

# Advanced Library Search Cheat Sheet



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## What is Library Search?

Library Search is an online discovery tool that allows you to search for **different types of library resources** from one place. Library Search pulls together databases, electronic journals, eBooks, some digital archival collections, as well as physical materials from our shelves and those of the Northwestern University Library System.

## Quick Simple Search

Library Search **assumes** that you are searching for **all the words** you type unless OR or NOT are specified between the words and phrases. (e.g., Film **OR** Jesus)

### Example

Film Jesus	Search
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“Jesus in Film”

“Jesus Christ superstar a Really Useful Films production”

## Searching for a Phrase

**Use quotes** to indicate that you're interested in the entire phrase, not just both words independently. This will search only for the two words together, appearing side-by-side.

### Example

"Pastoral Care"	Search
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"The Journal of **pastoral care.**"

"African American **pastoral care.**"

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## Excluding Words or Phrases

**Use NOT** before the word or phrase you'd like to exclude.

### Example

Wesley NOT Charles	Search
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"John Wesley and the Methodists"

# Searching Groups of Terms

Use **Parentheses** to group search terms together.

## Example

Shakespeare (tragedy OR sonnet)

Search

*[Searches for "Shakespeare" AND ("tragedy" OR "sonnet")]*

**"Shakespeare's sonnets: an original-spelling text"**

**"Shakespeare's Festive Tragedy"**

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## Limit Your Search

Use the drop-down menu to select a particular field to search.

Search

Any field ▼

- Any field
- Title
- Author/creator
- Subject
- ISBN/ISSN
- OCLC Number



[Default]