



# Searching for Items

search.virl.bc.ca

## THE BASICS

You will need:

- Active Vancouver Island Regional Library membership
- Internet access
- Smartphone, tablet or computer

Vancouver Island Regional Library has a [new catalogue](#). In many ways, it's similar to what you've been using – but there are some differences. From any page of the [VIRL website](#), you'll find a link to the catalogue in the upper right corner. Or, go directly to [search.virl.bc.ca](#).

## Logging In

You do not need to log in to just search for items, but you will need to log in for requesting items or viewing your account. The 'Login' link is on the right side of the screen at search.virl.bc.ca. This will take you to a page where you enter your library barcode PIN.

## Item Search

### 1. Enter the title, author, subject, etc.

The default is a general keyword search, so you can enter, for example, **jack reacher** to find titles in the series by Lee Child.

### 2. Filter and sort the results.

You will get a list of items that use the words you searched. You can sort by date, title or relevance (default). On the left are 'facets' (filters or limiters) that allow you to refine your search by selecting a format (book, DVD, audiobook CD, eBook), branch, language, publication date, topic.



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### 3. View more details in the item record.

You can select the cover image or title of an item to go to the full record. Here you'll find more details like branch location, availability, similar titles, series information, reviews, and a 'Request' button.



**Personal : a Jack Reacher Novel / Lee Child**  
Child, Lee.

Book | Delacorte Press | 2014 | First edition.

Available at Cowichan Lake Fiction (FIC CHI) plus 49 more

★★★★☆ 4 reviews

[Request it](#)

Additional actions:  
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**Browse Results**

Next result:  
Personal [large print] : a Jack Reacher Novel / Lee Child.

**Other Sources:**

[View in basic catalogue](#)

[View MARC display](#)

**Recently Added:**

People looking for this, may want these recent additions:

Personal [paperback] : a Jack Reacher Novel / Lee Child.

Personal [cd nonmusic] : a Jack Reacher novel / Lee Child.

**Items**

Location	Call No.	Status
Cowichan Lake Fiction	FIC CHI	Available
Bamfield Fiction	FIC CHI	Available
Chemainus Fiction	FIC CHI	Available
Courtenay Fiction	FIC CHI	Available
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**4 Reviews**

**Personal**  
★★★★☆  
by Capid on 11-19-2014

“ Jack Reacher is contacted via an ad in the military press because someone has taken a long-range shot at the French president. A task force that includes the military and the CIA believes Reacher is the one man who can track down the shooter. It is an

## TIPS AND TRICKS

1. If you want to save lists of items you find in a search, you can add them to a list. Check out our **Creating Lists** handout (side 2) for more information.
2. You can also search for articles from magazines, encyclopaedias and scholarly journals under the 'Articles' tab. Check out our **Searching for Articles** handout for more information.
3. Enclosing your search in quotation marks (e.g., "jack reacher") will only return results with both words in that order.



## Advanced Search

On the catalogue home screen, there's a [link to Advanced Search](#) for narrowing your search right from the start, plus more options like searching for title and author simultaneously or refining by branch collection.

**Advanced Search** [Basic Search](#)

(personal jack reacher)

Keyword

AND

Add boolean:

Format:  + Language:

Branch or Age Group:  + Year:  to

Branch with Age Group:  +