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Search Collections

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URL

<http://search.library.ubc.ca/>

Subject

University of British Columbia Library--Catalogs

Accessibility

Partially free

Language

English

Publisher

University of British Columbia

Scope and Coverage

The University of British Columbia, commonly referred to as UBC, is a public research university with campuses and facilities in British Columbia, Canada. Founded in 1908 as the McGill University College of British Columbia, the university became independent and adopted its current name in 1915. The UBC Library, which has 7.8 million volumes, 2.1 million e-books, more than 370,000 e-journals, and more than 700,000 items in locally produced digital collections, is Canada's second largest academic library. The Library has fifteen branches and divisions across the UBC Vancouver and UBC Okanagan campuses.

Kind of Information

The university provides following search options:



General (Summon)

Summon is a search engine that provides a **general starting point to find the majority of UBC Library's collections** - including books, ebooks, scholarly journals and articles, newspaper articles, dissertations and theses, videos, images, maps, manuscripts, music scores, digitized items and more. The search portal is in the following screen shot:

A screenshot of the Summon search portal. At the top left, it says "Search Summon by Keyword" with a help icon. At the top right, there is a link for "Advanced Search". Below this is a text input field labeled "Search Term(s)". At the bottom center, there is a "Search" button.

Advanced Search

On the basis of Summon search engine the library OPAC provides following advanced search options, in which users can add more than one search bars as per requirement, can choose bibliographic field from the top down menu provided in each steps and have to put search terms relevant to those selected bibliographic fields.

The screenshot shows a search interface with a list of search fields on the left and a search criteria panel on the right. The search criteria panel includes a date range selector, content type filters, and various material type checkboxes.

The search result can be refine by selecting following options:

The screenshot shows a search refinement panel with various options to narrow down search results.

If by using above search process one wish to access titles on the subject ‘Sociology’, then he or she get a list of titles on the subject with bibliographic records, like title of the work, author name, publication details, availability in online or not, etc. The titles can be saved, or access via email.

Along with the summon search users can search for the collection by using another search process shown in the above.

Special Features

- Along with the bibliographic records the library OPAC provides citation formats APA, MLA, Chicago, AMA, Harvard, etc.
- Current Awareness Services on new arrivals are provided in the home page of library website.

Arrangement Pattern The search results are arranged by relevancy to the search queries. But users can rearrange the list by publication year (Newest to Oldest or vice versa).

Remarks

One of the largest research libraries in Canada, the UBC Library system has a great collection which helps research a lot.

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>)
- Harvard Library Catalogs (<http://library.harvard.edu/>)

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