SEARCHING THE LIBRARY CATALOG (TROY)

BASIC SEARCH

Library materials held by Virginia State University Johnston Memorial Library are listed in the online catalog, TROY. This includes books, journals and magazines, newspapers, microforms, and audiovisual materials (videotapes, DVDs, and CD-ROMs).

When to use the Basic Search
Use the Basic Search when you already know the title, author, call number, or when subject searching.
1) Input your term(s) into the search box.
2) Select the fields you want to search from the dropdown menu.
3) Click-on search button.
4) Results list will appear showing the items that most closely match your search. If no records are found, consider revising your search.

Note:
If the first word in the title of a book, journal, or newspaper begins with an article (A, AN, THE), please begin your search with the second word in the title.
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KEYWORD SEARCH

When to use keyword Search
Use the Keyword Search when you do not have a specific title or author in mind. The keyword search is best used when you are researching a subject or topic.

1) Input your term(s) into the search box.
2) Click-on search button.
3) Results list will appear showing the items that most closely match your search.
   If no records are found, consider revising your search.

Refining Your Keyword Search
Using BOOLEAN OPERATORS (AND, OR, NOT) to refine a keyword search.

music and censorship  (Retrieves records which contain both terms.)
oil or petroleum      (Retrieves records which contain either term.)
abuse not drug        (Retrieves records which contain the first term but not the other.)