

Why Use HathiTrust?

Testimonial:

"THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! I have been looking for days to find digitized congressional reports from the 1970s. Couldn't find them anywhere (including the GPO and Library of Congress sites)."

It's huge! HathiTrust contains over 10 million volumes, and over 3 million of them are fully viewable.

- It's non-commercial and hosted by libraries.
- HathiTrust is designed for scholarly use, with much better metadata than is typically found, and a maintenance crew who actually respond to error reports.
- It's a digital complement to your campus library. HathiTrust includes books and journals from libraries and other sources, and will continue to evolve to include important books for use by students, faculty, and researchers.
- Works in HathiTrust are searchable via traditional library cataloging, so you can look for nuances such as volumes and editions.
- The HathiTrust full-text search provides a list of every place your term appears within the book, for every book.
- Books that are free from copyright restrictions and government documents are available in full view.
- If you look in HathiTrust 10 or 20 years from now, or include a citation to HathiTrust in one of your papers, the book will still be there and the URL will work!

Discover works via HathiTrust

Testimonials:

"Looking at Cycling Patents Monthly in the HathiTrust digital library is easier for browsing old bicycle-related patents than searching for them in Google."

"But for my money, the Hathi Trust is the closest thing we have to a National Digital Library, and it's fairly close from a variety of perspectives...It has the goods...It has the vision...It has the technical chops...It is working on the governance..."

HathiTrust offers traditional **library catalog search** functionality, enabling discovery via access points such as author, title, subject, ISBN, language, and year of publication.

HathiTrust offers **full text searching** of the entire collection of 10 million plus works. Full text search allows you to search for people, places, topics, and citations, and more that occur in the full text of volumes, but are not reflected in library catalog records.

Both search modes provide for:

- **Keyword** searching: crochet knitting
- **Phrase** searching: Use quotes to search an exact phrase: e.g., "occult fiction"
- **Boolean** searching: Use AND and OR between words to combine them with Boolean logic: e.g., (heart OR cardiac) AND surgery will find items about heart surgery or cardiac surgery.
- **Faceted refinement** of results by criteria such as viewability status, subject, author, language, date and more
- **Locate** a print version

In Full-text Search Mode you can also:

- Use Wildcards: Use * or ? to search for alternate forms of a word. Use * to stand for several characters, and ? for a single character: e.g., optim* will find optimal, optimize or optimum; wom?n will find woman and women.
- Perform full text searches within individual volumes/works
- See items similar to a result item
- Build collections of works which can later be displayed, searched by title and description, and can be filtered by their featured status, last time of update, number of items, and public/private status.

Other Points to Consider

Since HathiTrust is on the web and linkable, you'll likely see links to HathiTrust in many places in the future, including:

- Your library's local discovery service may soon include links to HathiTrust volumes.
- Commercial discovery services, including Summon, WorldCat Local, and EBSCO, are aiming to include HathiTrust records in their indexes.
- Ask your local librarian about HathiTrust!