

Basic Book Search

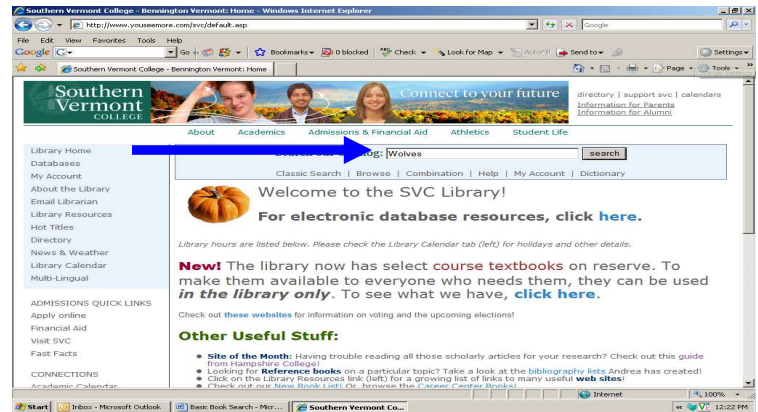


Getting Started

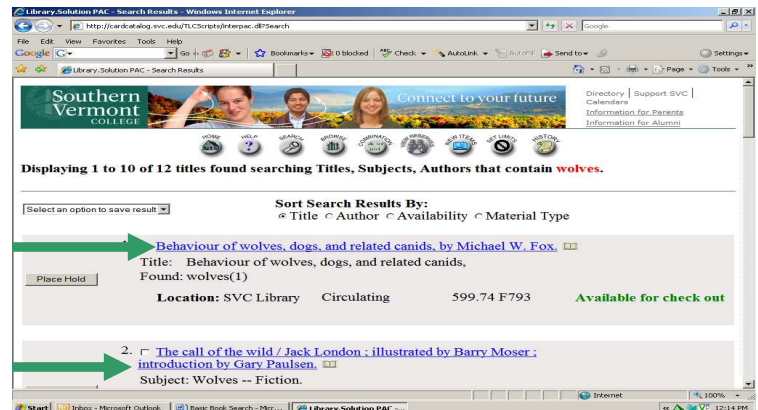
The Southern Vermont College Library has over 20,000 books in its collection. 15,000 are physical books shelved within the library; while over 5,000 are electronic books that have links to the books within their catalog records. When results are found for a search in the SVC catalog, a new page will open displaying records for a combination of both physical books housed within the library and electronic books.

To get started searching the SVC library book catalog you will need to go to the SVC Library Webpage at <http://cardcatalog.svc.edu> or click the library link on the left side of the SVC homepage at www.svc.edu.

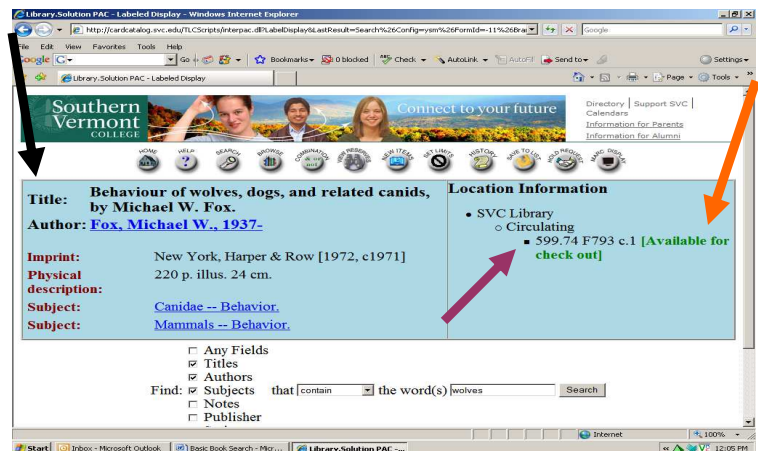
The screenshot at right is of the SVC library homepage. The blue arrow points to the catalog search box. This is where a book title, author name, or subject keyword is entered to find out what books the library owns.



Once a search term is entered in the search box (see screenshot above), if there is a match in the SVC library book collection the researcher will be taken to one of the two screen shots at right. Usually a list of books the library owns on the topic will appear as denoted by the green arrows in the screenshot at right. Or if a direct match to a book title is made the researcher will be taken to a book record like the one in the screenshot below.



A few important pieces of information the researcher will need to know about a book are contained in the catalog record like the one shown in the screenshot to the right. On the left side of the catalog record, in the blue area, is information containing the book title and author as pointed out by the black arrow. The blue area on the right side of the catalog record contains the book location information. This area contains the book availability for loan, as shown by the orange arrow. It also contains the unique catalog number (an alphanumeric number) which will be needed for retrieving a physical book from the shelf. The red arrow points to the catalog number. Once the catalog number is written down a book can be retrieved from the shelf (please see the handout for retrieving a library book).



If you have any questions you can also ask a librarian for assistance.