

Ritter Library Guide To The OPAL Book Catalog

Ritter Library's OPAL Book Catalog lists books, periodicals, and other materials (scores, recordings, kits, and computer & A-V media) housed in the following Baldwin-Wallace Libraries: Ritter Library, the Chemistry Reading Room (Wilker Hall), and the Jones Music Library (Merner-Pfeiffer Hall). OPAL (Ohio Private Academic Libraries) is a consortium of 24 private colleges in Ohio, who through OPAL are all members of OhioLINK, a network of major academic libraries statewide. Users can link to other OPAL libraries and the OhioLINK system to find and request books from any member library. This catalog is accessible at the Ritter Library Web Page (<http://www.bw.edu/academics/libraries/ritter/>) by clicking **BOOK CATALOG**.

Below is the **Main Search Screen** for the Baldwin-Wallace OPAL catalog. It allows searches by keyword, author, title, subject plus more options.

The screenshot shows the OPAL search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "New Search", "My Account", "Course Reserves", and "Help". Below this, the OPAL logo and "Ohio Private Academic Libraries" are displayed. A search bar contains the text "You are searching: Baldwin-Wallace library catalog".

The main search area has tabs for "Keyword", "Title", "Author", "Subject", "More Options", and "My Account". The "Keyword" tab is selected, leading to the "Advanced Keyword Search" section. This section includes a "Please fill in the form, select limits, and click Submit (or choose a Simple Keyword Search)." instruction, a "Clear Form" button, and four input fields for "Any Field:" with "And" operators between them. A "Submit" button is located below these fields.

Below the search fields is the "Limit your search (optional)" section, which includes a checkbox for "Limit to items not checked out" and various filter options: Location (Baldwin-Wallace), Year of Publication (After and Before), Material Type, Sound Recording, Video Recording, Electronic Resource, Literary Form, Government Publication, Language, and Search and Sort by (sorted by relevance).

On the right side of the search area is a "Search Tips" box containing the following information:

- Adjacency:** Multiple words are searched together as one phrase. Example: world health organization
- Wildcards:** Words may be right-hand truncated using an asterisk, '*' for 1-5 characters, '**' for open-ended truncation, '?' to replace a single character anywhere within a word. Examples: environment* polic*, comput**, wom?n
- Boolean Operators:** Use "and" or "or" to specify multiple words in any field, any order. Use "and not" to exclude words. Example: stocks and bonds. Example: (alaska or canada) and (adventure and not vacation)
- Proximity Operators:** Use "near" to specify words close to each other, in any order. Example: california near university
- Field limits:** A field limit causes the system to search only the specified field for the specified word(s).
- Grouping:** Keyword search results are usually grouped by relevance to bring the most likely titles to the top of the list. Each group represents a similar level of relevance and results are sorted within the group by date or title. To get an ungrouped result set, use boolean operators to form a complex query.

At the bottom of the search area, there is a note: "You can also search another OPAL library's catalog or the OhioLINK catalog."

Keyword Searches - are useful when you do not know exact titles or subject headings. Terms entered as keywords are searched in the title, contents, notes, and subject fields. Note that limit options (language, material type, location, date) may be used.

Author Searches (or artist or composer) - click the **Author** tab and enter the author's name, last name first, in the window. It is not necessary to capitalize words or use punctuation.

Title Searches – Click the **Title** tab and type complete or partial title, beginning with first word. Articles (A, An, The) can be omitted when they are the first word. Sample Title searches:

red badge of courage (complete title), or
red badge (partial title)

Subject Searches - Items in the catalog are indexed according to Library of Congress Subject Headings. Try entering words or phrases as subject terms. Select the most appropriate term from the list that appears. If no useful headings are listed, try a keyword search instead, then select subject headings from relevant books that were found. MESH headings are used for medical topics only. **NOTE:** B-W's catalog is a subset of the larger OPAL union catalog (with holdings for all member institutions). Some subject headings and see also references are links to materials that are held only at other institutions. These item records will not display when searching the B-W catalog.

OPAL
Ohio Private Academic Libraries

You are searching: **all OPAL Libraries**

Only see available items

KEYWORD: All OPAL Libraries Search

Limit to items not checked out

6613 results found, sorted by [relevance](#) | [date](#) | [title](#)

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KEYWORDS (1-12 of 6613)

3. [Request](#) [Add to List](#)

The view from the ground : experiences of Civil War soldiers / edited by Aaron Sheehan-Dean ; with an afterword by Joseph T. Glatthaar. c2007

Lexington, Ky. : University Press of Kentucky, c2007.

Website
Display Full Record

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS	MESSAGE
BLUFFTON BOOK	E6.07 .V54 2007	DUE 08-23-07	
TIFFIN MAIN	E6.07 .V54 2007	AVAILABLE	

4. [Request](#) [Add to List](#)

God grew tired of us / John Bul Dau, with Michael S. Sweeney. c2007

Dau, John Bul.
Washington, DC : National Geographic, c2007.

Display Full Record

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS	MESSAGE
OTTERBEIN NEW BOOKS	HV68.H0.S.89 .D28 2007	AVAILABLE	

5. [Request](#) [Add to List](#)

Lincoln : a life of purpose and power / Richard Carwardine. c2007

Carwardine, Richard.
New York : Vintage Books, c2007.

Display Full Record

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS	MESSAGE
BLUFFTON BOOK	E4.07 .C48 2007	AVAILABLE	

On the next page is a catalog entry for an actual book. **LOCATION** indicates what library: Ritter, Jones, or Chemistry. **STACKS** indicates the circulating collection, **REFERENCE** indicates the Reference collection. **Call Number** locations for Ritter Library are: **A - N** Ground Floor, **P - Z** 2nd (Top) Floor, **Reference** Main Floor. Status: **AVAILABLE** indicates the item is on the shelf. **DUE** (with a date) indicates the item is checked out. **LIB USE ONLY** indicates items that do not circulate (Reference books, rare books, etc.)

Note that the name (author), title, place of publication, publisher, date, and number of pages are listed. Contents notes are often included. Use the subject headings to search for related topics. Underlined terms are links and can be clicked on to search.

You are searching: [Baldwin-Wallace library catalog](#)

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KEYWORD Baldwin-Wallace

 Limit to items not checked out

1234 results found. sorted by **relevance** | [date](#) | [title](#) .

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AUTHOR [Tucker, Spencer, 1937-](#)
TITLE **A short history of the Civil War at sea / Spencer C. Tucker.**
IMPRINT Wilmington, Del. : Scholarly Resources, 2002.

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS	MESSAGE
BALDWIN-W RITTER STACKS	E 591 .T83 2002	AVAILABLE	

DESCRIPTION xiii, 188 p. : ill., maps ; 23 cm.
SERIES The American crisis series ; no. 5.
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BIBLIOGRAPHY NOTE Includes bibliographical references (p. 175-177) and index.

SUBJECT [United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Naval operations.](#)

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Printing or Downloading Records - Individual records can be printed by clicking the print button on your Web browser. Multiple records are best printed by clicking Add to List. To view, print, or email, select **View List.**, then **Export List.** Select **Full Display** to include call numbers and links to online resources. Select **Screen** to view and then print.

Limit/Sorting Searches – Searches can be modified or narrowed by a number of criteria. This is particularly useful when looking for music scores, recordings and other non-book materials. The limit option is available on the Keyword search screen and on search result screens. After doing a search, click the **Limit/Sort Search** button, then choose from any or all of the limit categories. Click down arrows when selecting limit categories to view available options. Click **Submit** button to execute search.

Checking Your User Record - From any screen, click My Account. This feature is available for B-W students, faculty and staff. Enter your **name**, (last name first), and **Barcode #** (7-digit Colleague # printed on B-W ID card). Click **Submit** and a screen with your name, address, and telephone number will appear. Click **# items checked out** (# replacing the actual number of items checked out). A list of all items checked out, with due dates and call numbers, will appear. Options to renew selected or all items are available.

Searching and borrowing from other OPAL/OhioLINK libraries – If you don't find the book you want in the Baldwin-Wallace catalog, click **Search OhioLINK**. The OhioLINK Central Catalog will open and execute your search. Select the desired item and click on **# OhioLINK libraries have this item**. Scan the list to make sure that at least one library has status listed as **Available**. Click **REQUEST THIS ITEM**. For **Please select your school or institution** select **Baldwin-Wallace College**. Click **Submit above information** and fill in your name and Barcode # (7-digit Colleague # printed on B-W ID card). Select an institution and pickup location (you may pick up OhioLINK books at any member institution). Click Submit and the request will be sent. The item should arrive in 3-5 days, no charge. You will be notified upon arrival, and can check materials out for 3 weeks. Four renewals are allowed.

Request Verification
 Requesting Abuse of power : the new Nixon tapes / edited with an introduction and commentary by Stanley I. Kutl

login with library identification:
 Your Name:
 Enter your barcode

Pickup Institution: Baldwin Wallace College
 Pickup Location: Ritter Library Circ Desk

SUBMIT

Start Over

Note: Other OPAL/OhioLINK libraries can be searched directly by clicking on **Baldwin-Wallace library catalog** at the top of any search screen in the OPAL catalog and selecting the library or libraries you wish to search.

IMPORTANT: Overdue Fines for OPAL/OhioLINK materials are \$.50 a day.



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