

## NetLibrary

### ***Brief Introduction:***

NetLibrary is available to UIUC affiliates through the Illinois Digital Academic Library Consortia (IDAL).\* The UIUC NetLibrary collection consists of over 2,100 titles in the following subject areas: technical/computer manuals, business and health guides, education, public interest, and current topics. NetLibrary is used primarily within the Reference Department to retrieve materials that the OPAC labels “computer file; e-resource, available online.” However, one may also search netLibrary directly via the ORR and links on departmental library pages.

UIUC patrons are able to create a personal account, which allows them to use netLibrary from anywhere regardless of internet connection type. Account creation must be completed from an on campus library computer or be authenticated through the library proxy server.

\*Note: IDAL (<http://www.idal.illinois.edu/databases.htm>) consists of 125 academic libraries in Illinois which share e-resources such as: EBSCO, Harpweek, OED online, Chicago Tribune NewsBank, and Illinois Digital Sanbourne Maps.

### **Notable NetLibrary Uses:**

- NetLibrary enables patrons to search the full-text of an entire work and browse by popular subjects.
- While a patron is viewing a NetLibrary item online, that item is unavailable to other users.
- NetLibrary allows libraries to more economically provide access to materials which may soon be considered ‘passé,’ like computer software guides.

### ***Locating NetLibrary Works:***

Patrons may unknowingly stumble across NetLibrary in the UIUC OPAC if they find a large red “e” next to a book coupled with record information like: “Library Location: \*UIUC Online Collection,” and “ Call Number: Online Resource.” These records provide patrons with a link directly to the resource within the netLibrary collection.

One may also consider going directly to NetLibrary via the Central Reference Department and other departmental library websites or by using the link below:

[http://www.netlibrary.com/library\\_home\\_page.asp](http://www.netlibrary.com/library_home_page.asp)

### ***Searching within NetLibrary: 3 Ways to Find What You Seek***

\*Note: The “Search Tips” link within netLibrary will lead you to detailed instructions, but the basics are provided below.

#### **Quick search:**

Quick search is the default search which allows one to search by document title, author, publisher, and full-text. This search does not support Boolean logic; however, it does automatically expand every search term (meaning it will broaden a search to include additional word endings [the same functioning that adding \* does in many interfaces]).

Power search:

Power search includes the same search options as quick search and the additional search qualifiers of subject, keyword, publication year, and ISBN. This search supports Boolean operators *and*, *or*, *not*, and *near*; moreover, it defaults to 'and' if an operator is not specified. Unlike quick search, Power search does not automatically expand words; instead, it supports the use of specific wildcards, including \* for expanding and \*\* for searching different tenses of the same verb. Users may also use this search to specify how search results are ordered (i.e. relevancy, author, publication date, title, or publisher).

Command search:

Command search supports the same Boolean operators and search qualifiers as advanced search, but you must know the abbreviations to insert in the field provided (ti: for title, au: author, su: subject, da: date, ke: keyword, fu: full-text, pu: publisher, and is: ISBN).

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