Using the New LION Catalog

Browsing Titles

From your library’s catalog homepage, you have the ability to browse titles available from your library or from other LION libraries.

You can use the carousel on the homepage of your library’s catalog to quickly find new items of all types (books, DVDs, eBooks, eAudiobooks, etc.) by scrolling through the carousel with the left and right arrows on the furthest sides of the carousel. Sometimes you may find some subcategories within the broader categories in the carousel that will help you narrow your browsing on the homepage.

If you click on a title from the catalog homepage, you can see additional information about the title, including where it might be (on the shelf at your library, available from a different library) as well as different formats and editions and a brief description of the title. This will appear as a pop-up window over the homepage.

From the pop-up window, you can view even more information about the title with the “More Info” button. If you would like to place a hold on the item, you can click the “Place Hold” button (log in to your account if not already logged in).
Searching for Items and Accessing Digital Materials

You can search for materials by keyword, title, author or subject with the search bar at the top of the library catalog homepage. Simply type your search term(s) into the search bar and click “Go”. The search defaults to “Keyword” but you can change your option using the dropdown menu. (If you prefer to add multiple search parameters, you can click on the “Advanced Search” link which is located to the right of the “Go” button.)

Use the filters in the left sidebar to narrow your results or click on one of the format or location choices at the top of the results page. If you need a title right away, click on the Available Now filter. The filters on the left are especially useful if you want to limit to a particular age group (Audience), language or publication date.

One of the best features of the new catalog interface is the ability to see all formats for a title on one page. In the example above, you can see that “Gone with the Wind” is available as a book, Audio CD, eBook, Large Print book and in the second result, a DVD. There are color coded indications for availability, either at your library or another library in the LION consortium. All LION libraries have access to the OverDrive collection.
Additional titles may appear for those libraries that subscribe to an outside resource, such as Kanopy or Hoopla. Only cardholders of those libraries will be able access these titles online. An example is given below for the film “His Girl Friday”.

Your Account

You can login to your account from the top right or left side of the page. Enter your last name and library barcode to login. If you do not have a library card, you will be prompted to register for a new library card.

You will be able to place holds as soon as you register for a library card, but this account is temporary. You will need to go to your hometown library to complete your registration and to obtain your permanent library card.
Once you are logged into your account, you will be able to keep track of materials you have checked out, your holds, any fines you might have and a list of items you have previously checked out (if you choose to opt in to Reading History).

My Account

- Checked Out Titles 32
- Titles On Hold 1
- Reading History
- Fines and Messages
- Titles You Rated
- Recommended For You
- Account Settings
- Search History
Once logged in, you will be taken directly to your “Checked Out Titles” page. There is a wealth of information on this page, including when your library is open on this day, when your book is due and if you have renewed any items. You can sort your list using the dropdown menu, you can renew selected or all items and even export your list to an Excel spreadsheet.

You can access other pages in your account on the left hand side of the screen. If you have active items in any of the sections, e.g. “Reading History” or “Checkout Out Items”, there will be a small number next to the section indicating the number of active items you have in that section. If you don’t see these sections, just click on the “Account” icon on the left side of the screen.
Placing Holds

You can place holds on items from your home library or from other LION libraries. You must be logged into the system to place a hold. If you have not logged into the system prior to placing a hold, you will be prompted to login before your hold request will process successfully.

Search for your item by keyword, title, subject or author. Once you click “Place Hold” you will see a pop-up window. Your home library is the default option, but you can choose any LION library for your pickup (except for certain items such as hotspots or other devices which must be picked up from the owning library). You can request that the hold be cancelled if not filled in by a specific date, but for the most part you will leave this field blank.

Uncheck the box “Log me out after requesting the item.” if you want to stay logged into your account.

After you submit your request you will see a new pop-up window that lets you know if your hold request was successful.