What is the RSA Cat online library catalog and what can it do for me?

The RSA Cat library catalog is a powerful tool that will help you locate all types of information quickly and easily.

You can:
- Search your library or any other RSA library.
- View book reviews and summaries.
- Look for like items using tags on the item details page of most items.
- Place holds on books and other types of materials.
- Cancel your own holds if you no longer need the material.
- Renew your own materials online.

Access RSA Cat from home or any internet connected computer.

Quick Tips for Using the RSA Cat Library Catalog

1. Do not use your browsers back button. For privacy reasons, the browser doesn’t cache much data for the catalog. Using the browser back button resets the data and forgets your search.
2. Click the “Go Back” link above the search window to return to the quick search page. Click the “Backward” and “Forward” buttons above the search window to move between pages of results.
3. Click the “New Search” link to begin a new search.
4. Login to your account in the upper right hand corner to place holds, review your account, renew your materials, and to mark your favorite authors and subjects.
5. Remember to click “Logout” when you are done.
6. Click on the “Help” button or ask your library staff for assistance.

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Your library’s new catalog places over 2.6 million items in 198 libraries at your fingertips!

My Account PIN (password) in RSA Cat is: _______________________

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1. To search the library catalog, type a word(s) in the box to the left of the Search button. Then click search:

- You can search all items in the Library Catalog, or change your selection to search by author, title, subject, etc.
- You can search your library, a group of libraries or “All” libraries in RSA Cat.
- Use the Browse selection instead of Keyword to see a list of subject headings alphabetically around your search word(s).

2. Additional features on the library catalog homepage:

- Click on the “Advanced Catalog Search” link in the basic search box to search with more in-depth searching options.
- Look through the Recommended Reading, Best Sellers, and Hot Internet Sites lists.
- See what titles are popular in your library.
- See your Favorite Authors or Subjects. You must be logged on to see this information.

3. If your search returns multiple items, you will see a results screen like this. The list will be sorted by date of publication, with the newest items at the top:

- Click on the “Details” button or the title of the item to view the item details.
- Click on the “Keep” button to add a title to a list you can print or email to yourself.
- Click on the “Place Hold” link to place a hold on an item.
- Scroll down and click “See More” to view the next results.
- Click the “Forward” link in the navigation bar (light brown) to move between pages of results.

4. The “Item Details” screen gives more information about a selected item:

- Author, title and subject details.
- Type of material (book, video, etc) and current location.
- Click on “Place Hold” to place a hold on the item. The Holds in All Libraries number will tell you how many total holds the item has.
- Use the links to find more items by the same author, on the same topic, or nearby on the shelf.
- Click the icons under “A Look Inside:” if you want to see book reviews, summaries, table of contents and other information.
- Click a Tag to open a window to browse items in the catalog tagged the same as the item show.
- Similar Books shows other titles like this you might enjoy.

TIP! Login to the library catalog using your library card number and your pin to avoid re-entering your barcode to place holds or view your account.