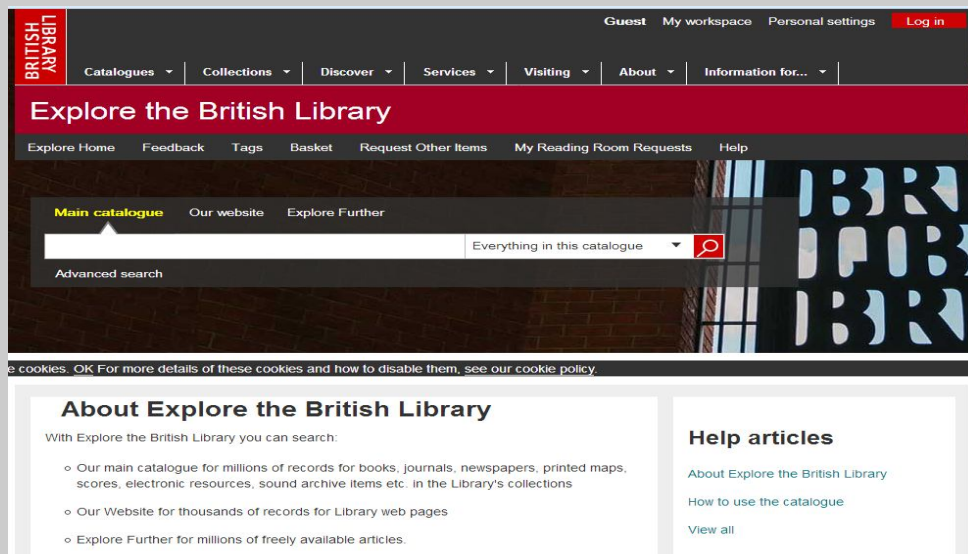| Name of the Tool | Explore The British Library |
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| Subject | British Library-- Catalogs |
| Accessibility | Partially Access |
| Language | English |
| Publisher | British Library |
| Brief History | The British Library was created on 1 July 1973 as a result of the British Library Act 1972. Prior to this, the national library was part of the British Museum, which provided the bulk of the holdings of the new library, alongside smaller |

organizations which were folded in (such as the National Central Library, the National Lending Library for Science and Technology and the British National Bibliography). The British library catalogs are eagerly sought by bibliographers, and research scholars. The catalogues of the British Library represent the splendid collection of great library. It is the major retrospective tool for searching for publications on any subject, published in any language, anywhere, at any time, especially for publications of British origin.

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1   ☆   **Annals of library science and documentation / Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre.**
New Delhi : Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre, 1954-2000.
*Journal*
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2   ☆   **47th Annual meeting of the Japan Society of Library and Information Science.**
Japan Society of Library and Information Science, 2000.
*Book*
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3   ☆   **Harrod's librarians' glossary and reference book : a directory of over 9,600 terms, organizations, projects and acronyms in the areas of information management, library science, publishing and archive management / compiled by Ray Prytherch.**
Aldershot : Gower, c2000.
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4   ☆   **Foundations of library and information science / Richard E. Rubin.**
Richard Rubin, 1949-
New York : Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2000.
*Book*
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If users want to access the details about any item, then they have to click the "Details" option (see the above screen shot) to get information like title, contributor or author, subjects, publication details, language, identifier, notes, physical description, shelfmark(s) etc. The following screen shot is an example:



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**Title:** National Library Act 1960-1967.

**Author:** Australia.

**Publication Details:** Canberra : Commonwealth Govt Printer, 1968.

**Language:** English

**Uniform Title:** Laws, statutes etc.

**Identifier:** System number 015247675

**Shelfmark(s):** Document Supply OP-AUS/43

**UIN:** BLL01015247675

**Links**
› Item Holdings
› Report Catalogue Error
› MARC display

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| ***Special Features*** | ➢ An easy-to-use refine facility, to filter the search Results is provided.<br>➢ Alerts, for registered readers and registered document supply customers who log in, to provide them with updated results from their search queries.<br>➢ The website provides facility to tag or add notes about the interesting items by the users.<br>➢ Anyone can order copies of items in our remote supply collection.<br>➢ The British Library has digital collection which includes digitized British newspapers, archives, Festival books (1475-1700), International Dunhuang Project, Manuscripts, Sounds, Theses, UK Web Archive etc. |
| ***Arrangement Pattern*** | The search queries produce the list of documents which are arranged in order of relevancy to the search queries. Users may rearrange the list by the titles, author's name, publication dates. |
| ***Remarks*** | The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom and the second largest library in the world by number of items catalogued. It holds well over 150 million items from many countries. The Library is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. |
| ***Comparable Tools*** | ➢ British Council India Library( https://library.britishcouncil.org.in/)<br><br>➢ National Library of Australia Catalogs (http://catalogue.nla.gov.au/Record/251985)<br><br>➢ U.S. National Library of Medicine Library Catalogs & Services (https://www.nlm.nih.gov/libserv.html)<br><br>➢ National Library of India Online Catalogue ( http://opac.nationallibrary.gov.in/cgi-bin/gw/chameleon?sessionid=2017040411341325700&skin=nl&lng=en&inst=consortium&timedout=1)<br><br>➢ NLS: That All May Read: Online Catalog Quick Search (https://www.loc.gov/cgi-bin/zgate.nls?ACTION=INIT&FORM_HOST_PORT=/prod/www/data/nls/catalog/index.html,z3950.loc.gov,7490&CI=072321)<br><br>➢ NDL-OPAC: National Diet Library Online Public Access Catalog (http://iss.ndl.go.jp/?locale=en) |

➢ OPAC - National Library of Sri Lanka (http://www.natlib.lk/)

➢ Russian State Library (http://aleph.rsl.ru/F/-?func=file&file_name=find-a&CON_LNG=ENG)

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