How to Find a Book at WKU Libraries

Start with the WKU Library Catalog

The One-Search Library Catalog (on the library homepage at www.wku.edu/library) is the best way to search for books on your topic. One-Search is the big search box in the middle of the page:

Enter your search term here...then click on the search icon.

Then, on the results page, limit your search to books under “Resource Type” on the right side of the page. (On a mobile device, look for “tweak my results” at the bottom of the screen).

Below is a catalog entry for a book. Note that it tells you whether the book is available, and in which library or collection it will be found. It also gives you the book’s call number (exactly location of the book on the shelves).

Click on “Map It” to see a map to the book’s location.

Finding a Book Using the Call Number
The call number is on the spine of the book.

Books are shelved alphabetically by the first letter or letters
Then arranged numerically by this number
Then alphabetically by this letter, and then numerically by the numbers that follow
This last line is the year of publication
What about Electronic Books?

An increasing number of library books are offered in electronic format (e-books). The catalog entry below is an example of an e-book:

![Book Entry]

Just click on “Full text available” to access the e-book

When you click on full text, you will normally go to another page that offers a link to the actual e-book reader. It should look something like this:

![Full Text Available]

Full text available at: Ebook Central Perpetual
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Above is a typical example of an e-book reader. The actual e-book readers vary by publisher and vendor, but most are fairly easy to figure out and use.

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