



Finding Videos & DVD's in the JHU Libraries Catalog Quick Tip Sheet

If you know the title of the film and/or the director:

Choose **Alphabetical Search**.

- Enter the **film name** (use the drop-down menu and choose "**Video Titles**"). Remember to omit the initial article (a, an, the, etc.) in your search (e.g., Trouble with Harry).
- Enter the **director of the film** (use the drop-down menu and choose "**Author**") and use last name, first name or initial (e.g., Hitchcock, Alfred or Hitchcock, A.) - This search will also retrieve any books in the library the author/director has written.

If you don't have a particular film in mind and want to find films by keyword:

Choose **Advanced Keyword**.

- Enter one or more keywords (e.g., film noir, MGM, Marilyn Monroe, etc.).
- Under "**Material Type**" choose "**DVDs, videos, films, slides, etc.**"
- Select a language if desired.
- Sort Results if desired (e.g., Title, Publication Date, etc.).

To "browse" the titles in our collection (we shelve our films by accession number and they are in a closed-stack area), try the following search:

Choose **Alphabetical Search**.

- Select "**Call Numbers—Other**" from the drop down menu.
- Enter "**DVD**" (for DVDs) or "**Video A**" (for VHS).
- The result will be a list arranged by when we received the film (in reversed chronological order - so the oldest titles tend to be displayed first).

To find a genre of videos or DVD's (Westerns, Comedies, Horror Films, etc.):

Choose **Basic Keyword**.

- Enter the genre of the film (e.g., comedy films, adventure films, western films, gangster films, horror films, detective films, musical films, silent films, political

films, vampire films, documentary films, shorts films, etc.). Select "**Subject Keyword**" from the menu.

To find **books about Film and Media Studies**, try the following searches:

Choose **Alphabetical Search**.

- Enter "**Motion Pictures**" (choose "**Subjects—Library of Congress**" from the drop down menu). The subjects will display with geographic or topical subdivisions (e.g., Motion Pictures—Censorship; Motion Pictures—China).

Choose **Basic Keyword**.

- Select "**Subjects**" from the drop-down menu.
- Enter Motion Pictures along with your topic (e.g., China, Censorship, Dictionaries, Editing, Reviews, etc.).

Choose **Basic Keyword**.

- Enter terms for the subject you want to find (e.g., film noir, Marx Brothers, etc.).
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To find films in a **particular language**, try the following search:

Choose **Advanced Keyword**.

- Enter "**feature films**" in the search box (choose "**Subject**" from the drop-down menu).
 - Choose a language from the "**Language**" menu (to select more than one language, use the control key and highlight each desired language).
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Other Tips

- Capitalization is not required in the catalog.
 - DVD is the preferred format, but VHS and other formats are acquired.
 - If you have questions, contact **Madeline Copp** at mcopp@jhu.edu or 410-516-8540, or ask the reference librarian in the Research Consultation Office on M-Level (normal hours are: Monday-Thursday, 10am - 9pm; Friday, 10am - 5pm, Saturday-Sunday, 1pm - 5pm).
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JHU students and faculty may check out videos/DVDs for 3 days with 1 renewal. Non-JHU patrons may watch videos in the Audio/Visual Center on A-Level.
