How to Search the Catalogue

The catalogue allows you to search items available from all Cairns Libraries’ branches, tells you which collection they belong to, whether they are currently on loan, the number of copies held and where they are located.

You can access this catalogue at any library or from home by visiting our website at www.cairnslibrary.com.au/library and clicking on Search Catalogue.

How do I Search on the Catalogue?
Simple Search allows you to enter a search term such as a “Anyword”, “Title” or “Author”. This type of search will provide maximum results.

For example, searching for Jane Eyre with Basic Search returns 26 results which include DVD and Audio Books. Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte is number 16 on the results list.

How do I Narrow My Results?
Occasionally Simple Search may return too many results or results that are not relevant to you. To narrow your results, use “Advanced” search (located on in the green menu on the left-hand side) to narrow by category (Anyword, Title, Author, Combined Author, Subject and Series).

Search Advanced

Advanced Search

Enter search term(s) then click the “OK” button

 Jane Eyre
 Bronte, Charlotte

Limit by Availability

Titles ▼
Author ▼
Anyword ▼

Sort Preference

Limit by Publication Year from
YYYY

Limit by Collection Type:
Adult fiction

Limit by Material Type:
Book

Limit by Location

All Locations
Babinda Branch
city Branch
Edmonton Branch

1 - Title, Publication ▼
Using Advanced Search specifically for a book titled “Jane Eyre” by Charlotte Bronte – gives you more precise results.

Your Search for Author=BRONTE CHARLOTTE and Titles=JANE EYRE returned 1 Items

Sort Preference: Title, Publication

The titles shown in BOLD have items available, non bold titles do not have any items in stock

1. Jane Eyre / Charlotte Bronte ; illustrated by F.H. Townsend. (Book)
   Brontë, Charlotte, 1816-1855
   2015
   Collections: Adult fiction
   Available at: City Branch
   Number of Holdings: 1.

If you find something that is a close match, or the right author but the wrong title, you can also use the Catalogue Display screen to find alternatives.

For example, the catalogue record for “Jane Eyre” allows you to see other titles by Bronte (click on Bronte, Charlotte, 1816-1855).

You can also see other titles that fall under the subject categories of Governesses -- England -- Fiction, England -- Social life and customs -- Fiction and Young adult fiction, by clicking on the blue hyperlinks.

Need further information?
Contact your local Cairns Libraries branch, or Contact Us on www.cairns.qld.gov.au/library
What If I Don’t Have A Specific Keyword?

If you know which subject/topic (eg. crime) you are searching for, you can use the Advanced Search function to search by Subject keyword. You can also narrow your results by Collection Type.

• A search of ‘Crime’ as a Subject in Adult fiction will give you a list of crime novels.
• A search of ‘Crime’ as a Subject in Adult nonfiction will return a variety of results including books on personal protection and true crime stories.
• A search of ‘Crime’ as a Subject in DVDs will return results including The Agatha Christie Miss Marple movie collection, the Touch of Frost television series, and The Godfather movie.