

NMSU LIBRARY CATALOG

From the library home page - <http://lib.nmsu.edu> - click on the link "Find Books," * then "NMSU Library Catalog" on the following page, or you can go directly to <http://libcat.nmsu.edu>. The following screen will come up:

Welcome to the Library Catalog

Library Information User Information Help Comments

Click on the option you would like to use when searching.

- Author/Title/Subject**: Find items by author, title, Library of Congress subject heading, call number or keyword.
- Combine Keywords**: Fill-in-the-blank guided search using AND, OR, and NOT.
- Course Reserves**: Search for books and articles on reserve.

When doing a quick search, be sure to put any phrases you use in quotes!

Quick Search: "southwestern literature" in: Keyword [v] [Search]

*CATALOG includes books
videos, music scores and CDs, maps,
government documents, microforms, etc.

Author/Title/Subject Search

Use when you know the author, title, Library of Congress subject heading, or call number you're looking for.

Not sure of the first name? Try just the first initial.

Search for:

Quick Limits (optional):

Search by: (Author is highlighted)

Highlight the type of search you wish to do.

25 records per page [v] [Search] [Reset] [Set Limits]

Tips:

Examples:

Title - Do not include any articles at the start of a title, such as <i>The</i> or <i>A</i> .	Crossing house made of dawn
Journal Title - If you are looking for a journal or magazine	Newsweek
Author - Always list the author's last name first.	shelton Richard silko leslie marmon
Subject Heading - Be sure to use the subject heading assigned to your subject by the Library of Congress. Questions? Ask at the reference desk.	southwest new fiction literature comparative

Call Number - Scroll down in the Search by box to locate the Call Number option.

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Combine Keywords Search

Use for complex searches, or if you are unaware of the assigned Library of Congress subject heading for your topic.

Tips:

Examples:

Keep the AND default in order to locate items that include all of your search terms.	border AND culture
By typing in just the root of a word and adding a ? you will search for the root plus any possible endings to that word.	writ? will search for write, writing, written
To widen your search, put two words in the same search for line and change "as a phrase" to "any of these".	

Course Reserves

Use to locate hardcopy materials put on reserve by professors.

Tips:

Examples:

Not sure how to spell the instructor's last name, course #, etc? Click on the arrows to see your options.	Smith, John
	ENGL: English
	111: ENGL

For electronic reserves, go to: <http://liberes.nmsu.edu/eres/default.aspx>