

Online Library Catalog: Conference Proceedings

Conference Proceedings

Professional gatherings like conferences, congresses, forums, symposia, workshops, and expositions will generate published proceedings. Proceedings can often reflect the most current or cutting edge research for a particular field. Older proceedings are a good representation of what the thought in a subject might have been at a given time. The UIUC Online Library Catalog is a good place to start a search for conference proceedings.

Searching for Proceedings in the UIUC Catalog

There are a number of ways that can be used to search for proceedings in the UIUC catalog:

Searching by Author (Quick Search):

1. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
2. Click on *Quick Search*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose the *Browse Author* option.
4. In the *Search for* box type the sponsoring agency name as an author (e.g. American Psychological Association) or the name of an editor or compiler, do not use the name of an author of a paper presented at the conference.

Searching by Author (Guided Keyword Search):

1. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
2. Click on *Guided Keyword*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose the *Author Words* option from the drop down menu.
4. In the *Search for* box type in the sponsoring agency as an author. Please do not use the name of an author of a paper presented at the conference.

Searching by Title (Quick Search):

1. Go to http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog
2. Click on *Quick Search*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose the *Title* option.
4. In the *Search for* box type the exact title if known. Use the title of the conference and not the title of paper presented at the conference.

Searching by Title (Guided Keyword Search):

1. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
2. Click on *Guided Keyword Search*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose the *Title Words* option from the drop down menu.
4. In the *Search for* box type in the exact title or parts of the title.

Searching by Subject (Quick Search):

1. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
2. Click on *Quick Search*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose the *Browse Subject* option.
4. In the *Search for* box type in a topic word with the word “proceedings”.

Searching by Subject (Guided Keyword Search):

1. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
2. Click on *Guided Keyword Search*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose the *Subject Words* option from the drop down menu.
4. In the *Search for* box type in a subject word and the other boxes can be used to combine subjects words with author, title and keywords from drop down menus.

Searching by Keyword (Quick Search):

1. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
2. Click on *Quick Search*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose the *AnyWord Anywhere* option.
4. In the *Search for* box type in a search using combinations of words that describe the conference.

Searching by Keyword (Guided Keyword Search):

1. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
2. Click on *Guided Keyword Search*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose the *AnyWord* option form the drop down menu.
4. In the *Search for* box type in a search using the sponsor name or words like conference, congresses, or symposia.

Searching by Boolean (Quick Search):

1. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
2. Click on *Quick Search*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose the *Boolean Search* option.
4. In the *Search for* box type And, Or, and Not operators to link together subject words.

Searching by Boolean (Guided Keyword Search):

1. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/>
2. Click on *Guided Keyword Search*.
3. In the *Search by* box choose any of the options
4. In the *Search for* boxes type in different search terms that describe the subject of a conference. Terms from the title and words such as conference, congresses, or symposia can also be used. The boxes can be combined by clicking And, Or, and Not buttons that are between the *Search for* boxes.

Catalog Assistance

If you have questions about searching for proceedings please “Ask a Librarian” at reflib@library.uiuc.edu or <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/ugl/vr> or call 217-333-2290.

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