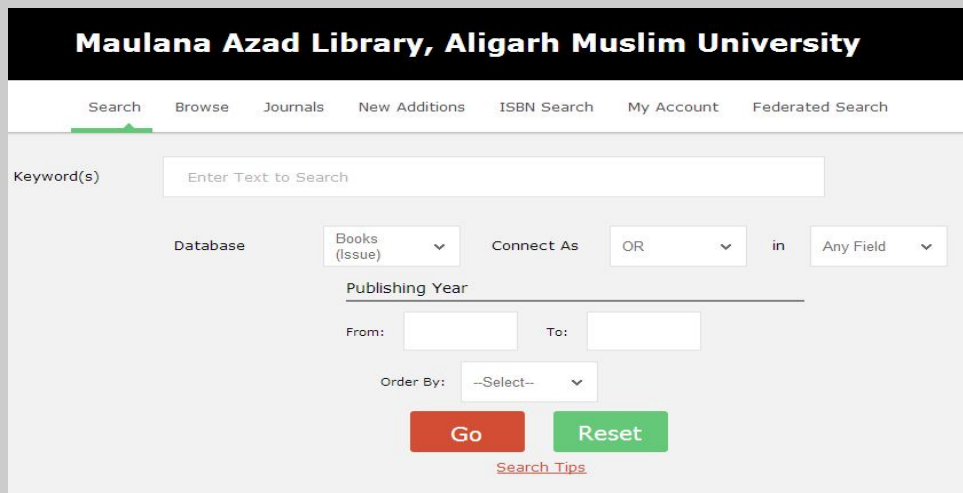


Home Page



Logo



URL

http://webopac.amu.ac.in/opac/

Subject

Maulana Azad Library--Catalogs

Accessibility

Partially free

Language

English

Publisher

Aligarh Muslim University

Brief History

The Central Library of the Aligarh Muslim University popularly known as Maulana Azad Library is one of the largest university libraries of the World. The foundation of the Library was laid in 1877 at the time of establishment of the Mohammedan Anglo Oriental College by Lord Lytton, the then Viceroy of India and it was named after him as Lytton Library. In 1960 and the Library was renamed as Maulana Azad Library, after a great scholar, educationist, statesman, freedom fighter and the first Education Minister of the independent India. M.A. Library has introduced state of the art information technology and it is fully automated with LibSys 7.0 software

which connects almost all 3,000 computers within the University as well as the centers in distant states.

Scope and Coverage

M.A. Library is the Central Library of the University with more than 110 sister libraries (college/departmental libraries). It is a World famous repository of rare manuscripts and books in Urdu, Persian and Arabic languages. One of the most priced parts of the Library is its Manuscripts Division which possesses about 16,000 rare and invaluable manuscripts on Islam, Hinduism, etc.

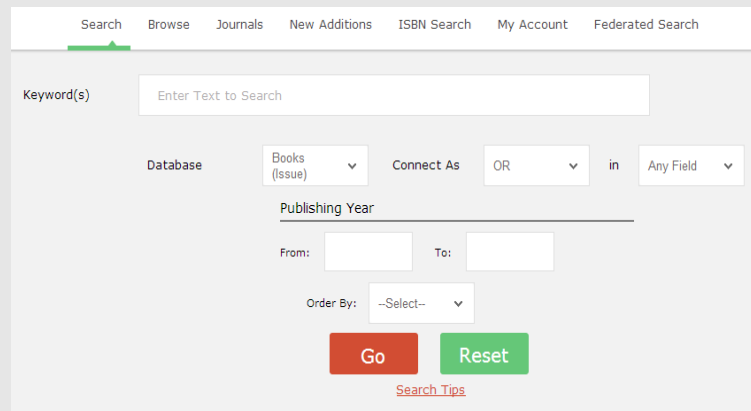
M.A. Library possesses about 1.5 lakh books in Persian, Urdu, Arabic, Hindi and Sanskrit languages. Research scholars of Persian, Arabic, Urdu, History, Islamic Studies, West Asian studies, Unani Medicine, Theology, Mass Communication are its regular users. This Division has a very large collection of rare books published during the 18th and 19th centuries. One of them is the Latin translation of the celebrated Arabic works on optics, OpticamPrafatis by Ibn-al-Haitham (965-1039 AD) which was published in 1572 & other on Avicenna's (Ibn-e-Sina's 980-1037 AD) Al-Qanun (1593 AD). Digitization of the rare printed books is in progress and almost half the collections of Manuscripts and more than 15,000 rare books

Kind of Information

In the library website, there are following options to search the collection:

- Search the collection;
- Browse the collection;
- Journal search;
- New Additions;
- ISBN Search;
- Federated Search;

The following screen shot shows the search process:



The screenshot shows a search interface with a navigation bar at the top containing links for Search, Browse, Journals, New Additions, ISBN Search, My Account, and Federated Search. The 'Search' link is highlighted with a green underline. Below the navigation bar is a search form with a 'Keyword(s)' label and a text input field containing the placeholder 'Enter Text to Search'. Underneath the input field are several dropdown menus: 'Database' (set to 'Books (Issue)'), 'Connect As' (set to 'OR'), and 'in Any Field'. Below these is a 'Publishing Year' section with 'From:' and 'To:' input fields. At the bottom of the form is an 'Order By:' dropdown menu set to '--Select--'. Two buttons, 'Go' (red) and 'Reset' (green), are positioned below the form. A 'Search Tips' link is located at the bottom center of the form area.

The searching of library collection provides options to select type of resources from

Books (Issued), CDs, E-Books, E-Book Data, Journals, Thesis etc., the type of field from author, title, series, place, publisher, subject, ISBN, accession no. etc. There is an option to restrict year of publication.

Special Features

- The library has many repositories. One of them is “**River Ganga Repository**” which contains printed as well as digital literature on or about the River Ganga to collect, organizes and make accessible to the world, the literature and other information pertaining to the river Ganga which may be utilized in cleaning and rejuvenating the river. There is also an institutional repository of Theses and Dissertations.
- One of the special features of Maulana Azad Library is its service to the visually impaired students through Braille Section. Apart from the books in Braille script, a large number of documents in electronic format and devices are also available in this section which is provided to the students.
- The Library provides a wide range of services to its users including retrieval of information, orientation, assistance in locating/searching of documents, advisory services, current awareness service (CAS), bibliographic service, bibliographic instructions, inter library loan, organization of exhibitions, press clipping, reprographic service, print facility etc.
- 6376 full text Ph.D. Theses of Aligarh Muslim University uploaded on Shodhganga website.
- For the purpose to help users in search process the website provides search tips.

Arrangement Pattern

In time of search process users are able to choose the pattern in which the search result is come out. The options are arrangement of documents alphabetically by the title or name of author, arrangement by popularity of document, publication year wise arrangement or classified arrangement.

Remarks

Maulana Azad Library, largest in India and second largest library of Asia reported by Times Headline - August 27, 2016. It has huge collection on manuscripts.

Comparable Tools

- Harvard Library Catalogs
(<http://library.harvard.edu/>)
- 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>)
- University of Cambridge Library Collections
(<http://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/camlibraries/catalogues.html>)

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