

## Searching Items at Your Library

Search the  by    [Advanced Search](#)

Enter your search term in the bar at the top of the page and select what you want to search for (keyword, title, author, etc - tip: searching for keywords will give you a broader array of results) You can also click the “Advanced Search” link beneath the search bar to add search parameters before searching.

Your search results will display as cards on the right, and filters on the left. You can use the available filters to narrow your results by type of item, whether the item is new or not, etc.

The screenshot shows the Allendale Township Library website. At the top, there is a search bar with the text 'Search the Catalog by Keyword dogs' and a search button. Below the search bar, there are navigation links for 'Explore' and 'Lakeland Catalog'. The main content area displays the search results for 'Dogs'. On the left, there are filters for 'Available at the library', 'Available Online', and 'Format'. The 'Format' section is expanded to show 'Books' with sub-options for eBook (3,422), Book (862), Downloadable Graphic Novel (57), and Graphic Novel (30). The search results are sorted by 'Relevance' and show 1 to 10 of 9,452 results. The first result is a book titled 'Dogs' by Guillain, Charlotte, with a 4.5-star rating. The book cover shows a black and white dog. The book details include 'Book - 2013', 'j599.77 Guillain', 'All copies in use View location availability', and 'Holds: 0 on 1 copy'. There are two buttons: a green 'Place hold' button and a 'For Later' button.

From the search results page, you can place items on hold to be delivered to your library by clicking the green “place hold” button.

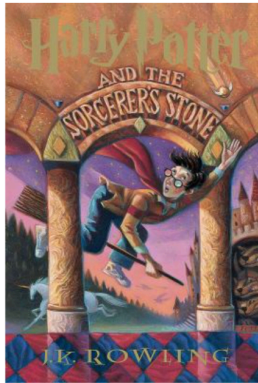
You can also place items on your “for later” shelf if you’re interested in the item, but not yet ready to read it. Your for later shelf is kept in your account and can be accessed at any time. It’s basically a wishlist of items for later.

## Item Pages

When you click on an item, you will see details for that item, and a list of all the available formats for that item. If there are many available formats, you may see “+#” after the formats - click that button to see the rest of the formats.

The item page also displays availability on the right. If you click on “availability by location,” you will see a list of all copies of the item that are currently available at the library, followed by copies of the item that are in the system but are checked out at the moment.

← Search results



## Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Rowling, J. K.

★★★★☆ (7,759 ratings) ☆☆☆☆☆ Rate this ▾

Book, 1998    eAudiobook    Audiobook CD    +1

Available    Available now

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

All copies in use  
2 copies 0 on hold

Availability by location >

Place hold

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## Item Not Available at Your Library? Try Lakeland!

If you’re not finding the item you’re looking for, you can move your search to look at all Lakeland Libraries by going back to the top of the search page and clicking “Search other resources,” then clicking “search Lakeland Catalog.”

Keyword search: **harry potter**

Broaden search ⓘ

Save search 📌

Search other resources ▾

Filter your results by...

- Available at the library
- Available Online

Format

- Books
- eBook (239)
- Book (32)

Sort by: Relevance ▾



## Harry Potter: A Journey Through a History of Magic

by British Library, British

★★★★☆

eBook - 2017  
Available

Check out

For Later ▾

Search the Lakeland Catalog

More resources  
MEL eResources

This will open a new tab with your search on llc.bibliocommons.com, which checks all 40 Lakeland libraries. You can place a hold on this site and the item will be delivered to your home library.

## Other Resources

If you've tried searching your library AND the Lakeland catalog, and still aren't finding what you're looking for, you can then move on to MeL Cat or MeL eResources - **but please use these only if your item is not at a Lakeland library. Items coming through MeL can take up to a month to make it to your library.**

At the top of every search results page, there is a link on the right to search other resources.

Other resources include:

- MeL Cat, which includes items from across the state
- Hoopla, a digital media service which only select libraries have subscriptions to
- MeL eResources, which include an array of databases

The screenshot shows a search results page for the keyword 'hp'. At the top right, there is a 'Save search' button and a 'Search other resources' dropdown menu. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: 'Search MeLCat for additional items', 'More resources', 'Hoopla', and 'MeL eResources'. The main search results area shows a result for 'Champagne For The Pain' by Masi & HP (Musical group), with a 'Downloadable Music - 2023' label. On the left, there are filter options for 'Available at' and 'Format'. The top of the page includes a 'Broaden search' link and a 'Sort by: Relevance' dropdown.

At the bottom of search pages, there is a box that says “Didn't find what you're looking for?” If you click on the link in this box, you can see additional databases you can take your search to. There are also links to learn about how loaning between libraries works within Lakeland, a link to make purchase suggestions, and a link to contact the library directly.

The screenshot shows a box titled "Didn't find what you're looking for?" with a magnifying glass icon. Below the title is a link: "Discover more services and resources ▲". The box is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Other resources" and contains two sections: "Hoopla" with sub-links for "MUSIC | VIDEO | EBOOKS | AUDIOBOOKS | MOVIES & TV" and a "Search >" link; and "MEL eResources" with sub-links for "EBOOKS | ARTICLES | NEWSPAPERS | MAGAZINES | JOURNALS" and a "Search >" link. The right column is titled "Library services" and contains three links: "Learn about interlibrary loans >", "Suggest a title for purchase >", and "Contact us >".