

American Antiquarian Society
Searching the AAS Catalog: Keyword & Browse
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Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84373674958?pwd=cTBmMnRsQVpqQnd6dUpQSU14WIZwQT09>

Password: catalog

Link to outline and searches: <https://bit.ly/AASCatMay20>

Foundational information not covered in this session

In Keyword Search:

- “all of these” searches for records that have all of the search terms anywhere in the record
 - o The search terms may not be next to each other.
- “any of these” searches for records that have any of the search terms anywhere in the record
 - o Only one of the search terms may be in the record.
- “as a phrase” searches for the search terms in that order in the record.
 - o Use “as a phrase” instead of putting quotation marks around your search terms

Searching the AAS Catalog: Foundations handout: <https://bit.ly/FoundationsMay>

The AAS Catalog

- <http://catalog.mwa.org>
- Successor to the card catalog (<http://bit.ly/AASCatalogCards>)
- Searches exactly for what you tell it to
- Searches the information the cataloger gave it

Catalogs are highly structured

Can only answer questions / give results based on the data in them and the structures that underlay them

- The data is always there, somewhere
 - o Robert Gordon, all of these, keyword anywhere
 - Result 1: Address and reply, on the presentation of testimonial ...
 - MARC view

MARC view

- Sometimes called Staff view, Librarian view

Catalog Record #

- Staff often call this the Bib ID; also called the Bibliographic Record Number

- If you're at AAS and a staff member gives you a catalog record, it will often be in the MARC format, as we access it in the back end. The Bibliographic Record number prints at the top of the record: <https://bit.ly/AASCatalogRecord> (catalog record number 264593)
- Stable reference for the catalog record, if you want to find it again
- Used in the Static URL (permalink).
 - Example: <https://catalog.mwa.org/vwebv/holdingsInfo?bibId=187931>
- Can do a keyword anywhere search for it
 - Low numbers will get more hits than high numbers due to false hits from, for example, bibliographic citations
- Can do a search to get just that record
 - Exact tab, Command Line Search, SYSN #####
- Prints on the Aeon slip, after BIB ID: <https://bit.ly/AASAeonSlip> (catalog record # 271305)
- Caveat: doesn't go into the record in a searchable way until the item has been here (and the record has existed) for a few months

Question marks are wild cards and marks of truncation

- Don't use the asterisk
- Railroad?, all of these, Title Keyword
 - 1845-6. Freight tariff. ... Schenectady and Troy and Troy and Greenbush Railroads. ... [Result 1]
 - Act to aid the constructions of a railroad & telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean ... [Result 6]
- Cook?, all of these, Title Keyword
 - 200 receipts for cookery, preserving meats and vegetables; and other interesting matter [result 1]
 - 200 years of Charleston cooking [result 2]
 - "76." A cook book [result 3]
 - Addresses in commemoration of Josiah Parsons Cooke, LL.D. late president of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences [result 9]
- Fan?l, all of these, Title Keyword
 - The address and proceedings of the friends of Daniel Webster : assembled in Faneuil Hall, on Wednesday, September 15, 1852, in mass convention [Result 1]
 - The bishop comes to Stow : a fanciful symposium [Result 9]
- Wom?n?, all of these, Title Keyword
 - Abolitionist sisterhood : women's political culture in Antebellum America [Result 1]
 - About men: what women have said [Result 2]
 - Acts of incorporation and by-laws of the New York State Woman's Hospital ... [Result 3]

Keyword Search / Advanced Search

Keyword anywhere is the broadest and most inclusive, but it will get you *everything*.

Name keyword is for creators (includes people and corporations).

Subject keyword is for what the item is about – includes people, places, concepts, etc.

Alexander Hamilton, all of these, keyword anywhere – 830 results

Alexander Hamilton, all of these, name keyword – 438 results

Alexander Hamilton, all of these, subject keyword – 291 results

Using the form of name libraries use can narrow your search results.

- There are several Alexander Hamiltons in the AAS catalog including the subject of Hamilton the musical, his son, his grandson, and two different doctors from Edinburgh.

To find the library form of name for people and collective agents (corporations, schools, etc.):

- Find a record that you know is by or about them and use the form given there
 - Alexander Hamilton, all of these, Name keyword
 - An address, to the electors of the state of New-York [Result 153, p. 3]
 - Library form of name: Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804
- Search Wikipedia, scroll down to the authorities box, and click the number following LCCN. This takes you to the entry in the Library of Congress Name Authority File (LCNAF), which is the central database where librarians record the library form of name
 - Example: Alexander Hamilton
 - LCCN: n79021633
 - Library form of name: Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804
 - Example: Flora Batson
 - LCCN: no2015088584
 - Library form of name: Batson, Flora, 1864-1906
 - Example: Henry ‘Ōpūkaha‘ia
 - LCCN: n83056043
 - Library form of name: Obookiah, Henry, 1792-1818
 - Example: Second Bank of the United States
 - LCCN: n50082233
 - Library form of name: Bank of the United States (1816-1836)
- Someone must be in Wikipedia AND have an established library form of name AND have had those two things linked for this to work
 - Gerrit Schipper, an artist, is in Wikipedia but doesn't have an established library form of name
 - The African Free School is in Wikipedia and has a library form of name (New York African Free-School), but they haven't been linked to each other in Wikipedia

- Search the Library of Congress Name Authority File (<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names.html>)
 - Example: Alexander Hamilton
 - The results are relevancy ranked, and I have never figured out how they relevancy rank – Alexander H. Peacock is no. 1 in the search results, but Alexander Hamilton (1757-1804) is no. 56 in the search results

Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, Keyword anywhere – 360 results

- compare to 830 results

Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, Name keyword – 148 results

- compare to 438 results

Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, Subject keyword – 230 results

- compare to 291 results

Note: if you have dates for a person's name, use "all of these", not "as a phrase"; you can use "as a phrase" only with "LastName FirstName".

Note: capitalization, punctuation, and accents do not have to be included in the search

- Sally Smith has the same search results as sally smith
- children's has the same search results as childrens
- générale has the same search results as generale

Keyword search -- Boolean functions (AND NOT OR) to narrow searches:

Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, Keyword anywhere – 360 results

- Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, name keyword AND Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, subject keyword – 20 results
- Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, name keyword NOT Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, subject keyword – 128 results
- Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, subject keyword NOT Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, name keyword – 210 results
- Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, keyword anywhere NOT Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, name keyword NOT Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, subject keyword – 2 results

Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, Keyword anywhere – 360 results

- Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, Keyword anywhere AND duel?, all of these, Title keyword -- 11 search results
- Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, Keyword anywhere AND Buff, any of these, Title keyword – 24 search results

- Alexander Hamilton 1757-1804, all of these, Keyword anywhere AND duel? Burr, any of these, Title keyword -- 25 search results

Browse search: Name tab and Subject tab

Name tab

- Goes exactly where you tell it to on the alphabetical list of names
 - Rogers, Sa goes to Rogers, Sally, approximately 1788-1813 on the list
 - Rogers, Samu goes to Rogers, Samuel, 1612- on the list

Name tab

- Tells you how many times someone is identified as a creator in the catalog
 - Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804 – 148 results
 - Obookiah, Henry, 1792-1818 – 4 results
 - Institute for Colored Youth (Philadelphia, Pa.) – 9 results
 - Note headings for the Alumni Association and the Board of Managers

Subject tab (also displays genre)

- Tells you how many times someone or something is identified as a subject in the catalog
 - Cats -- 62 results
 - Food – 86 results
 - Note the Narrower Terms (e.g., Beverages), See Also terms (e.g., Cooking), and subdivided terms (e.g., Food—Analysis)
 - Titles may or may not have both “Food” and the other terms. If both terms aren’t present, it only shows up on the narrower term list.
 - Researches on the chemistry of food, and the motion of the juices in the animal body by Justus Liebig, M.D. (Food--Analysis) does not show up on the results list of “Food”.
 - Approved American method to make the temperance and summer beverages, cordials, Persian sherbet, lemonade, aeriated ginger beer, soda water, etc. (Beverages)) does not show up on the result list for “Food”.
 - Prize books (Provenance) – 220 results
 - Hamilton, Alexander, 1757-1804 – 170 results
 - Note subdivided terms
 - Obookiah, Henry, 1792-1818 – 8 results
 - Note subdivided term, Obookiah, Henry, 1792-1818—Portraits
 - Union Pacific
 - Union Pacific Corporation—History – 1 result
 - Union Pacific Rail – 1 result
 - Union Pacific Railroad Company – 156 results
 - Note See Also

- et cetera
 - Worcester (Mass.) – 254 results
 - Note subdivided terms. Also note government agencies, like Worcester (Mass.). Board of Health

Subject headings are usually plural. For example, “Newspapers” not “Newspaper” and “Cats” not “Cat”.

When you’re in a record and click a hyperlink, it takes you to the Name browse (for creators, such as authors, editors, translators printers/publishers, illustrators, and provenance names) or the Subject browse (for subjects and genre/forms).

Cross-references:

Name browse search

- Opukahaia
 - Opukaha'ia -> Obookiah, Henry, 1792-1818
- African Free School
 - African Free School (New York, N.Y) -> New-York African Free School

Subject browse search

- New York Manumission Society
 - New-York Manumission Society -> New-York Society for Promoting the Manumission of Slaves, and Protecting Such of Them as Have Been, or May Be Liberated
- Metacomet
 - Metacomet, Sachem of the Wampanoags, -1676 -> Philip, Sachem of the Wampanoags, -1676
- Refugees -- 0 results
 - However, note the “Search Also Under” note, the Narrower Terms (“Political refugees”, “Religious refugees”), and the See Also (“Exiles”).
 - Also note the subdivided terms (Refugees, American--Nova Scotia--18th century; Refugees--Canada--History; etc.)

Name and Subject – different indexes

In Keyword searches, “Name keyword”, “Personal name keyword”, and “Corporate name keyword” exclude entry-as-subject and are just entry-as-creator. Conversely, “Subject keyword” excludes entry-as-creator.

- Crispus Attucks, all of these, Name keyword – No results
- Crispus Attucks, all of these, Subject keyword – 16

This difference occurs in the Name browse tab and the Subject brows tab as well.

- Name browse tab
 - Attucks, Crispus – No results
- Subject browse tab
 - Attucks, Crispus – 10 results
 - Note narrower terms

Miscellaneous:

To only see materials at AAS, use Library Location filter

- Mathematic?, title keyword
 - 350 results, Sort by Publication date
 - Result 8: Ephemeris sideralis (Not at AAS)
- Mathematic?, title keyword FILTER Library Location – At AAS
 - 317 results, Sort by Publication date
 - Result 8: New view of London

To find materials that AAS has digitized and made available through GIGI: The AAS Digital Image Archive, add

gigi.mwa.org, as a phrase, Keyword anywhere to your search.

- For example
 - Alexander Hamilton 1757 1804, all of these, Keyword anywhere AND gigi.mwa.org, as a phrase, Keyword anywhere -- 6 results

Help?

Ask staff.

Help page: https://catalog.mwa.org/vwebv/ui/en_US/htdocs/help/searchAdvanced.html

- AAS home page -> Catalog -> Keyword -> Help
 - Includes information about specific searches
 - Includes genre list

Experiment in catalog.