

How to Search our Catalog



1. Go to our website: www.columbiactlibrary.org. Click on the maroon 'Search Catalog' button on the top of the webpage, above the green search bar. You can go straight to a quick or advanced search.
2. Our catalog defaults to a search under "All Headings," but you can specify your search in a number of ways by clicking on the drop-down menu. Put your search term into the search bar.

Simple search terms work best.



On the search results screen, you can see each item's:

- **Location - circled in red:**

You will want to look for items that are located in *Adult or Young Adult Non-Fiction*, or *Adult or Young Adult Biography* if you are researching a person. *Some Juvenile Non-fiction or Biographies* may be appropriate, but not all.

- **Format - circled in blue:**

You will be looking for books.

- **Status - circled in yellow:**

'Available' means available. A due date means the item is currently checked out.

Libraries	Sort		Group By							
Saxton B. Little Free...	Related:- Title: The Manhattan Project and the atomic bomb in American history /									
Subject	Title: The Manhattan Project and the atomic bomb in American history /									
Author	Author: Gonzales, Doreen.									
Material Type	Publisher: Enslow Publishers									
Date	Date: 2000									
Location	(1 of 1 available)									
Publisher	Location (1)	Format	Call Number	Barcode	Status	Details	Hold	List	SMS	Item
Title	Saxton B. Little - Main - YOUNG ADULT NONFIC	Book	YA 355.825119 GONZALES (BOOK)	31023000836648	Available					

Still not sure if the book will be a good resource? Click on the photo to read a summary, Goodreads reviews, and even virtually browse the other books near it on our shelves.

Getting your Books



Once you have found books for your topic:

1. Write down the **TITLE, AUTHOR, and CALL NUMBER (circled in red below)**. Have this information with you when you come to the Library.
2. You can stop in anytime we are open to get your books **OR** email Megan to reserve your books (read how below).

You must have a Library card in good standing in order to check out books.

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To reserve books:

1. Email me (Megan Quigley) at mquigley@columbiactlibrary.org.
2. Your email **MUST** include **ALL** of the following information:
 - Your full name
 - The **TITLE** and **AUTHOR** for each book you'd like to check out. If you've had trouble finding specific books tell me your topic.
 - **Important:** Put '**8th Grade Research Project + Your Name**' in the email subject line.
 - I will reply to your email to confirm your reserve. This may take 24 hours. Emails sent after 4pm Friday will not be seen until Monday.
 - Come pick up your books at the Library circulation desk within one week.
 - Books that are not picked up within one week will be re-shelved.

Library Hours:

M, F, SA 10-5

TU, W, TH 10-8

Closed Sunday

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Phone: 860-228-0350

Megan Quigley: mquigley@columbiactlibrary.org

Important: If you do not return your materials you will be billed for replacement costs! You will not be able to check out materials from the Library until the bill is paid.

researchIT CT Databases



Go to our website: www.columbiactlibrary.org

Find 'Teen' on the green bar across the top of our homepage.

Select 'Teen Reading Resources' on the drop down menu.

Under the researchIT CT paragraph click on "Resources for Middle Schoolers."

You will have to sign in using the barcode on your library card.

Use the OneSearch box below to search all of researchIT CT at once.

**To search all the databases at once,
click on the OneSearch button:**

You may want to search the individual databases for your research paper.

Try Middle Search Plus, MAS Ultra School Edition, Explora, and/or the databases listed under the 'History and Biography' heading:



A few tips:

- Always check the box for **full text** articles.
- If OneSearch gives you too many results, narrow down your choices by searching one of the individual databases instead.
- If you are researching a person use the Biography Reference Bank or the Biography Reference Center.
- If you aren't getting the results you want, try changing your search terms (i.e.: instead of 'atomic bomb' - try 'nuclear weapons'), or click on 'Advanced Search' to add terms (i.e.: 'gold rush' AND 'California').
- Once you start a search, you can refine your results using the choices given in the left hand column.
- Once you have found an article you want to use you can use the 'Tools' to print, email, save, cite, and more.
- **Remember - get the citation** (usually found across the top or in the right hand column under 'Tools') for every article you are going to use, but always check to make sure is in the correct format!