreen=SEARCHSCR&pos=1&elementcount=1&u1=0>)
- ACT Heritage Library Catalogue  
(<https://www.librarycatalogue.act.gov.au/ipac20/ipac.jsp?profile=>)

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