

## What is OskiCat?

OskiCat is the UC Berkeley library catalog, helping you find books and e-books, journal and e-journal titles, CDs, DVDs, archival materials, and much more in the UC Berkeley libraries. With OskiCat, you can also manage your Library account, renew your items, and locate materials on course reserve.

## Quick Search

Search by **keyword**, **title**, **author**, or **Library of Congress subject heading**. You can limit your Quick Searches by **library location** (*Doe, Moffitt, Music*, etc.) or **item format** (*book, online resource, journal/magazine/newspaper, film/video*, etc.). Click the **Limit to items not checked out** checkbox to see only items that are not checked out.

### Quick Search

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Keyword	Search for <b>words anywhere</b> in the item record, in any order. You can include Boolean terms (AND, OR, NOT) or truncate words to expand your search ( <i>pollut* = pollution, polluters, polluting</i> , etc.). <b>Note:</b> If you do not use Boolean terms, the default search is AND (all search results will contain <i>all of your words</i> .)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>campbell biology</li> <li>atomic OR nuclear</li> <li>water pollut*</li> </ul>
Title begins with...	Enter the <b>exact title</b> of a book, journal, or other item. For one-word or other short titles, use the "pipe" symbol to limit your search to <i>only the words that you type</i> , like this: <i>Lost </i> . <b>Note:</b> Do not include initial articles ( <i>a, an, the</i> , etc.) in any language.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>grapes of wrath</li> <li>new york times</li> <li>science </li> </ul>
Author begins with...	Enter the name of an <b>individual author (last name first)</b> or an <b>organizational author</b> (Modern Language Association, United States National Park Service, etc.) <b>Note:</b> Names of organizations must be entered in the <b>exact order</b> they appear in OskiCat's item records; if you wish to enter your search terms in any order, use <b>Advanced Keyword Search</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>morrison toni</li> <li>united states environmental protection agency (NOT environmental protection agency united states!)</li> </ul>
Subject begins with...	Enter an exact <b>Library of Congress subject heading</b> . If you're not sure of the correct subject heading for your topic, try a <b>Keyword</b> search instead.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>california history</li> <li>indians of north america</li> <li>World War, 1939-1945</li> </ul>

To see a complete list of item formats, or to combine multiple search boxes, choose **Advanced Keyword Search**.

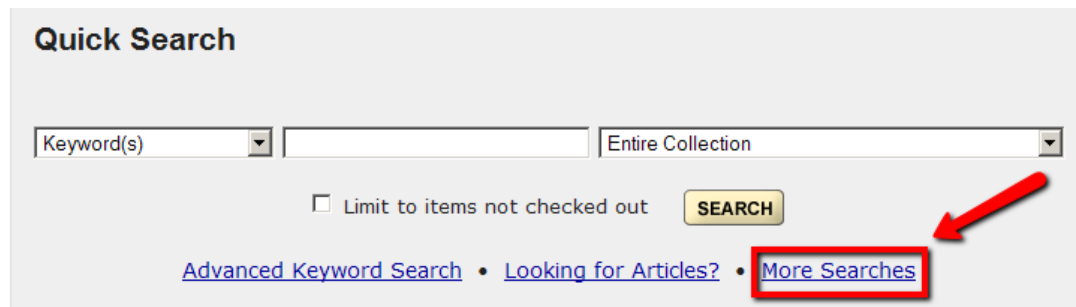
## Advanced Keyword Search

The **Advanced Keyword Search** tab lets you enter terms in **multiple search boxes** and offers many options for focusing your search by **format**, **language**, or **year**. You can enter your search terms in **any order**.

Any Field:	Search for words anywhere in the item record.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>women and (shipyard* or docks) and world war ii</li> <li>bears NOT polar</li> <li>"world health organization"</li> <li>twain huckleberry</li> </ul>
Author:	Search for an individual or organizational author.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>senate united states congress</li> <li>twain mark</li> <li>mark twain</li> </ul>
Title:	Search for words in the title of a book, journal, or other item.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>guns germs steel</li> </ul>
Subject:	Search for words in a Library of Congress subject heading.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>italy cookery</li> <li>African Americans encyclopedias</li> </ul>

## More Searches

Click the **More Searches** link for more search options, including **Library of Congress call number** and **ISBN**.



Quick Search

Keyword(s)  Entire Collection

Limit to items not checked out

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(To choose from a more complete list of item formats, combine multiple search boxes, or limit your search by language or year, choose the **Advanced Keyword Search** tab.)

## Limiting and Sorting Search Results

Depending on the type of search you do, the  or the  button will appear at the top of the results screen. Click either button to refine your search. Searches can be refined by library location, language, format, year of publication, or additional keywords.

Sort your search results by **relevance** (keyword searches only), **date**, **title**, **author**, **year** (oldest first) **reverse year** (most recent first), **call number**, or **material type**.

## Requesting Items

When an item is checked out by another library user or held in offsite storage, a button will appear in the item record (click on a title in your search results to see the full item record). UCB library card holders can use the **Request** button to **place a hold** on a currently checked-out item (recalling the book from another borrower) or to **request an item from NRLF** (offsite storage). Items with **Available** status ("on the shelf") cannot be requested.

## Finding Course Reserves

Use the **Course Reserves** tab to search for materials on course reserve, by course number or instructor name.

## Renewing Your Books

Use the **Renew Items** tab to renew items you have checked out. To renew, sign in with your CalNet ID and passphrase or library card number and PIN (see instructions under **My OskiCat**). The Library sends courtesy **email notices** to remind you when your items are due. You can also receive notifications by **RSS** (see below).

## Finding Articles

Use the **Find Articles** tab to choose from a list of article databases available at UC Berkeley.


## My OskiCat

Use **My OskiCat** to see all library materials you have checked out, **renew** your library materials, see the status of your **holds** (requested items), manage your **preferred searches and lists**, and set up **My Account RSS Feeds**. Use RSS feeds to be notified when your library materials are due, or when your requested items are available.

### To log in to My OskiCat:

- Click the **My OskiCat** link in the top right corner of the screen.
- Log in with your **CalNet ID and passphrase** (UCB students, faculty and staff) or with your **library card number and PIN** (non-UCB library card holders). If you've forgotten your PIN, click the "Forgot your PIN or don't have a PIN?" link on the Patron/PIN login page.

### To set up My Account RSS feeds:

- Log in to My OskiCat.
- Click  **My Account RSS Feeds**.
- A new page will load; copy and paste that page's URL into the feed reader of your choice.

## Getting Help

Have more questions? For a more detailed guide, click the **Help** link in the top right corner of any OskiCat screen. To get help from a librarian via email or chat, click the **Questions** tab. Or, ask your question in person at any UC Berkeley Library reference desk.