



MERLN Group Catalog



More access to library resources

The Military Education Research Library Network (MERLN) group catalog provides access to over 1.5 million items in the collections of more than 30 MERLN libraries through a single, easy-to-search database. The result: easy identification of the materials you need from any of the participating MERLN libraries.

Search over 30 MERLN library catalogs at once **A familiar interface**

Now, you can search a combined database—the MERLN catalog—that represents the collections of more than 30 different libraries instead of searching one library catalog at a time.

You choose whether to search across the libraries or limit your search to libraries in MERLN-North America or libraries in MERLN-International using a simple onscreen menu. Limit searches to a specific library for fast access to a familiar or convenient location.

Some of the libraries currently included in the MERLN catalog are listed below.

The MERLN group catalog will be available through the familiar FirstSearch interface that MERLN libraries use to provide access to the WorldCat database.

Through the MERLN group catalog, you may

- See materials available from your own or any other participating MERLN library
- Search the catalogs of all participating MERLN libraries from one interface
- Expand your searches to all of WorldCat, the world's largest database of library materials
- Ensure consistent search results with a single, rich set of indexes

MERLN

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies Library

Supports research relating to U.S. diplomatic and military matters and economic issues directed by the College of Security Studies curriculum to foster understanding and promote social consensus and cooperation throughout the Asia Pacific nations.

Combined Arms Research Library

Serves the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS. Research materials support the college. Library materials also support the educational and recreational needs of post population.

George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Research Library

Supports research in international security and democratic defense management, based in Europe.

Joint Forces Staff College Library

Supports the education and research mission of the National Defense University and its component colleges, including the National War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Joint Forces Staff College, the Information Resources Management College and the School for National Security Executive Education.

Marine Corps University Library

Includes the Breckinridge Research collection, supporting the curricula of the Marine Corps University schools, and the Family Library collection, supporting the educational and recreational needs of the Quantico Base community.

National Defense University Library

Supports the education and research mission of the National Defense University and its component colleges, including the National War College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the Joint Forces Staff College, the Information Resources Management College and Dept. of Defense Regional Centers (Africa, Near East South Asia, Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies) the School for National Security Executive Education.

Naval Postgraduate School Library

Materials required to support the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA.

Naval War College Library

Research materials required to support the Naval War College curriculum.

Pentagon Library

Supports the research requirements of Department of Defense personnel who serve at the Pentagon and in locations without library services in the National Capital Region.

U.S. Army War College

A graduate-level special academic library that also serves as a primary research and information resource for organizations and individuals outside of Carlisle Barracks and the Army, including Congress, DoD, other federal agencies, universities and colleges, the media and individual researchers and writers.

U.S. Coast Guard Academy Library

Supports the undergraduate curriculum and the needs of the Leadership Development Center at the Coast Guard Academy.

U.S. Military Academy Library

Supports the educational mission of the USMA. The Library collects and maintains archival documents relating to the Military Academy since its inception in 1802 to the present time.

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How it works

The MERLN group catalog is a centralized, shared catalog of the collections of more than 30 MERLN libraries. For students, faculty and administrators at participating libraries, that means access to all types of print and non-print materials and fast response time, consistent search results, enhanced search functionality and integrated access to electronic collections.

If you can't find what you are looking for within the group catalog, a single click will expand your search to all of WorldCat, where you can search the collections of thousands of libraries around the world.

From the group catalog, you may be able to link to the catalogs of individual libraries to determine whether the item you need is available.

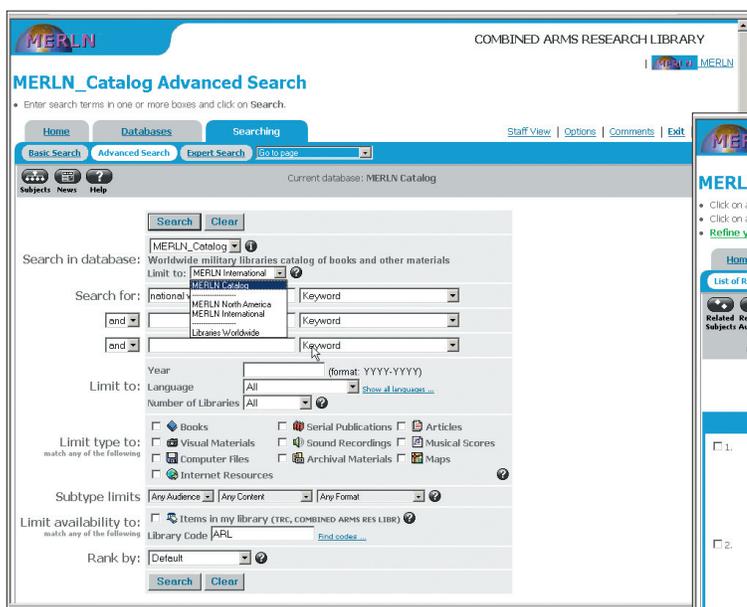
Key features

The MERLN group catalog gives you access to a variety of features that include:

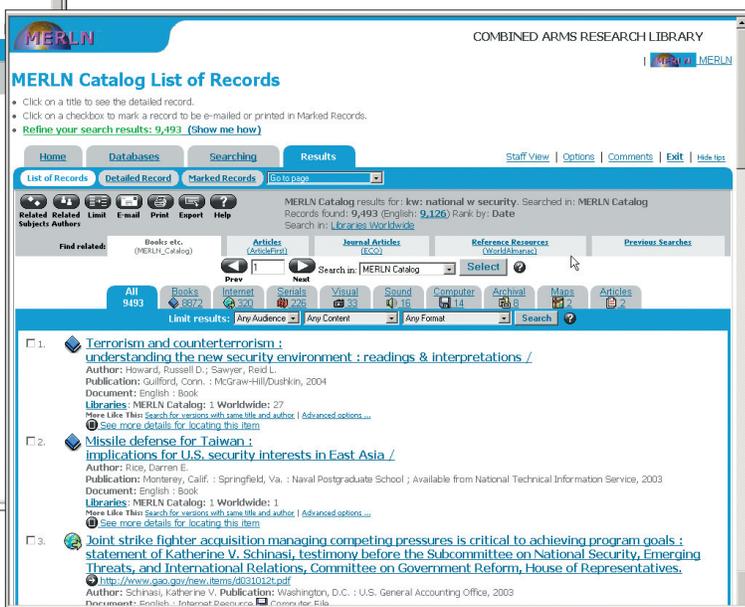
- Easy one-search access to the collections of all the MERLN libraries
- Search results that allow you to choose whether to view local, regional or global resources with WorldCat
- The ability to limit a search to a specific library within the group
- Availability of six interface languages

Access

Link to the MERLN group catalog from the MERLN Resources page at <http://merln.ndu.edu>. Your individual library may also link to the group catalog from their local Web site.



Using the MERLN group catalog, students, faculty and administrators at MERLN libraries can access the resources of 13 collections in a single search.



Search results show how many MERLN libraries own each item.

MERLN group catalog: built from WorldCat

With more than 53 million records, WorldCat is the most comprehensive bibliographic database available. WorldCat connects librarians, students, researchers and other library users to 4,000 years of recorded knowledge. Updated at a rate of one new record every 12 seconds, WorldCat contains bibliographic records and holdings information contributed by more than 9,000 libraries around the world.



For more information

To learn more about the MERLN group catalog, contact the librarians at your institution.

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