

# Navigating the OPAC:

Finding resources in the media center

## What is an OPAC?

The OPAC is the online catalog that keeps track of the materials we have in the library.



## Where do I find the OPAC?

You can open OPAC on the library computer by clicking the OPAC symbol that looks like this



## How do I search OPAC?

There are many different ways to search OPAC. The two most popular search types are...

### Keyword Search

What is it? This search type looks for keywords that are connected with the book. This is a great search if you are not quite sure what you are looking for. It will give you broad results.

#### How do I use it?

- Type the word you are looking for into the search box at the top of the browser.



- Then click search



OR

### Subject Search

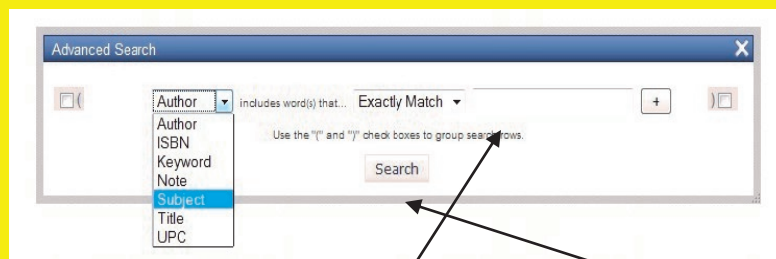
This search type allows you to search using the controlled vocabulary of the Library of Congress or LCSH heading. It is a great search if you already know specifically what you want.

#### How do I use it?

- Click the advanced search button



- Toggle down to the Subject search



- Type in your search term and click search.

If you still can't find what you are looking for... then ask a librarian. We would love to help you.

### So you might use the following terms...

Keyword Search	Subject Search
Pets	Household animals or animal husbandry
Fiction about Pirates	Pirates--Fiction
North American Explorers	Explorers--North America
Space Travel	Interplanetary Voyages
Draw Cats	Cats in art or Drawing -- Technique
Spanish Dictionary	Spanish language -- Dictionaries.
Martin Luther King, Jr.	King, Martin Luther, -- Jr., -- 1929-1968. Or African Americans -- Biography.
Holidays around the world	Holidays -- Dictionaries. Or Holidays