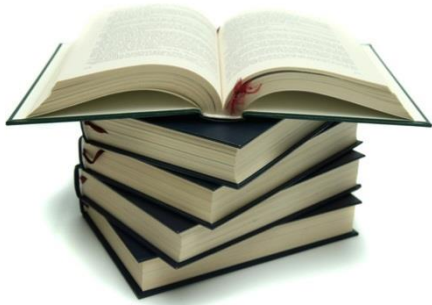


# Finding Books

- Books often give more background information and context for your topic because they are longer than articles. Books can help you get a better grasp of the whole of your topic and bring subtopics to your attention.

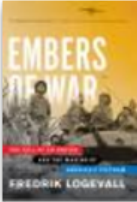


- Search the [McCartney Library catalog](#) for books, audiovisual materials, and more. You'll find helpful tips for using the catalog underneath the search bar.

You can search by keyword, title, author, or subject. A simple keyword search is the default, but an advanced search will allow you to tailor your search. You will have the option to specify where and what to search, as well as being able to apply filters such as language, publication year, and more.

A screenshot of the McCartney Library catalog search interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'NEW SEARCH', 'BROWSE', 'LIBRARY WEBSITE', 'FIND ARTICLES', and 'JOURNAL LIST'. The search area features a 'Search for:' section with radio buttons for 'Library Catalog' (selected), 'Everything', and 'Reserves'. The search criteria are set to 'Any field contains Vietnam War'. On the right, filters for 'Material Type' (Books), 'Language' (English), and 'Publication Date' (Last 5 years) are visible. A 'SEARCH' button is at the bottom right. Below the search bar, the results page shows 'PAGE 1 24 Results'. The first result is 'Embers of war: the fall of an empire and the making of America's Vietnam' by Fredrik Logevall, published in 2012. The second result is 'Agent Orange: history, science, and the politics of uncertainty' by Edwin A. Martini, published in 1975. A sidebar on the right offers options to 'Tweak my results', 'Sort by Relevance', 'Availability' (Available in the Library (22), Full Text Online (2)), and 'Resource Type'.

- In the example above, I selected 'Advanced Search' from the initial page, and am now searching for books on the Vietnam War. I limited the format (Material Type) to books, the language to English, and I set the Publication Date to see results that have been published within the last five years. I can add additional search fields (such as a specific author) to the search if I choose.
- In addition, I selected to search the Library Catalog, so that I would locate books held here at McCartney Library. You can also search 'Everything,' which will include not only books but online materials as well, including articles. 'Reserves' will find reserve materials for classes. I recommend using the library catalog to search for books, and the Find Articles (Databases) for journal articles, as that directly links to Geneva's databases.
- Once you click 'Search,' you will see your first page of results. There are additional limiters on this page, on the right, to narrow your search (Tweak my results).
- Once you click on a title, you will see the record, below:



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**Embers of war : the fall of an empire and the making of America's Vietnam**  
 Fredrik Logevall 1963-  
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- This book is available for checkout, and the call number is given. You also have the option to see a citation for the book, and you can print or email the information to yourself. Further down the page you will see a description of the book, as well as a virtual shelf browse, so that you may see other books with similar topics. In order to go back to the results, just click on the large 'X' to the left of the record.
- If you live more than 30 miles from the Geneva campus, you can have up to five titles from McCartney's collection mailed to you each month. This is a free service, but you are responsible for the books, including mailing them back to us or returning them in person prior to their due date. In order to request titles mailed to you that we have in our collection, just fill out the [Ask a Librarian](#) form. Include your name, Geneva ID#, email and mailing address, and the books that you wish to borrow.
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