

SFU Library - Catalogue Search Tips

Search for a known book, a journal, or a film

- Click on: "Catalogue Search" / Catalogue / Advanced Search /
- Sign in with SFU Computing ID & password
- Enter: book title, journal name, or film title.
- Limit Material Type" to: "Books". "Journals", or "Audio Visual"

The screenshot shows the SFU Library Catalogue search page. A yellow box on the left contains the following text:

Search for a "Known" Book or a journal
Steps:
Library's Home Page
- Catalogue Search
- Click on "Catalogue"
- Choose, "Advanced Search"
- Change, "Any field" to "Title"
- Change, "Contains" to "Starts with"
- Enter, "Title" of the book (or journal)
- Choose, "Material Type" of "Books" (or journals)

The search interface shows the search bar with the text "Broadening the scope of human trafficking research : a reader". The "Title" dropdown is selected, and "starts with" is chosen for the relationship. The "Material Type" dropdown is set to "Books". The search button is labeled "SEARCH".

Search syntax for Library Catalogue Search:

- To combine **synonyms** (same or similar meaning), **use a capital "OR"**
- To combine **different concepts**, **use a "capital AND"**
- **When two words are placed next to each other, Catalogue Search automatically searches them using an "AND"**
- Same results would be obtained with both of the following:
human traffick*
... human **AND** traffick*

Wrong Syntax: (human traffick* **or** forced labour)

The screenshot shows the SFU Library Catalogue search results page. The search bar contains the text "human traffick* or forced labour". The search button is labeled "SEARCH". The results page shows "PAGE 1" and "13,085 Results". A yellow box on the left contains the following text:

Catalogue Search
- Using a lower case "or" will be searched as an "AND"
(i.e. "both" concept phrases must be present in the search results)

Note: The above results list is very small. If capital "OR" is not used, then the engine brings back results for:
human **and** traffick* **and** force **and** labour

Right Syntax: (human traffick* **OR** forced labour)

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Search Results With Using Capital "OR"
 - finds search results for "human traffick*" as well as "forced labour"

human traffick* OR forced labour

PAGE 1 669,769 Results Save search

Note: The results list brings back items which have either of the above two concepts.

Right Syntax When Searching for Two or More Concepts

(human traffick* OR forced labour) AND (women OR child*)

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Combining Concepts with Catalogue Search:
 - Group synonyms with a capital OR and enclose the words in brackets
 - Combine a different concept with a capital AND

(human traffick* OR forced labour) AND (women OR child*)

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Browse the Library Catalogue

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SFU Catalogue Search
 Browse - by title, subject, author, or LC call number

Browse by: title, subject, author, Library of Congress call numbers

Gone with the wind	6 records
Gone with the wind and other themes	1 records
Gone with the wind and other themes	1 records

For Access to Electronic

Sign in with SFU Computing ID/Password for access to SFU's electronic resources.

- View your **Library record** (to renew books online)
- Place a **hold** on a book that is signed out
- Transfer a **book** from another branch
- Request an **Inter-Library Loan**
- Create an **E-Shelf** of favorite books
- Set up **email alerts** of your searches

Links

1. **Catalogue Search** (books, articles, films): <https://sfu-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo-explore/search?vid=SFUL&sortby=rank>
 Library Catalogue Search Guide: <http://www.lib.sfu.ca/find/books-media/catalogue-search-guide>
2. **Obtain books and articles from other Libraries** (use Inter-Library Loans" (ILL) Request Form):
<http://www.lib.sfu.ca/borrow/request-materials/ill/request-form>
3. **Writing help** -> **Student Learning Commons**: <http://www.lib.sfu.ca/about/branches-depts/slc>
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