HOW TO USE ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOGUE (OPAC)

INTRODUCTION TO OPAC

OPAC stands for Online Public Access Catalog. It is also known as the catalog, PAC, WebPAC, library catalog, or online catalog. OPACs generally contain records of all the items cataloged by a library, such as books (print and/or electronic), journals (print and/or electronic), databases, maps, manuscript collections, and more. An OPAC is public (anyone can use it) and allows patrons to search the library's collection, check course reserves, and view their own library records—all from any internet-connected computer.

THE BASICS OF SEARCHING

Certain search techniques are standard across all OPAC interfaces, although their presentation may vary slightly between vendors. Common techniques include the use of Boolean operators.

Boolean Operators

Database and online searching, including OPAC keyword searches, make use of Boolean logic, which uses three basic operators:

AND is used to narrow the results to only those records that contain both search terms: e.g. (online catalog AND academic libraries).

OR is used to expand the search using like-terms: e.g. (online catalog OR OPAC).

NOT is used to exclude an element from the search set: e.g. (online catalog NOT public libraries).

For the most precise search, you can combine multiple sets of search terms using Boolean operators: e.g. (children OR boys OR girls) AND (television OR TV).

Step 1

Go to OPAC webpage at

https://pustaka.librarynet.com.my/Angka.sa2/pustaka/OpacBasicSearch.ht m?mobile=true.



Step 2

Log into membership account using Sarawak ID.

SarawakID Login



Step 3

Select your respective location (where your membership is held) and then click the 'Continue' button to proceed.



Step 4

Start your search for library materials using:

a. Keywords;



b. The list of criteria provided; or



c. Advanced search features.

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Step 5

When you have found the title of the library material you are looking for, click on it to display the complete material information.



Step 6

The complete material information display will show the material's status and its location within the library.



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