Advanced & Browse Search

KU Libraries
Begin at the Libraries homepage (lib.ku.edu).

- To perform an Advanced Search, click on the **Advanced Search** button.
- Advanced Search is useful when searching for books or articles by a specific author or when searching with a standard identifier number like ISBN
• The drop boxes on the left side of the Advanced Search window allow you to search within particular fields:
  • Use the left box to choose the field to search. Currently available fields: Any (field), Title, Author/creator, Subject, Date, Resource Type, ISBN, ISSN, OCLC code, User Tags
  • Use the center box to choose the type of search.
    • Contains = search terms should be found in any order somewhere in results
    • Is (exact) = search terms should be found in exact order entered somewhere in results
    • Starts with = Results should start with search term(s) as entered
  • Use the right box to enter your search term(s)
The drop boxes on the right side of the Advanced Search window allow you to pre-narrow your results:

- **Material Type**: Choose the type of resource you want to retrieve, e.g. books
- **Language**: Choose which language you want the resource to be in, e.g. Chinese
- **From Date**: Use in conjunction with To Date to supply a date range for the resource
- **To Date**: Use in conjunction with From Date to supply a date range for the resource
- **Publication Date**: Pre-supplied date ranges, e.g. Last 5 years

**NOTE**: You do not have to fill out every box.
• Using the **Advanced Search** on the **Articles and more** or **Books and more** tabs will automatically limit the search to these formats.

• The **Books and more** tab has additional searchable fields appropriate for print resources available in the drop down box.
• To perform a Browse Search, click on the **Browse by** button on the Libraries home

• Browse Search only searches the KU Libraries Catalog of books, ebooks, videos, manuscripts, etc.

• Browse Search is good for searching by call number, finding all materials by an author or on a particular subject

• Note: the browse search is slower than simple or advanced search
• Use the drop box on the left to choose which type of heading you will browse
  • Author – enter last name followed by first name
  • Subject
  • Title – skip initial articles like “the”
  • Library of Congress call numbers – most common form of call number in KU Libraries
  • Dewey call numbers – books with this type of call number are located in the Libraries’ Annex
  • SUDOC call numbers – call numbers found on Government Documents
  • call number – left-anchored call number search, good for searching Spencer Research Library call numbers
• Browse results include links to the preferred form of the heading called see references.
• The left column indicates the number of records the library has with that heading
• Headings are in alphabetical order
• You can use the Previous or Next links in the top right or bottom right corners to advance alphabetically through the list.
• Title browse is especially useful if:
  • You know the exact title
  • The title contains several common/generic words, e.g. annual proceedings
  • The title is only a couple of words long
Subject browse results have a column on the right that indicates which subject thesaurus the heading is from. The most common is Library of Congress subject headings which has the abbreviation lcsh.
- Call number browse results display the call number, title, author and date of publication.

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Thank you for watching. Finally, if you need more assistance, you can always contact us directly through Ask-a-Librarian, which is located to the right of the search tool on the KU Libraries’ homepage.