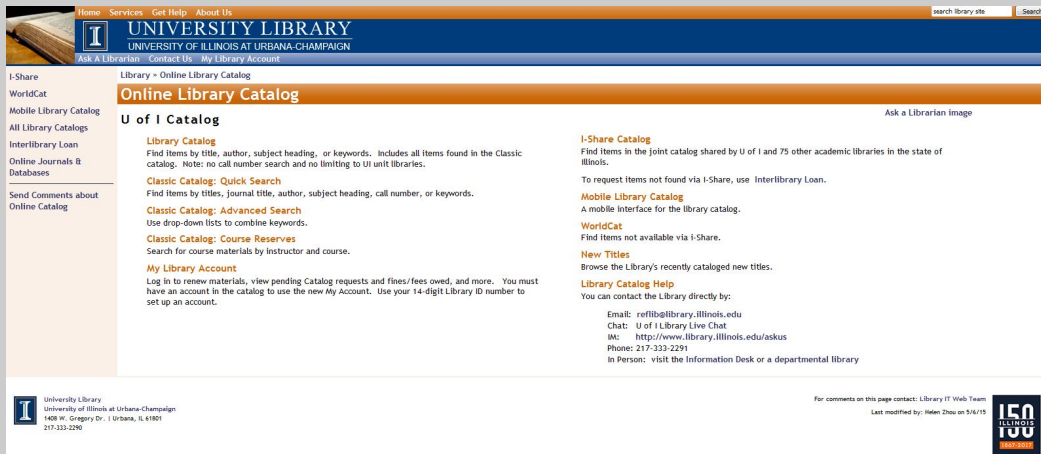


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Subject

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign Library--Catalogs

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University of Illinois

Brief History

The University of Illinois Urbana Champaign library is founded in 1867 in the charter establishing the school that became the University of Illinois. The Library, in fact, predated the University. The first Library purchases at Illinois (an initial \$1,000 investment in Library materials) were approved at a meeting of the Trustees of the "Illinois Industrial University" on November 26, 1867. The Library opens with the school in 1868 with 1,039 volumes and grows slowly over the next few decades. The Library moves into its new building (the current main library building) in 1926. President David Kinley dedicates the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Library Building (now commonly referred to as the "Main Library") on October 19, 1929.

### *Scope and Coverage*

The University Library holds more than thirteen million volumes and 24 million items and materials in all formats, languages, and subjects, including 9 million microforms, 120,000 serials, 148,000 audio-recordings, over 930,000 audiovisual materials, over 280,000 electronic books, 12,000 films, and 650,000 maps. These collections form the bulk of I-Share, the statewide library online catalog. Currently there are 76 I-Share libraries and more than 30 million library items represented in the I-Share catalog. Users at these I-Share libraries may borrow books directly from the 76 I-Share library participants. Among the Library's most notable collections are its holdings in Slavic and Eastern European history, literature, and science; music, especially Renaissance music; 17th- and 18th-century American and British literature; American, British and Irish history, including a distinguished collection of Lincolnia; French, German, and Italian literature, including world-famous Proust, Rilke, Dante, and Tasso collections; Latin American history and literature; historic and modern maps; linguistics; entomology, ornithology, botany, chemistry and mathematics; and serials across all disciplines.

### *Kind of Information*

Under the heading "Online Library Catalog" there is following headings like Library Catalog, Classic Catalog: Quick Search, Classic Catalog: Advanced Search, Classic Catalog: Course Reserves, I-Share Catalog etc. In search process some features are currently unavailable in the library catalog. These are call number searching, saving citations to EndNote. To use these features, one has to go to the Classic Search. The Classic Catalog: Quick Search provides us to find items by titles, journal title, author, subject heading, call number, or keywords. In the Classic Catalog: Advanced Search users can use drop-down lists to combine keywords. In the Classic Catalog: Course Reserves users can search for course materials by instructor and course.

The search results gives bibliographic information like title of the material, author, call number of the material, location, type of the material (whether it is book or magazine or other type). The titles are hyperlinked. By clicking the titles, one can get more bibliographic details about each library material. Like, title of the document, main other, other authors if available, publisher name, place and year of publication, series title (if any), topics (one can say subjects), etc. Detailed information also are provided under the headings like "More Details", "Location & Availability", "User Reviews", "Request Item".

### *Special Features*

- My Library Account provides option to log in to renew materials, view pending Catalog requests and fines/fees owed, and more. One must have an account in the catalog to use the new My Account.
- Under the heading "I-Share Catalog" one can find items in the joint catalog

shared by U of I and 75 other academic libraries in the state of Illinois. To request items not found via I-Share, one has to click the option named "Interlibrary Loan".

- There is a mobile interface for the library catalog named "Mobile Library Catalog".
- There is link to "World Cat".
- Users can browse the Library's recently cataloged under the heading "New Titles".

### ***Arrangement Pattern***

The search titles can be searched according to relevance, newest first, oldest first, title of the documents. By default the documents under specific search are displayed according to relevancies.

### ***Remarks***

The University of Illinois Urbana Champaign Library is also world-famous for its outstanding collection of emblem books and incunabula; and collections, including personal papers, of John Milton, Marcel Proust, H.G. Wells, Carl Sandburg, and Avery Brundage of the international Olympic movement. Today, with holdings of more than twelve million volumes, the Library has strengths in many areas, ranging from hard sciences to the humanities. The fields most often cited by faculty and visiting scholars are: reference and bibliography; agriculture; chemistry; engineering; biology; mathematics; business and economics; history; philosophy; music; art; architecture; education; library and information science; maps; English and American literature as well as the literatures of most languages; and law.

### ***Comparable Tools***

- Harvard Library Catalogs  
( <http://library.harvard.edu/>)
- University of Calcutta: University Library Online Catalogue  
(<http://www.caluniv.ac.in/opac/OPAC.HTM>)

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