

Finding books in Omni

Overview

This tutorial will show you how to search the Omni library catalogue to find books, improve search results, and request books from other libraries.

Laurier Library Books

The Omni search box is on the library's main web page. Type your search into the box and click on Search Omni.

Omni searches for both articles and books. To see only the books, look under Resource Type in the left column and click on Books & ebooks. You may have to click on Show More first to see this limit.

The status of each book is below the title. If it's on the shelf it says Available, and if someone else has borrowed it says Not available.

The location is after the status. This book is at the Laurier Library, at the Waterloo Campus. Other locations include WLU Brantford and WLU Social Work.

To locate books on the shelf, you need to know the call number, which is in the brackets after the location.

Find out more about the book by clicking on the record. The Details often gives you a table of contents or listing of chapters in the book. You can also see the subjects that describe the main topics of the book, and can click on one to find other books on that subject.

For online books, you'll see links to view the book here under View Online.

You can also get a citation to the book, email the book information, and pin the book to your favorites list. You can see all the books you've pinned by clicking on the Favorites icon on the main page. If you sign into your Omni account, your favorites will stay there until you remove them.

Refining search results

You will see options on the left to filter your search results.

Click on any of the options there to only see the items in your results that match that option.

For example, you can see only the books in your results located in a specific campus library, like Brantford. To do this, click on Laurier Location in the left menu then click on Brantford Collection.

You can limit only to books that are on the shelf and not checked out by clicking on Available on Shelf under Availability.

You can also limit to a specific date range, language, or format, like online books only.

Once you've clicked on an option in the left menu, it shows up at the top of the left column. Click the **x** next to a limit to remove it.

Subject limit

Click on Subject to see a list of terms that describe the topics of all the results in your search.

Check the box to the left of a subject to include it, or show only the books in your results that have the subject.

Click to the right of a subject to exclude it, or remove results with the subject term.

Books in other libraries

By default, your book search results will show results across all 19 university libraries in the Omni system, including Laurier.

You can see where individual books are available by clicking on the title in a list of results. You can also limit to a specific date range, language, or format, like online books only.

Book locations

Location details are found at the bottom of each individual record. Books in other Omni libraries will display the "Get it from another library link. eBooks that Laurier has access to will display as "Available Online. Print books available at Laurier will display a location and call number.

You can modify which libraries you see in your results after you've searched.

The Available online check box limits results to eBooks only. The Laurier Print & Physical items box limits to print books available in Laurier's libraries.

You can modify which libraries you see in your results after you've searched.

The Other Omni libraries filter shows what other libraries hold books found in your search. Use the check boxes to see results from other individual Omni library collections.

Requesting books from other libraries

You can request books located at other Laurier campuses or at other university libraries for pickup at your Laurier library.

Sign in with your Laurier network login before you can place a request. The link can be found at the top right of the results page.

To request a book, click on the "Get it from another library" link in the book record you are interested in.

At the next page, click the "Get it from another library" link in the book details to get the request form.

See our tutorial on [Requesting books from other libraries in Omni](#) for more details.

Questions and feedback

If you have questions, ask us at library.wlu.ca/help/askus.