THE LIBRARY CARD CATALOG, Part 2

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Hopefully during this last week, you had time to try conducting some simple searches in our on-line library catalog at *slpublib.com*. In this article, I will give you some more tips and tricks to locating what you are looking for.

More Search Options: If you wish to perform very detailed searches, this option is for you. It also allows you to examine the subject categories that the library is using.



<u>What's Hot</u>: Have you ever wanted to know what new items are available in the library since the last time you looked? Curious about what items are the most read at your library? The "What's Hot" on the catalog home page will show you.

SEARCH RESULTS Below is an example image of a search result. It shows results for a 3-word search: dogs puppies training. Each line/title is color coded: green for "In"/available for check out, and pink for "Out"/not available. The "Label" and "Location" columns tell you where to locate the item in the library. The "Score" column is the relevancy ranking, with 100 being a 100% match. The "In" column tells you how many copies are available. (Note: if you were to perform another search, your previous search(es) will appear above the current results for fast access. Instead of the "Back" button, use this history listing).



You can:

- Click an item, green or pink, to open the bibliographical record and see more information.
- Click on a column heading (Label, Title, Author, etc.), to sort the list by that heading. Click again to sort in the reverse direction.

When you click on an item (see image below), the item will expand in the search results list revealing more information. For example, by clicking a subject (e.g., Puppies), you get a list of additional items we have in that subject.



You can also place a reserve on that item by logging in to your account. When the item becomes available, you will be notified. If you have questions or need help with using the catalog, please contact us at (712) 336-2667. Or stop in during our open hours: Monday – Thursday 9-6, Friday 9-4, and Saturday 9-2.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, Dec. 26 Library Closed
- Wednesday, Dec. 28, 9:30 Past Times
- Thursday, Dec. 29, 1:00 Game Day
- Friday, Dec. 30, 1:00 Movie Lyle, Lyle Crocodile (rated PG)