

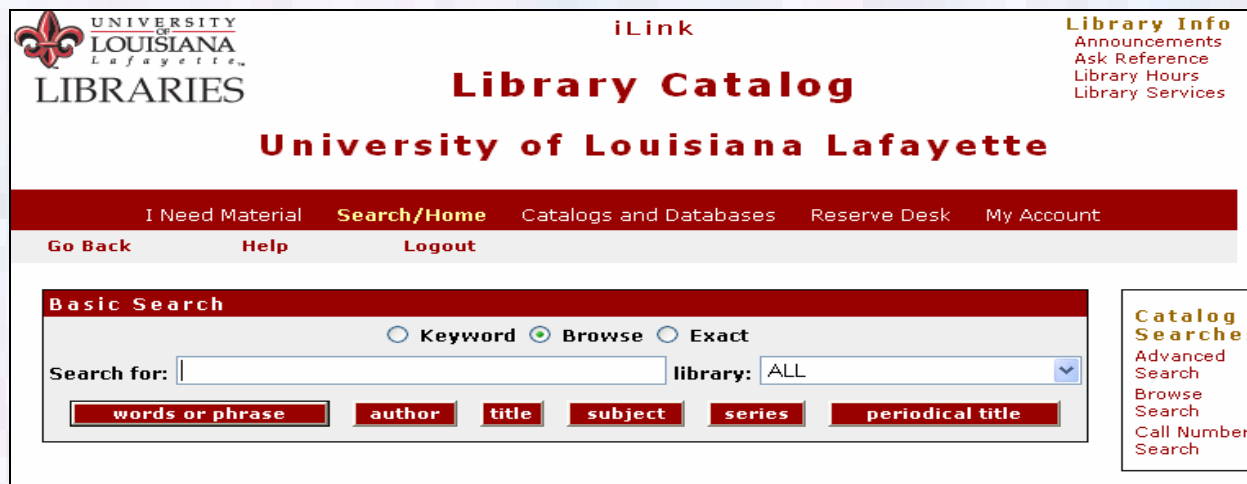
Welcome to *iLink*

What is *iLink*?

iLink is the library's web-based catalog available at <http://library.louisiana.edu>. With the look of an Internet search engine, *iLink* simplifies searches for library materials and information. A major advantage of *iLink* is the wealth of options it features, including basic and advanced searching with direct links to the web.

iLink provides access to all of the Library's cataloged resources including books, journals, magazines, newspapers, government documents, microforms, manuscripts, audiovisuals, and special collections. Educational materials housed in the Instructional Materials Center at Maxim Doucet Hall may be searched separately or in conjunction with a search of Dupré Library's holdings.

Basic Search Screen



The screenshot shows the iLink Library Catalog interface. At the top left is the University of Louisiana Lafayette logo. The main title is "Library Catalog" and "University of Louisiana Lafayette". A navigation bar includes links for "I Need Material", "Search/Home", "Catalogs and Databases", "Reserve Desk", and "My Account". Below this is a "Basic Search" section with radio buttons for "Keyword", "Browse" (selected), and "Exact". A search input field is followed by a "library:" dropdown menu set to "ALL". Below the input field are buttons for "words or phrase", "author", "title", "subject", "series", and "periodical title". On the right side, there is a "Library Info" section with links for "Announcements", "Ask Reference", "Library Hours", and "Library Services", and a "Catalog Searches" section with links for "Advanced Search", "Browse Search", "Call Number Search", and "Search".

User-friendly options offer **words or phrase**, **author**, **title**, **subject**, **series** and **periodical title** searches within **keyword**, **browse** or **exact term** selection. **Advanced Searching** and other strategies are available. The library's holdings may also be searched by type of material. Useful links lead the user to related records by subject, author, and title. Electronic resources are directly linked to their online provider.

The top Nav bar has links to Interlibrary Loan (**I Need Material**), the basic search screen, the Reference Online Center and various library catalogs (**Catalogs and Databases**), and Reserve. **My Account** gives users access to their circulation records and contact information. Your User ID is your complete 9-digit Cajun Card number; the PIN is your 4-digit birth month and year, for example, 0384 for March 1984.

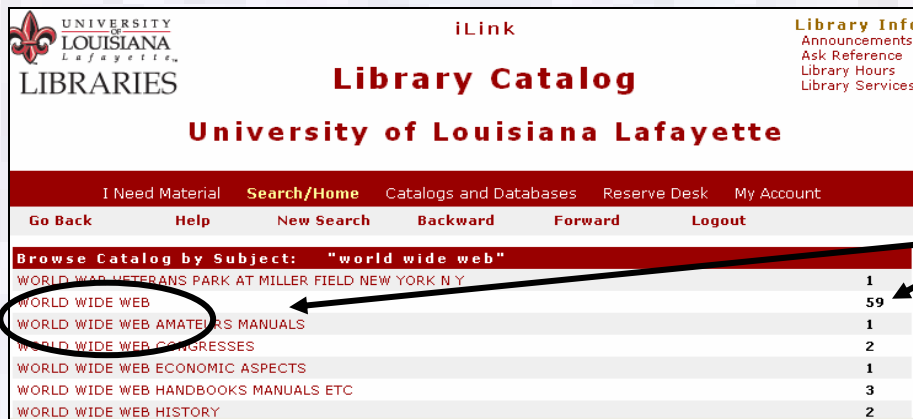
Using *iLink* Outside the Library

You can use *iLink* from any computer equipped with an updated Web browser. Whether you're on campus or off, you can search for materials 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can connect to *iLink* at <http://library.louisiana.edu>.



The above screen displays the *iLink* catalog gateway from the library's homepage, using the default search of "words or phrase" and the "browse" button. Users may choose other options from the pull-down menu (**keyword**, **author**, **title**, **subject**, **series**, or **periodical titles**) and either the **exact** or **keyword** buttons. The advanced search mode allows users to search any combination of these terms and other options.

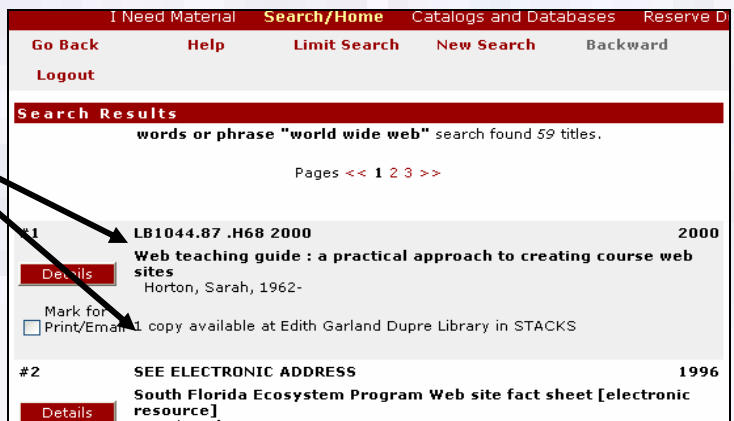
Examples below illustrate the search term *World Wide Web* in the **Browse**, **Exact** and **Keyword** search modes:



The **Browse** button option results in alphabetical placement of search term; note the 59 titles on the "World Wide Web" and the subcategories of the search term.

Note **Call Number & Availability**

The **Exact** button finds the search term(s) exactly as entered; this is especially effective for one-word book or periodical titles.



The **Keyword** button expands search results to locate search term anywhere within the record.

Click **Details** for complete bibliographic information. **Mark for Print/Email** saves record for printing or emailing.

