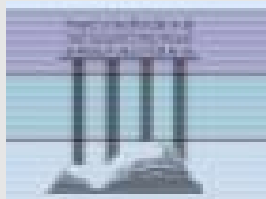


Home Page

The screenshot shows the RSL Catalog search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'End Session', 'Browse', 'Preferences', 'Search', 'Databases', 'Results List', 'Feedback', 'Previous Searches', 'Basket', and 'Help'. Below this is a search type selector with options: 'Basic Search', 'Multi-field', 'Multi-base', 'Advanced Search', and 'CCL'. The 'Multi-field Search' section contains input fields for 'Subject', 'Author', 'Personal name', 'Title', 'Year', and 'Publisher'. There is also a 'Words adjacent?' option with radio buttons for 'No' (selected) and 'Yes', and 'Go' and 'Clear' buttons. Below the search fields is a 'Limit search to:' section with dropdown menus for 'Language' (set to 'all'), 'Year' (set to 'xxxx (Use ? for limitation)'), and 'Location' (set to 'all'). A 'Search hints:' section provides several tips: 1. Fill in as much as you'd like. Using more than one line will narrow the search. If you choose Yes for "Words adjacent," you can type in the phrase *computer programming* and the system will understand that you want only records that have the word *computer* NEXT to the word *programming*. 2. Lower-case letters will find matches of capitalized words also. For example, *computer* will find matches for *computer*, *Computer* and *COMPUTER*. 3. Boolean AND is assumed between words. You may use the Boolean operators AND, OR and NOT in your search string. For example, you could type *heart or cardiac* to retrieve all records having *heart* or *cardiac* in them. 4. Use the ? character to find matches that contain portions of words. For example, *gun?* will retrieve *gun*, *guns*, *gunners*, *gunnery*, *gunning*, etc. In another example, *?ology* will retrieve *anthropology*, *archaeology*, *psychology*, etc. The ? character may also be used to find variant spellings. For example, *alum?m* will find both the American spelling, *aluminum*, and the British spelling, *aluminium*. A copyright notice '© 2002 Ex Libris' is visible at the bottom right.

Logo



URL

http://aleph.rsl.ru/F/-?func=file&file_name=find-a&CON_LNG=ENG

Subject

Russian State Library--Catalogs

Accessibility

Partially free

Language

Russian and English

Publisher

Russian State Library

Scope and Coverage

The **Russian State** is the national library of Russia, located in Moscow. It was named the **V. I. Lenin State Library of the USSR** from 1925 until it was renamed in 1992 as the Russian State Library. The library has huge collection which includes more than 43 million items, including over 17 million books and serial volumes, 13 million journals, 350 thousand music scores and sound records, 150,000 maps and others. There are items in 247 languages of the world, the foreign part representing about 29 percent of the entire collection. The whole library collection has broken into several separate collections, namely:

- Central Reference and Bibliographical Collection;
- Central Main Collection;
- Central Auxiliary Collection;
- Collection of Manuscripts;
- Collection of Rare and Valuable Books;
- Dissertation Collection;
- Newspaper Collection;
- Military Literature Collection;
- Collection of Oriental Literature;
- Collection of Current Periodicals
- Collection of Visual Art Publications
- Collection of Cartographic Publications
- Collection of Music Publications and Audio Records
- Collection of Public State and Regulatory Publications
- Collection of Russian Literature Abroad
- Collection of Digital Network Remote Resources
- Audiovisual and Digital Document Collection (on optical compact discs)
- Collection of Literature on Library Science, Bibliography and Book Studies
- Collection of Microforms
- Collection of Domestic Book Exchange
- Collection of Unpublished Documents and Deposited Scientific Studies on Art and Culture

Kind of Information

The library OPAC provides different kinds of search processes, like Basic Search, Multi-field Search, Multi-base Search, Advanced Search, and Common Command Language Search.

Basic Search: Search term related with any bibliographic field from the top down menu can be given for basic search.

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Type word or phrase**: A text input field.
- Field to search**: A dropdown menu currently set to "All fields".
- Words adjacent?**: A checkbox.
- Go** and **Clear**: Two buttons.
- Search hints:** A section with four bullet points:
 - If you choose Yes for "Words adjacent," you can type...
 - Lower-case letters will find matches of capitalized words...
 - You may use the Boolean operators AND and OR in...
 - Use the ? character to find matches that contain port...
- Field list:** A list of search fields including: All fields, Title, Author, Personal name, Subject, Publisher, Year of Publication, Location, ISSN, ISBN, Specialty code, Place of Publication, ID number, BDK, System number, and Registration number.

Multi-field Search: Search process uses multiple bibliographic fields.

| | |
|--|---|
| Subject | <input type="text"/> |
| Author | <input type="text"/> |
| Personal name | <input type="text"/> |
| Title | <input type="text"/> |
| Year | <input type="text"/> |
| Publisher | <input type="text"/> |
| All words | <input type="text"/> |
| Words adjacent? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes |
| <input type="button" value="Go"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/> | |

Multi-base Search: Selection of different type of collections in the search process.

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Type word or phrase | <input type="text"/> |
| Field to search | All fields <input type="text"/> |
| Words adjacent? | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes |
| Select databases : | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> RSL Catalog (all records) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Catalog of Dissertations in Russian (since 1995) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Catalog of Author's Abstracts of Dissertations (since 1987) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Catalog of Books |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Catalog of Incunabula (XV century) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Catalog of foreign old printed Books |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Catalog of Electronic Copies of Books in Russian and Foreign L |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Authority Catalog (index of names, corporations, classification e |

Advanced Search: Maximum three bibliographic fields can be chosen in this search process.

| Field to search | Type word or phrase |
|--|----------------------|
| All fields <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| All fields <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| All fields <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Click Total number of docs to view records. | |
| <input type="button" value="Go"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/> | |

The above search processes provides a list of documents related to the search queries in tabular form. In this list users can get titles of each document, author's name, publication details, location. There is an 'Add to Basket' option for the users.

Special Features

- The previous search histories are saved for future requirements.
- Users are able to give feedback on this library website.
- 'Browse' function enables users to scroll through an alphabetical index. Some of the indexes available are the Author Index, the Title Index, the Subject Index, and any other index that the library has made available to them.

- The button 'Preferences' lets one determine the way the system shows a list of records. Even if one chooses to see titles only, or one of the brief views, he or she will always be able to expand an individual record to see its complete bibliographic details.

**Arrangement
Pattern**

The search results are arranged by relevancy to the search queries. But users can rearrange the list by author's name or titles (alphabetical), publication year (Chronological).

Remarks

It is the largest in the country and the fourth largest in the world for its collection of books (17.5 million).

**Comparable
Tools**

- National Library of India Online Catalog (<http://www.nationallibrary.gov.in/>)
- Explore The British Library
(http://explore.bl.uk/primo_library/libweb/action/search.do?vid=BLVU1)
- National Library of Australia Catalogs
(<http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/251985>)
- U.S. National Library of Medicine Library Catalogs & Services
(<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/libserv.html>)
- NLS: That All May Read: Online Catalog Quick Search
(https://www.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate.nls?ACTION=INIT&FORM_HOST_PORT=/prod/www/data/nls/catalog/index.html,z3950.loc.gov,7490&CI=072321)
- NDL-OPAC: National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog
(<http://iss.ndl.go.jp/?locale=en>)
- OPAC - National Library of Sri Lanka (<http://www.natlib.lk/>)

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