How-To Guide

Find and Request Books
There are two ways to find books: Search (Standard and Advanced) and Browse.

Search

1) Enter a search term in the Search Text Box located at the top of every page. This searches all text, including the title, author and contents of every book in the library.

Advanced Search

2) For a narrower search, select “Advanced Search” next to the Browse link.

3) You can search specifically by title, author, ISBN, publisher, images, or you can enter specific phrases in the “full text” field.
1) Select the “Browse” link under the Search Text Box located at top of every page.

2) Browse by a number of options such as “Author”, “Subject categories”, or “Special Collections”.

Browse the collection

Not quite sure what you’re looking for? Or looking to dig deeper into what you know you like? Browsing the collection can be a great option to uncover new treasures!

Browse all catalog records by:

- Author
- Subject category
- Language
- Grade level
- Demo books

(Please note that not all records have all these types of information included – there may be additional content available by other search techniques)

Other browsable lists include:

- New Books
- Most Popular Downloads
- NIMAC Books
- Newspapers and Magazines (courtesy of the NFB Newline)

Check out our Special Collections!

Special Collections

Special collections bring together award winners, recommended reading and other selections of books on particular topics.

Our most popular collection is the New York Times Bestsellers.

- For Kids
  - Open Educational Resources
  - Picture Books & Easy Readers
  - And more!
- Award Winners
  - Pulitzer Award Winners
  - Newbery Award Winners
  - And more!

- For Teens
  - Hot Books for Emerging Teen Readers
  - Student Resources
  - And more!
- By Subject
  - Resources for Returning Veterans
  - Technology Resources for Beginners
  - And more!

- For Adults
  - New York Times Bestsellers
  - Oprah’s Book Club
  - And more!
- Disability Related
  - Accessibility Collection
  - American Foundation for the Blind
  - And more!
Request Books

You can request to have books added to the Bookshare collection.

1) Under the “Getting Started” menu, select “How to Find Books”

2) Select “Request to Add New Books”.

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