

Finding Books in the IIT Catalog (Classic Version)

When do I use the catalog?

Use the IIT Library Catalog to search for books, audiovisual materials, government documents, and print journals held at Galvin Library and all other IIT libraries. The catalog is used to find print materials inside the library (to find journal articles online, use Databases).

What is the difference between the classic catalog and regular catalog?

The classic version of the IIT Library Catalog is the older style that will be phased out. It has many of the same functions as the current IIT Library Catalog, but lacks social bookmarking options and other personalization features. We recommend conducting your searches in the regular catalog.

How do I search the classic catalog?

Click on “Classic Search” from within the IIT Library Catalog.



Finding specific books:

If you know the specifics of the item you want, such as title, author or call number, enter the information and select the corresponding category in the “Search by:” box.



Browsing for books by subject:

If you want to browse titles based on a specific subject, enter the subject into the “Search for” box and select “Subject”. The standardized subject terms will appear, as well as the number of titles in the catalog that have that subject listed in the record. Use the “Note” and “See Also” buttons to read more about the subject heading and see related headings.

#	Number of Titles	Heading (Click to see titles.)	Heading Type
1	13	Mechanical engineering.	NASA thesaurus
	196	Mechanical engineering.	Library of Congress
2	12	MECHANICAL ENGINEERING	General Heading
3	1	Mechanical engineering--Bibliography--Periodicals.	Library of Congress
4	1	Mechanical engineering--Canada--History--19th century.	Library of Congress
5	1	Mechanical engineering--Computer programs--Catalogs.	Library of Congress
6	1	Mechanical engineering--Computer programs--Catalogs.	Library of Congress

Is the book available? Where is it?

Once you have selected a title, you will need to find out where it is located. Scroll to the bottom of the record to see the holding information. The **Location** will tell you where the item is located. The **Call Number** is the identifier to be used when finding the book on the shelf, and the **Status** indicates if the item is available or not.

Institution: Illinois Institute of Technology Libraries

Location: Galvin Circulating Collection - Upper Level

Call Number: [BF57.B352005](#)

Copy: 1

Status: Available

What if I can't find what I want?

If the book you want does not exist in our catalog, select the "Repeat search in the I-Share catalog" option to search in the 64 libraries with which we share books.

- Try your search in larger database: [Repeat search in the I-Share catalog?](#)

Learn more about finding books at <http://guides.library.iit.edu/findbooks>

This guide provides an in-depth explanation of everything you'll need to know about finding books in Galvin Library.

Ask a Librarian for help

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