

How to Find a Book

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The library collections of Northwestern University are located in the [Main Library](#) and in [several branch and affiliated libraries](#). This guide explains how to find a book in the Northwestern library system.

NUcat: Using Northwestern University Library's Catalog

To determine whether the library owns a particular book, use [NUcat](#), the catalog of all the Northwestern University libraries: <http://nucats.library.northwestern.edu/>.

[NUcat](#) can be searched by a number of criteria, including **author**, **title**, **subject** and **call number**, and there are several different options for searching with **keywords**.

The screenshot shows the NUcat search interface with the following details:

- Search:** Guided Search, Course Reserve
- 1. Search for:** handbook of communication and
- 2. Search in:** Keyword (use "and, or, not"), Keyword Phrase, Title (omit articles at the beginning of title—A, An, The, etc.), Journal Title (omit articles at the beginning of title—A, An, The, etc.), Author (last name, first name)*, Subject Heading*, Call Number*
- 3. Limit to (optional):** No limits
- 25 records per page**
- Search** and **Clear** buttons
- Choose More Limits** button

For more information about how to search the catalog, the [NUcat Help Pages](#) can be useful. You can also get assistance from the [Reference Department](#).

Physically Locating a Book

When you have identified the book you want, note its **Location** and **Call Number**.

<input type="checkbox"/>	-4-	Handbook of communication and social interaction skills / edited by John O. Greene and Brant R. Burseson.	2003.	NU Libraries	
		Location: MAIN Library	Call Number: 302 H2357	Status: Not checked out	

Locations in the catalog reflect building or collection locations on both the Evanston and Chicago campuses.

MAIN Library as a location refers to the research towers in the main library, which contain books in the social sciences (including management) and the humanities.

Check the [Location of Books in the Main Research Towers](#) to determine the location of an item in the main library. This guide is available at all service desks in the library. **Call numbers beginning with L are large-sized books and are shelved to the right of the entrance in each research tower.** Call numbers beginning with **F** represent folios, or oversized books, and must be requested at the main library [Circulation Desk](#).

Other locations for separate collections within the Main Library and Deering Library:

- Transportation Library 5th Floor, North Tower, Main Library
- Africana 5th Floor, East Tower, Main Library
- Core Collection / Reserve Room 2nd Floor, North Tower, Main Library
- Mitchell Multimedia Center, 2nd Floor, South Tower, Main Library
- Government Publications and Maps, 1st Floor, Main Library
- Reference Department, 1st Floor, Main Library
- University Archives, 1st Floor, Deering Library
- Music Library, 2nd Floor, Deering Library
- Special Collections, 3rd Floor, Deering Library

