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LIBRARY INFORMATION (Drop-down box)

Catalogs— Select CATALOGS to check the holdings Vanderbilt and Partner Libraries and the Catalogs of Other U.S. and International Libraries.

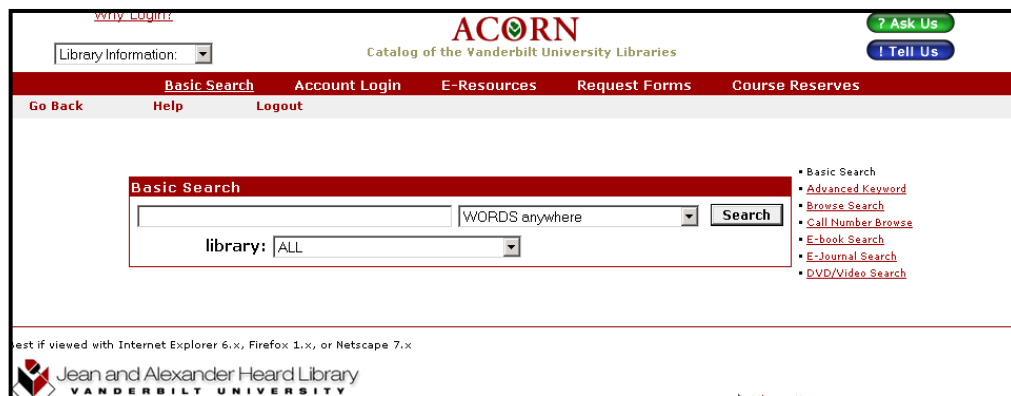
- KUDZU Catalog
- Athena Catalog

Library Hours—Select LIBRARY HOURS to check the days and times of operation for each of the Vanderbilt Libraries. These are updated to reflect summer and semester break schedules.

Library Policies —Select LIBRARY POLICIES to check the various policies of each of the Vanderbilt Libraries.

Articles & Databases—Select ARTICLES & DATABASES to access other databases available through the Vanderbilt Library System. All Web-based databases except those identified as freely available are restricted to use by Vanderbilt students, faculty and staff; they may be accessed from outside the library from the Vanderbilt Campus network and dial-up services. Those using an outside Internet service provider will be prompted for their VUNet IDs and passwords. Some databases have additional restrictions. Research Databases are also accessible from the E-Resources page.

BASIC SEARCH SCREEN



Basic Search

The WORDS ANYWHERE combination looks for the word(s) entered in all indexed fields within a record.

- Combine words within the search box by typing Boolean or positional operators between words (and, or, not, adj, same, with, near).
- Enter search terms and names in any order.
- Include hyphens when part of compound words or proper nouns.
- Omit stopwords. Examples are: a, an, as, at, be, but, by, do, for, if, in, is, it, of, on, the, to.
- Single character truncation symbol is the ? and multi-character truncation symbol is the \$.

Other search options include author, title, subject, medical subject and series. These searches may be carried out by keyword or term (begins with) searching. All keyword searches may be constructed using the above guidelines.

Advanced Keyword

- Click **ADVANCED SEARCH** or on the **BASIC SEARCH** screen.
- To search for a keyword or phrase in any field, type it in the box labeled **WORDS ANYWHERE**. To search for a keyword or phrase in a specific field such as **AUTHOR**, **TITLE** or **SERIES**, type it in the labeled box. Include hyphens in compound words or proper nouns.
- Combine keywords within a field by using the Boolean operators **AND**, **OR**, or **NOT** or positional operators **SAME**, **WITH**, **NEAR**, or **ADJ**. Default operator is **SAME**— terms appear in the same field. Between fields, you may use the connectors from the pull-down menus on the left.
- Single character truncation symbol is **?** and multiple character truncation symbol is **\$**.

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced' search interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 'Basic Search', 'Account Login', 'E-Resources', 'Request Forms', and 'Course Reserves'. Below these are 'Help' and 'Logout' links. The main search area is titled 'Advanced' and contains a search form with the following elements:

- A search bar with the placeholder text 'words anywhere' and a dropdown menu.
- Seven additional search fields, each preceded by an 'And' dropdown menu. The fields are labeled: 'author', 'title', 'subject', 'series', 'periodical title', and 'medical subject'.
- 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons.
- Filters: 'library' (set to 'ALL'), 'language' (set to 'ANY'), 'type' (set to 'ANY'), 'location' (set to 'ANY'), 'pubyear' (with examples: '=2001, 1990-1996,<1800, >=1905'), and 'sort by' (set to 'New to Old').
- On the right side, a list of search options: 'Basic Search', 'Advanced Keyword', 'Browse Search', 'Call Number Browse', 'E-book Search', 'E-Journal Search', and 'DVD/Video Search'.

Search Limits:

- **Library**—The default **ALL** retrieves material located in all the Vanderbilt libraries. Limit your search to an individual library from the pull-down menu.
- **Pubyear**—Type in a year or range of years to limit retrieval by publication year:
 - one year (1996)
 - a range (1990–1996)
 - before a year (<1800)
 - after a year (>1990)
- **Language**—The default **ANY** retrieves all matches regardless of language. Choosing a specific language will limit the search to items that are in, or include material in, or that are translations of material in that language.
- **Item type**—Qualifying by item type will bring up records with at least one copy in that item type category. Not all item types are valid for each library and location. Consult library staff.
- **Sort by:**
 - **NONE**—"reverse chronological" order, with the latest year displaying first
 - **AUTHOR**— sorts alphabetically by author
 - **SUBJECT**—sorts alphabetically by first subject listed
 - **TITLE**—sorts alphabetically by title
 - **NEW to OLD**—sorts by publication date, with most recent date first
 - **OLD to NEW**—sorts by publication date, with earliest date first

Call Number Browse

An item's CALL NUMBER is a code that identifies both the item's subject and its shelf position. This type of search will retrieve a browse list of call numbers close to the term you entered, together with title and author for each call number displayed. Type all or the first part of a call number. Call number searches must be limited by Library and by Shelving Scheme (for Eskind Biomedical Library, the choice is NLM, National Library of Medicine).

Special Searches

Searches for e-books, e-journals, and videos are available from this search page.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a red header bar labeled "Basic Search". Below the header is a search input field, a dropdown menu set to "WORDS anywhere", and a "Search" button. Below the search field is a "library:" dropdown menu set to "ALL". To the right of the search interface is a vertical list of search options, each preceded by a small square icon: Basic Search, Advanced Keyword, Browse Search, Call Number Browse, E-book Search, E-Journal Search, and DVD/Video Search. Arrows from the text above point to the "Call Number Browse" option in this list.

ACCOUNT LOGIN

As a registered Acorn user, you may sign into your own account. Registered users include anyone who has a record in the Acorn Patron file. From the account, they may view a list of books that they have checked out, books that are overdue and the amount of their fine if one is accruing, outstanding bills, and information about books that have been recalled. Users may also renew library material that they have checked out, change their PIN for their account, add or modify an e-mail address to their record, and add or modify **Acorn Alerts**. **Acorn Alerts** are author or subject headings, that you select, about which you wish to be notified when new Acorn records are added to the catalog.

E-RESOURCES

The digital library page of the Heard library system links to more than 1000 databases, 41,947 electronic journals and over 430,275 electronic books. There are subject specific guides that include both electronic resources and websites. Eskind Biomedical Library also has a Digital Library page at <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/diglib/>.

REQUEST FORMS

On this page, request forms are available for circulation activities, retrieval from the Annex storage facility, Course Reserves placement, purchase suggestions, reference questions, and suggestions to the library. Additional requests for services at the Eskind Biomedical Library are available through the library's home page at <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/biolib/services/req-serv2.html>.

COURSE RESERVES

Information regarding **Course Reserve** material can be accessed through this page. Items are indexed by Instructor, Course Number and Course Name. Searches may be limited by library.

ASK US

Information is available on this page for accessing librarians for purposes of assistance or to send comments. There is also contact information for telephoning reference librarians. Other e-mail forms are available from the Eskind Biomedical Library's home page at <http://www.mc.vanderbilt.edu/diglib/askElis.html>.