

Scope and Coverage	The David Straight Memorial Philatelic Union Catalog has one of the world's largest and most accessible collections of philatelic literature. The collection includes 21,000 book titles and 5,700 journal titles about stamps and postal history, as well as the history of philately and related subjects like transportation and geography. In addition to its book titles and journal titles, the APRL has Catalogs (general and specialized), Government documents, Auction catalogs and price lists (only name sales are cataloged), Stamp show programs and palmares (not cataloged), Copies of philatelic exhibits, CD- and DVD-ROMs, Bibliographies and indexes, Special collections and archives (not comprehensively cataloged). The David Straight Memorial Philatelic Union Catalog has collection of following libraries:
	 APRL = American Philatelic Research Library CCNY = Collectors Club (NY) CCC = Collectors Club of Chicago Greene = Greene Foundation NWPL = Northwest Philatelic Library PHF = Postal History Foundation RMPL = Rocky Mountain Philatelic Library RPSL = Royal Philatelic Society London

SCC = Scandinavian Collectors Club

Spellman = Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History

- SIL-NPM = The Smithsonian Libraries National Postal Museum
- **WPL** = Western Philatelic Library
- **WPRL** = Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library

The Union Catalog includes following record types. The libraries that use each type are listed in parentheses.

Archive (APRL), Article (most article records have no location code), Auction catalog (APRL, NWPL), Auction house (APRL), Book (all libraries), CD-Rom (RPSL), Computer Disk (RMPL), DVD (RMPL), Exhibit (APRL, SCC), Government Document (APRL), Hines Air Mail Collection (APRL), Journal (APRL, CCNY, NWPL, PHF), Map (APRL, NWPL, RPSL), Pamphlet (Spellman, WPL), Periodical (Spellman), Periodicals (RMPL), Presentation (PHF), Videocassette (RMPL), Visual Material (NWPL, PHF, RMPL, SCC, Spellman), Web site (APRL).

Kind of Information The Philatelic Union Catalog allows one to search the holdings of multiple philatelic libraries simultaneously – or search each library individually.

The Union Catalog through its website provides following search facilities, in which users have to enter search terms, and then have to specify the record types (which are described in the Scope and coverage area), finally they have to select one specific library name from the top down menu or they can access bibliographic records from all libraries.

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Advanced Search Option:

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In advanced search process the above bibliographic fields are provided to fill up by the users which possible accessing the exact desired title from the collection. The union catalog through the above search processes provides following kind of bibliographic records of an item:

Title	1. 'Rideout' to 'Toshiba'
Subtitle	the machines and their postmarks
Alternate Title	'Rideout' to 'Toshiba' : the machines and their postmarks
Author	Orchard, A.E.
Responsibility	by A.E. Orchard & R. Tobin.
ISBN	0958786240
Series	The postal history of Sydney ; [v.1]
Call Number	G8971 .M149 O64r
Tracing	Tobin, R.
Place	Sandy Bay TAS, Australia
Publisher	Magpie Publications
Publication Date	c1988.
Subjects	Australia New South Wales Sydney Machine Cancels Postal Markings Slogan Postal History Post Office Equipment 20th Century 19th Century Post Offices British Commonwealth British Colonies
Туре	Book
Language	English
Phys Desc	148 p. : ill. ; 30 cm.
Notes	References and further reading: p. 147-148.
Location	APRL
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