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MNCAT, allows you to search all of the University of Minnesota catalogs. It offers the same functionality as SUMMON and is also available from a link on the library home page. Advanced searching is available.

Since most of the books in your results will be available from other U of M campuses, you will need to request the books through Interlibrary Loan. The standard delivery time for ILL materials is 7-10 working days. Items may come in more quickly or more slowly depending on how easily accessible the item is. It is crucial when preparing to write a research paper that you allow yourself sufficient time to request materials through ILL. If you are interested in calculating how long a project will take you, check out the assignment calculator on the library’s student services page (http://www.morris.umn.edu/library/studentservices.php).

Requesting materials through ILL

Once you have located the book you want, click on “Full View”
You will be taken to the full catalog record for the item. At the top of the page is a link for requesting the item be delivered. Click that link and you will be taken to a page where you will enter the date by which you need the item as well as accept a copyright statement.

Enter date needed by. Click on the calendar to choose the date.

When requesting an entire book, do not fill out this section. Only include special instructions if really needed.

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