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Searching for Books, E-Books, and DVDs

- On the library homepage, click **Books/DVDs** link under the “Find Items” heading.
- Enter your search terms. Your results will include a combination of the following:
 - Items that can be checked out in **STACKS, OVERSIZE COLLECTION, DVDs**
 - **E-Books** available online. Click title of e-book > scroll to the bottom of the record > click the holdings link that says “RBC” or “Richard Bland.” You will be prompted to login if you’re off-campus.
 - **Ready Reference Books**, which you can’t check out but can make photocopies.
- Browse many of the American history books in the **E section** upstairs in the Stacks.

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Searching for Articles & Other Online Sources

- Begin at the RBC Library web page: www.rbc.edu/library
- Select **Articles > History**
- Search the following databases:
 - **America: History & Life**: Best place to begin your research.
 - **Project Muse**: Contains both articles and e-books.
 - **American History in Video**: Watch documentaries and newsreels.
 - **The Sixties in America**: Encyclopedia of important people/events in 1960s.
- Searching tips: You may want to limit your search **by date**, to only articles **available in full-text**, and/or to **only scholarly/peer-reviewed journals**.
- If an article is not available in full-text, request it through **Interlibrary Loan**.

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Interlibrary Loan

- Begin at the RBC Library web page: www.rbc.edu/library
- Select **Interlibrary Loan** under Find Items.
- Click the **WorldCat** link. Search WorldCat for books not owned by RBC Library.
- Click the **Libraries Worldwide** link to verify that the book you are interested in is owned by a college/university library in Virginia.
- Click the title of the book > **Use ILL to borrow this item from another library**. Fill out your information and a librarian will contact you when the item arrives.
- If you can’t find the item you want in WorldCat, you may also use the form on the **Interlibrary Loan** page to request it.

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Research Help

- Visit the **Get Help** pages on our website for information on Chicago/Turabian format, selecting your topic, etc.