



Online Library Catalog: Using I-Share

General Description

The Online Library Catalog provides access to the collections of materials owned by the University Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. These materials include books, journals, magazines, newspapers, video recordings, CDs, maps, and government documents.

I-Share is a shared or union catalog that provides access to the collections of materials owned by 65 academic and research libraries in Illinois. This consortium of 65 libraries is known as CARLI, the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois.

Using I-Share

Sometimes an item you need is not available in the University Library. The [Online Library Catalog](#) will indicate if items are not part of the collection or are checked out to another patron. When this occurs, you can locate and request these items through the I-Share catalog.

Accessing I-Share

The [Online Library Catalog](#) will prompt you to *Repeat Search in the I-Share Catalog* if an item is not available in the University Library. Your search will automatically be rerun in I-Share.

You can also access I-Share directly. Go to <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/catalog/> and select *I-Share*.

Searching I-Share

There are two ways to search the I-Share catalog, just like the Online Library Catalog:

- **Quick Search** – Find items by title, journal title, author, subject heading, call number or keywords.
- **Advanced Search** – Use drop-down lists to combine specific keywords in the author, title, or subject fields for a more advanced search.

Requesting Items via I-Share

For step-by-step instructions, see the [I-Share Requesting](#) handout.

Catalog Assistance

If you have questions about I-Share, please “Ask A Librarian” at reflib@uiuc.edu or <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/AskUs/> or call 217-333-2290.

