



SEARCHING THE CATALOG

From the NYPL homepage (www.nypl.org), you can search the catalog from the search box on the top right corner of the page.

For more search options, click on [Advanced Search](#) below the Search button.

Find books, music, movies and more

Catalog NYPL.org [Advanced Search](#)

- ✓ Keyword
- Title
- Author
- Subject
- Tag
- List
- User

Searching with the search bar by keyword works like popular Internet search engines (Google, Yahoo, etc). It will search the entire library catalog for the words you type in the search box. Select options such as Title, Author, Subject, Tag, List or User to narrow your results. Find Journals using the regular Title search and narrowing by format. Use the general Keyword search to find resources by call number or ISBN.

For example:

You want a book by author Daniel Pinkwater.

Author

You want a DVD with the title Vertigo.

Title

You want a scary movie.

Tag

Search results display the title, author, format, publishing date and where to find the item.



Adventures of A Cat-whiskered Girl
 By Pinkwater, Daniel Manus (Book - 2010)
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 Available to borrow [in some locations](#)

The results also tell you if the item is available to borrow, for in-library use only or if all copies are in use. If it's available to borrow, you can click on the text [in some locations](#) to find library branches where the item can be found.

NARROW RESULTS

Availability – Any

Format – Any

Audience – Any

Acquired – Anytime

▼ **BY TITLES I CAN...**

Only use in a lib... (3956)

Borrow and take home (3827)

Access Online (637)

► **BY TOPIC**

Some items may have more than one search result. This could be because there are several different versions (paperback, hardcover) or there may be some copies that are for borrowing and some that you can only use in the library.

If your search returns too many items, use the drop-down menus on the left side to narrow results by:

Availability (which library branches to search)

Format (books, DVDs, CDs, etc)

Audience (children, adults, teens)

Acquired (how recently the library acquired this item)

Titles you can use in a library, borrow and take home, or access online

You can also narrow results by clicking on other options that narrow down the results by other categories (Topic, Language, Fiction/Non-Fiction, Genre, etc).

FIND IT AT NYPL

Total Copies: 5
Available: 4
Holds: 0

PLACE A HOLD

On the shelves now at

Battery Park City

Collection:
Battery Park Non-Fiction

Call #:
636.706 D

[View Availability Details »](#)

Selecting a title will take you to a page with more detailed information about the item, including where you can find it.

On the left side of the page, use the drop down menu under “**On the shelves now at**” to see where the item is currently available, or click on **View Availability Details** to see information about all copies of the item.

Above those options is a **PLACE A HOLD** button, which allows you to reserve the item and have it delivered to any NYPL branch. If you are not already logged in, you will be prompted to login.

Please see the *My Borrowing: Renewals, Fines and Holds* guide for more information about placing and managing holds.

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