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URL	http://catalog.crl.edu/
Subject	Centre for Research LibrariesCatalogs
Accessibility	Partially free
Language	Bilingual (English, French)
Publisher	Center for Research Libraries (CRL) Consortium, US
Brief History	The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) is an international consortium of university, college, and independent research libraries. Founded in 1949, CRL supports original

research and inspired teaching in the humanities, sciences, and social sciences by

preserving and making available to scholars a wealth of rare and uncommon primary source materials from all world regions. CRL is based in Chicago, Illinois, and is governed by a Board of Directors drawn from the library, research and higher education communities.

Scope and Coverage

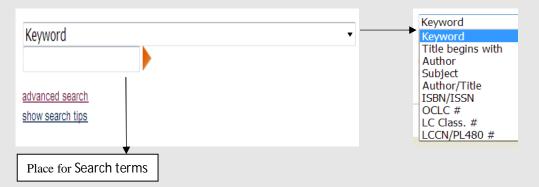
The CRL includes approximately five million newspapers, journals, books, pamphlets, dissertations, archives, government publications, and other resources. CRL holds more than 500,000 monographs in all formats; about 5,000 non-US, non-Canadian doctoral dissertations a year to add to its 800,000+ collection of dissertations.

CRL holds many specialized groups of materials, acquired primarily through deposit from member libraries. These include:

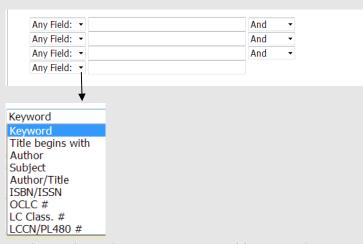
- College and University Catalogs
- Primary and Secondary Textbooks
- Railroad Publications
- Curriculum Guides
- Foreign Central Bank Publications
- Reference Books Archive

Kind of Information

The website provides following **Basic Search** option:

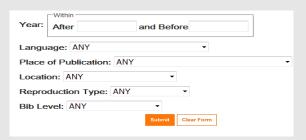


Advance Search



In advanced search process users are able to search more accurately by selecting maximum

four bibliographic fields from the above list and parallely have to put relevant search terms for each bibliographic field. The search queries can further be refined by publication year duration, language, place of publication, location of collection, reproduction type (Hard copy, Microfilm, Microfiche, Micro opaque, etc.).



After completing the whole process, user can get following type of title list:



All the titles are hyperlinked with another web page of detailed bibliographic records. The first tile from the above list shows the following kind of bibliographic records:



Along with the above bibliographic records (title, author's name, publication details, series

(if any), physical description, subject) users can get information about current status of that book.

Above describe search process is for book item only. The library website provides separate search process for serials, news papers, dissertations, digital resources.

Special Features

- > The CRL Library website for its users provides document delivery services.
- > Through the library website users can know about the up to date current events.
- Relevant document titles for current issues can also be present in the home page.

Arrangement Pattern

The search result is arranged by relevancy to the search queries. The list can be rearranged by publication date (from newest to oldest or vice versa), author name (alphabetically).

Remarks

The CRL was originally built to manage a shared collection that no one university could maintain, and contents included foreign newspapers, government documents, microform archives, historic journals, foreign dissertations, and other material identified as critical to research

Comparable Tools

- The University of Illinois Urbana Champaign Library Online Catalogs (http://www.library.illinois.edu/catalog/)
- ➤ University of Calcutta: University Library Online Catalogue (http://www.caluniv.ac.in/opac/OPAC.HTM)
- ➤ Harvard Library Catalogs (http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/camlibraries/catalogues.html)
- University of Cambridge Library Collections (http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/camlibraries/catalogues.html)

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