



How to Search HOMER

HOMER, the University of Connecticut Libraries' online catalog, searches for books, journals, documents, maps, microforms, manuscripts, music, and dissertations held by the UConn Libraries at Storrs and at the regional campuses. Location, call number, holdings information, and circulation status (**Not Checked Out** or **Checked Out**) are also given.

To Begin



From the Web browser, enter the Location (URL): <http://homerweb.lib.uconn.edu/> or from <http://www.lib.uconn.edu> (UConn Libraries home page) → HOMER -- Library Catalog

Two search modes are possible:

- **Simple Search:** Searches by Title, Journal Title, Author, Keyword–Relevance, Keyword–Boolean, Subject Heading, Prolific Author/Composer, Call Number, and Publication Date.
- **Advanced Search:** Searches for combinations of the above searches, as well as additional fields such as ISSN, ISBN, Series, or Table of Contents.

Search Limits

Two kinds of search limits are possible:

-  **Limit To:** (optional) Allows limiting search to items at Storrs or Regional Campuses at Avery Point, Greater Hartford, Stamford, Torrington, and Waterbury; or to English language; or format — Archive/Manuscript, Book (print resource) Cartographic Material, Journal, Music Score, Musical Sound Recording, Non-musical Sound Recording, UConn Dissertation, or Video Recording.
Note: Only one **Limit To:** selection is possible. Use **Set More Limits** for multiple limit selection.
-  Includes all limits available through HOMER: Language, Item Type (material types), Medium (formats), Location, Publication Status, Place of Publication. Also allows multiple limits and limits set for an entire session.

Simple Search: Searches for materials by Title, Journal Title, Author, Keyword–Relevance, Keyword–Boolean, Subject Heading, Prolific Author/Composer, Call Number, and Publication Date.

Note: Simple Search **defaults to Title search**.



How to Enter a Simple Search

- Type the search term in the **Search Terms:** box. Case does not matter; spelling, spacing, and punctuation do.
- Select the type of search in the **Type of Search:** box.
Examples: **Title search:** omit all articles (**a, an, the**) if they start a title; otherwise, enter the title exactly.
Journal title search: omit all articles (**a, an, the**) if they start a title; otherwise, enter the title exactly.

Author Search: lastname firstname

Keyword--Boolean search: put names and phrases in quotation marks; use and, or, and not to combine search terms. Example: **“science fiction” and “brian aldiss”**

Keyword--Relevance search: enter the words exactly. Omit **a, an, the**. Searches display by relevance. Five red boxes indicate highest relevance, followed by green, yellow, and black. One black box is the lowest relevance.

Subject Heading search: locate subject headings either through the Library of Congress Subject Headings (**Ref. Z 695 Z8 L524a**) or through the online record, and type subject exactly as it is given.

Prolific Author/Composer: for works by prolific authors, enter last name first (first name optional).

Call Number and Publication Date searches: enter numbers as they are given.

- Select limit (**Limit To:**) (See **Search Limits**, page 1.)
- Click **Search** or press **<Enter>**

How to Enter an Advanced Search

Searches for name(s), keyword(s), date(s), and/or phrases using drop-down menus. Up to three may be combined using **AND, OR, and NOT**.

In **Search for:** type the word or words. Then select how to search the words.

Finds **Any of these** words in the field.
Finds **All of these** words in the field.
Finds the words **As a phrase**.

Select the field to search [Search in:]. Permits searches to be limited by:

- Keyword Anywhere
- Title Keywords
- Author Keywords
- Subject Keywords
- ISSN or ISBN
- Publication Date
- Series
- Table of Contents

Save, E-mail or Print

Save, e-mail or print records from the **Titles, Brief Record, Full Record, or MARC Format** display using **Save, E-mail and Print Options** box at the bottom of the page.

In a **titles** display, choose titles to save, email or print from the **Which Items?** menu:

- All Selected on page or Selected all pages

To use **Selected on page**, or **Selected all pages**, mark records by checking box next to desired record(s).

In a **single record** display (**Brief or Full**), you may **Save Items to Bookbag, Email, or Print only** that record.

To **Email:** Choose desired format, **Brief Record or Full Record**, from **Select Download Format** menu.
Type your email address. Press **<Enter>** or click the **Email** icon.

To **Save Search Query**

Click **Save Search Query** icon Enter **University ID**
Enter **Last Name** Press **Login**

To **Save items to your bookbag:**

Click **Save Items To Bookbag** icon Enter **University ID**
Enter **Last Name** Press **Login**

To **Print**

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