

Searching in PITTCat+

PITTCat+ is the online catalog for all libraries in the University Library System (ULS), listing all material including books, microforms, music, dissertations, government publications, digital collections, and serial titles (journals or magazines). You can search PITTCat+ by clicking the “Find Books” tab on the Library’s web page or by going directly to <http://pittcatplus.pitt.edu>.



Searching Basics

To begin a search, type one or more words in the search box and click the GO button. PITTCat+ is not case sensitive, so you don’t need to worry about capitalization.

Multiple Search Words

When given more than one search term, PITTCat+ searches for all the terms.

Searching *illegal immigration* will give results only if they include both terms.

The order of the terms in a multiple-term search does not matter. In addition, PITTCat+ does not recognize phrases, even with the use of quotation marks unless it is a targeted search (see below).

Targeted Searches

Targeting a search provides more relevant, focused results. To retrieve a specific author, title, or subject, type your search term in the box as illustrated below (making sure to use quotation marks):

Author

author:"wilde, oscar"

Title

title:"dubliners"

Subject

subject:"college athletes"

REFINING YOUR RESULTS

Word Cloud

On the left side of the screen, you will see a word cloud developed from your search. The cloud displays word associations, translations, spelling variations, and synonyms for your search terms. The size of the term in the word cloud indicates how relevant the term is to your search.

The word cloud is helpful when you can’t think of the best search term to use, or you are unsure of how to spell a word. Additionally, the word cloud allows you to explore and discover other topics related to your search. Click on a word in the cloud and PITTCat+ will rank the results of the new search based on the significance between the new term and your original search term.



REFINING YOUR RESULTS, cont'd

Limiting by Menu

On the right side of the page, you have many options for refining your results. As you scroll down the page, you will see a list of menus (categories for narrowing your search results).

For example, clicking on **Topics** under the “Subject” menu will display a new menu with topics related to your search.

Subject

- > Topics (1,672)
- > Regions (486)
- > Persons (146)
- > Time periods (118)

Language

- > English (1,724)

Topics

- > Animal rights (213)
- > Animal welfare (171)
- > Moral and ethical aspects (145)
- > History (143)
- > Animals (104)
- > 2,211 more...

Breadcrumbs

As you click menu items, PITTCat+ will display the search trail you took at the top of the page. These breadcrumbs allow you to quickly see the limits you've placed on your search.

The breadcrumbs also allow you to go back one or several steps in your refinements. Simply clicking on one of the limiters in the breadcrumbs will remove all the limits you placed after the one you clicked. To remove all limits in play, simply click on the first item in the breadcrumbs, which is the original search term you entered.

animal rights



Results 1 - 6 of 6 for **animal rights**, sorted by: relevance

animal rights » Topics » Animal welfare » This year

Item Availability

Use the drop down box to further limit your results by location. For example, limit your results to only items at Owen Library by selecting **Johnstown Campus**.

You can even narrow the search results to items available **online** or only items that aren't checked out. First select a location from the drop-down box and then click on “On the shelf.”

Availability

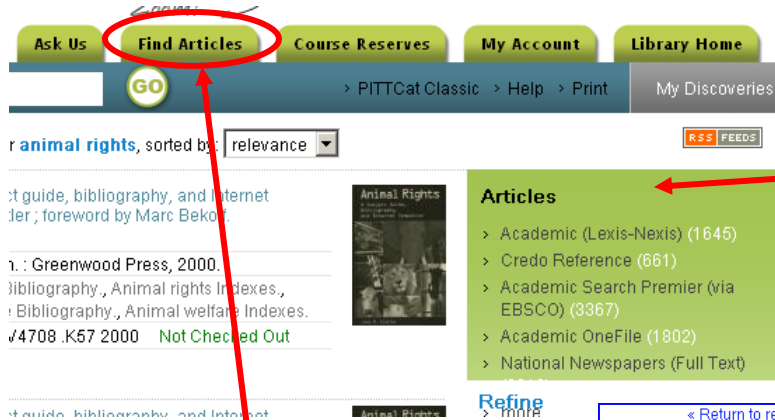
- > On the shelf (1,506)
- > Online (253)

Refine

Show Results From

- All locations
- All locations
- Pittsburgh Campus (729)
 - » Hillman Library (541)
 - » Langley Library (103)
 - » Information Sciences Library (56)
 - » Engineering Library (10)
 - » Business Library (8)
 - » Frick Fine Arts Library (6)
 - » Music Library (5)
 - » GSPIA/Economics Library (4)
 - » Chemistry Library (4)
 - » Archives Service Center (4)
 - » Math Library (2)
- Online (253)
- Bradford Campus (189)
- Health Sciences Library System (HSL) (16)
- Greensburg Campus (135)
- Johnstown Campus (113)
- Storage (104)
- Law Library (78)
- Time periods (118)

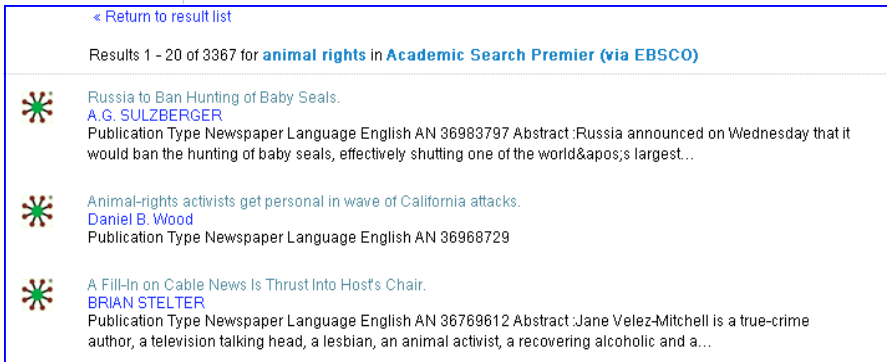
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Articles

Every time you search in PITTcat+, you will also retrieve a list of articles from a few general databases that are related to your search term. Clicking on one of the database names in the green box on the right side of the page will provide you with a list of articles to look through.

Tip:
Click on the green "Find Articles" tab at the top of the page to search individual databases. You'll have a much larger list of databases to choose from, and your search will retrieve more precise and relevant articles.



VIEWING YOUR RESULTS

Subject Headings
To further explore a topic, click on a LC Subject Heading. These linked subject terms will take you to a new results list, allowing you to view more books directly related to your topic.

Environmental hydrology and hydraulics : eco-technological practices for sustainable development / S.N. Ghosh, V.R. Desai.

Authors: Ghosh, S. N. (Some Nath)
Contributor: Desai, V. R. 1960- (Venkappayya Rangappayya),
Publisher: Enfield, NH : Science Publishers, c2006.
ISBN: 1578084032
Physical desc.: x, 416 p. : ill. (some col.), maps (some col.) ; 25 cm.

LC Subject: Water resources development.
Hydraulic engineering Environmental aspects.
Water conservation.
Ecohydrology.
Green technology.

Note: Includes bibliographical references and index.

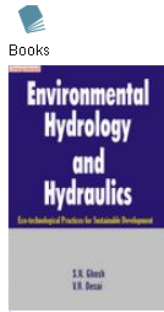
Location	Call #	Status
Johnstown Campus Library -- General Collection	TC409 .G52 2006	Not Checked Out Get it!

Summary
"The book contains five chapters beginning with the fundamental concepts of hydrology/hydraulics moving on to water uses/water hazards, eco-technological practices and finally dealing with sustainable development through integrated water management with appropriate case studies and numerical examples. The case studies presented here include traditional as well as modern technologies from emerging and developed economies. This book will interest students, teachers, professionals and policy makers."—BOOK JACKET.

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Reviews

CHOICE
Civil engineering professors Ghosh and Desai (both, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur) provide an undergraduate book on basic hydrology and hydraulics. It consists of five main chapters treating (1) the hydrologic cycle; (2) human uses of water; (3) basic hydraulics; (4) hydrologic hazards, and (5) sustainable practices of water use. It includes a brief appendix with seven common



From your results list, click on a title to find out more information about that particular item. From here, you will be able to view a summary, table of contents, and even reviews.

You will also find the location of the book, and see whether or not it is checked out. If the item is not checked out, but located at another campus library, click "Get it!" to fill out a request. For more information on requesting items from other ULS libraries, see the Owen Library guide entitled *Borrowing Books from Other Libraries*.

OTHER FEATURES



Course Reserves: Faculty will sometimes put course materials on reserve at the library. For more information, see the Owen Library guide entitled *Course Reserves: A Guide for Students*.

My Account: Borrowers can manage their library accounts online via PITTcat+. When you click on the “My Account” tab, and enter your Pitt ID number and your last name, PITTcat+ will display a list of the items you have borrowed and when these items are due, any items you have requested, and any unpaid fines or fees on your account. You can also renew items online. See Owen Library guide entitled *Renewing & Recalling Library Materials* for step-by-step instructions.

My Discoveries: This tool allows users to personalize PITTcat+ by creating lists of items and assigning tags or keywords to make items easy to find later on. This feature is especially useful when working on a big research project. First create an account by clicking on “My Discoveries” in the top right corner, and then following the prompts. Once logged in, search for a topic. When you find a title you’d like to remember, just click “Save or tag.” Then add the title to a list or assign tags (keywords) to help you remember what the item is about and hit “Save”. To view your lists and tags, click on your account in the top right corner. You can share your lists with others or keep them private. For more information on using this tool, click on “My Discoveries” and then choose the “Help” option.



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