HOW TO SEARCH THE UA LIBRARIES CATALOG

Basic Boolean is used for searching UA Libraries Catalog. Some useful searching tips: phrases enclosed in " " search words as a unit; combination searches are done using, AND, OR and NOT (in all caps) between search terms; a question mark (?) replaces a single character within a word; and an asterisk (*) matches an unlimited number of non-space characters, starting at the specified position in the word, i.e. astron* would find astronomy, astronomers, astronomical.

A Keyword search includes the fields: Authors, Titles, Subjects, and Contents or Chapters.

A SUMMON search includes the holdings for all UA libraries’ print and online materials from their catalogs, databases, and digital collections plus non-UA libraries digital collections. These search results can be modified. Using the left-side column, Refine Your Search options include: Scholarly (Peer Reviewed), Content Type, Publication Date, Discipline, Library Location, and Language.

After entering a search, the results can be limited by selecting the MODIFY SEARCH link above the search box. Limit options include: Publisher, Publication Date, Format, and Language. In addition, the Modify Search link provides searching by multiple fields.

An ADVANCED SEARCH, link under the search box, provides searching by multiple fields, but the limiting options available are fewer than doing a regular SUMMON search and modifying with the options under Refine Your Search.

The Advanced Search and the Modify Search link both retrieve the same page.