Using the Catalog

The catalog provides various information about library items. It can tell you the basic information such as title, author, the call number (the shelf location of the item). It will also tell you the borrowing status -- if the book can be checked out (circulation) or not (reference or reserve).

1. Go to the library website (http://www.mdc.edu/learning-resources/libraries/) or (www.mdc.edu and select the “Libraries” link under “Academics”)
2. Click on “Advanced Library Search” to enter the full search screen.
3. Next to “Option 1: Search for words” select “Library Catalog” from the drop-down menu.
4. Select “Book” under “Format” if you are looking for print books and eBooks. If you want print books only, check the “Books in the library” option. Checking the “Available for Checkout” option will further limit your results to only books available on the shelves. To search for DVDs, select “Video (DVD)” from the format list.
5. Select “North Campus” for “Location” to limit your search to North Campus Library. Or you may also search another campus, or all Miami-Dade campuses.
6. To extend your search to other Florida colleges and universities, select “Search Other FL Academic Libraries” option at the bottom of the “Narrow Results By:” menu on the left, or the UBorrow button under the search box of the results page.

Step 3.

Step 4.

Step 5.

Step 6.

Narrow Results By:
- Books in the library
- Available for Checkout

OR

Want more results? Try...
- Search Other FL Academic Libraries
- WorldCat
- Google Books
Working with Search Results

*Search results will show the campus location, the borrowing status, the shelf location (call number) and the availability of the items.

*Selecting the email or txt icons will send the book title and location information to your device.

*Clicking on the “see more” link after the “Summary” will open another window with more information about the item:

*It may also include a link on the book cover to find more info in Google Books: