Searching for items

Searching with limits

Use the Limits drop-down (1) to limit your search to a specific location or database (like the Library of Congress, for example), or search "Everything."

Searching by field

Select a field from the Fields drop-down (2) to search within a specific field (for example, Title, Author, or Subject), or search from "All Fields."

Using advanced search

If you want more search options to help you find exactly what you’re looking for, click the Advanced Search option (3) to go to the Advanced Search page.

With Advanced Searching, you can search exact phrases (4) or exclude terms from your search (5). For example, if you wanted to do a search on potters but did not want results for "Harry Potter," you could search the term "potter" and enter "Harry" in the unwanted terms box.
You can also apply any combination of limits on your search with Additional limits (6), including format type, language, location, fields, availability, and targets.

Once you have set up your search with the terms and limits you want, click the Advanced Search (7) button to get your search results.

Note: While there are many options to limit your search, there is the likelihood that selecting too many limits will not return any search results.