Miami University Libraries Guide to the New Catalog Interface – Fall Semester 2015

August 10, 2015, the Miami University Libraries replaced the homegrown catalog with a new public catalog interface. The catalog is the tool users search to find library items such as books, videos and ebooks. Users search the catalog from the Libraries' homepage <u>lib.miamioh.edu</u>, using the search box on the Books & More tab. The Libraries' website as a whole did not visually change with this transition; the interface change only impacted the Books & More tab, which now displays search results in a new format.



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Sharing and Saving URLs

In the previous catalog, the URL found in the address bar could be copied and shared. In the new catalog, use the Permalink rather than the URL in the address bar. Unlike the URL in the address bar, which expires after a period of time, the Permalink is a permanent, static hyperlink to a particular web page.

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Facets

Just as you could refine your search with facets such as Material Type, Language and Geographic Region in the previous catalog, the new catalog interface allows you to narrow and refine your search in many of the same ways.





Citing

A popular feature among our library users, the Cite option is still around in the new catalog interface! And – even better – it comes with numerous citation styles not available in the previous catalog. Just remember to double-check the automatically generated citations against the specific citation manual!





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Requesting an item? The process hasn't changed. Just like you used to click on the Request Item button, click on the hyperlinked Request Item option, listed above Location, in the new catalog.

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The direct link to the Feedback form is http://www.lib.miamioh.edu/feedback

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