

Finding Videos & DVDs in the JHU Libraries

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

Choose **Alphabetical Search** in the JHU Libraries Catalog <<http://catalog.library.jhu.edu>>.

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

Choose **Advanced Keyword** in the JHU Libraries Catalog <<http://catalog.library.jhu.edu>>.

- 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.).
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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 reverse chronological order – so the oldest titles tend to be displayed first).
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To find a **genre of videos** or DVDs (westerns, comedies, horror films, etc.):

Choose **Basic Keyword**.

- Enter the genre of the film (e.g., comedy, adventure, western, horror, film noir, silent films, documentary), and select “**Subject Keyword**” from the drop down menu. Select “**Videos, DVDs, films, slides, etc.**” from the “**Material Type**” 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 **Don Juedes** at djuedes@jhu.edu or 410-516-0605, or ask the reference librarian in the Research Consultation Office on M-Level.
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JHU students and faculty may check out videos/DVDs for 7 days with 1 renewal.
Non-JHU patrons may watch videos in the Audio/Visual Center on A-Level.
