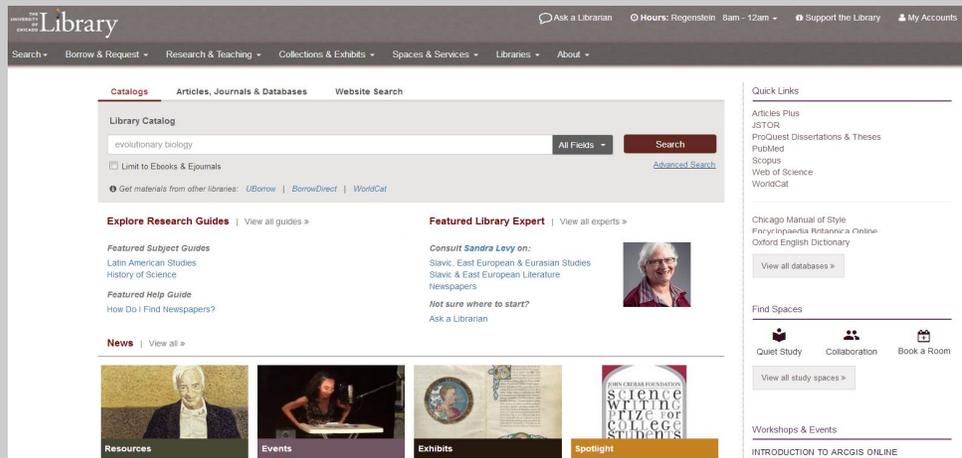


Home Page



Logo



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https://www.lib.uchicago.edu/

Subject

The University of Chicago Library--Catalogs

Accessibility

Partially free

Language

English

Publisher

The University of Chicago

Brief History

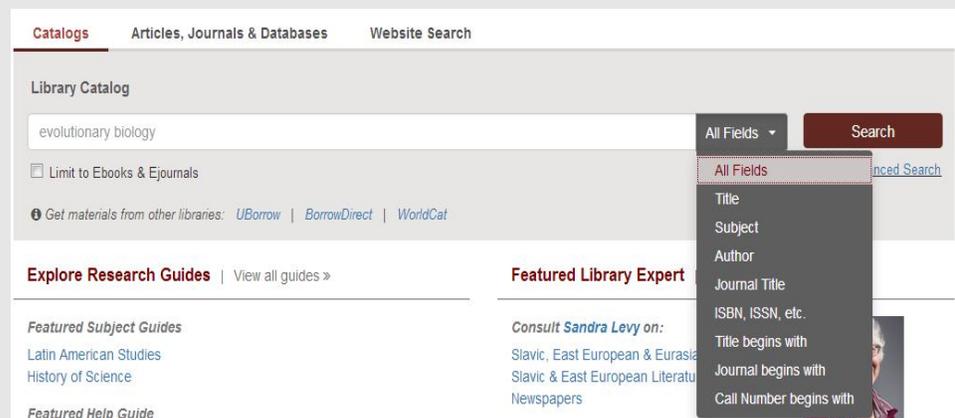
**University of Chicago Library** is the library system of the University of Chicago, located on the university's campus in Chicago, Illinois, United States. It is one of the largest university libraries in the United States. The library was founded by president of the University of Chicago, William Rainey Harper, who set the course for Special Collections as a “working collection” in 1891.

## Scope and Coverage

The University of Chicago Library includes books (print and ebooks), video (DVDs, streaming, etc.), recordings (CDs, LPs, streaming, etc.), journals, magazines, and newspapers (print and online), music scores, dissertations, some databases and websites, library website, archives, manuscripts, images from the American Environmental Photographs Collection, the archival photographic files etc. The library holds 11.3 million volumes in print and electronic form, 62,300 archival and manuscript items, 153 terabytes of born-digital archives, digitized collections, and research data.

## Kind of Information

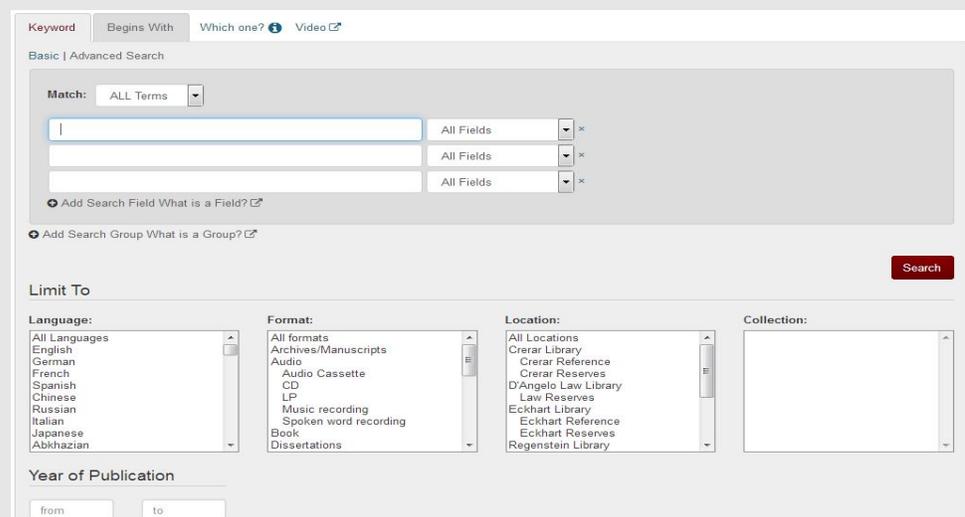
The university library in its library web page provides basic and advanced catalog search options. In basic search option there is a search bar along with drop down menu where users are able to choose the required field from the following options:



The screenshot shows the 'Library Catalog' search page. The search bar contains the text 'evolutionary biology'. To the right of the search bar is a dropdown menu labeled 'All Fields' which is currently open, displaying a list of search fields: 'All Fields', 'Title', 'Subject', 'Author', 'Journal Title', 'ISBN, ISSN, etc.', 'Title begins with', 'Journal begins with', and 'Call Number begins with'. A red 'Search' button is located to the right of the dropdown menu. Below the search bar, there are options to 'Limit to Ebooks & Ejournals' and links to 'Get materials from other libraries: UBBorrow | BorrowDirect | WorldCat'. The page also features sections for 'Explore Research Guides', 'Featured Library Expert', and 'Featured Subject Guides'.

## Advanced Search

In advanced search process, the bibliographic fields can be added as requirement. The dropdown menu beside the search bar includes fields like title, author, performer, subject, call number, ISBN, ISSN, publisher, publication place, publication year, series etc.



The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Keyword', 'Begins With', and 'Which one? Video'. Below this, the 'Match:' dropdown is set to 'ALL Terms'. There are three search fields, each with a dropdown menu set to 'All Fields'. Below the search fields, there are links to 'Add Search Field' and 'Add Search Group'. The 'Limit To' section includes dropdown menus for 'Language', 'Format', 'Location', and 'Collection'. The 'Year of Publication' section has 'from' and 'to' input fields. A red 'Search' button is located at the bottom right of the search area.

The search queries can be limited by language, format, location, year of publication (the above screen shot shows it details).

The search process produces a list of documents. In this list limited bibliographic information mainly title of the work, author, physical description, subjects are provided. There is an option to save the item from list to the account. The titles are hyperlinked with another webpage with detailed bibliographic information like title of the work, author's or creator's name, edition, publication details, physical description, language of the work, subjects, format of the work, URL address for that particular record. With this bibliographical information the hyperlinked similar items are also provided.

### ***Special Features***

- The library webpage has links to Google Books, Articles Plus, JSTOR, ProQuest Dissertations & Theses, PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science, WorldCat, and Hathi Trust.
- There are also links to Chicago Manual of Style, Encyclopaedia Britannica Online, and Oxford English Dictionary.

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

The research result is arranged by relevancy to the search query given. But users can rearrange the list by publication date (ascending or descending), author name or title (alphabetical), call number (numeric or alphanumeric).

### ***Remarks***

The University of Chicago Library has mission is to provide comprehensive resources and services in support of the research, teaching, and learning needs of the University community.

### ***Comparable Tools***

- Harvard Library Catalogs (<http://library.harvard.edu/>)
- 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>)
- New York University Libraries (<http://library.nyu.edu/>)

### ***Date of Access***

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