

The University of Delaware library provides access to more than books and articles. You can also use the library to find DVDs, Blu-rays, e-Videos, video games, and other media formats. All of these items can be found using DELCAT Discovery. In this video you will learn some tips and tricks for making the most of your searches for these items.

If you know that you are only interested in finding DVDs, e-Videos, video games, etc., you can limit your search to return just those materials. [library.udel.edu/filmandvideo website appears onscreen] This search box is now ready to scan the library's film and video collection for your materials.

There are several different kinds of searches you can perform. If you don't know the exact title you need you can search using a topic keyword by typing a phrase into the search box. You may also search using the name of someone associated with the films in which you're interested - Such as a director or an actress or actor. Use quotes to signify that you're looking for that exact phrase in your results.

Here are a few things to notice in the full record.

Format.

Please note: Blu-ray discs sometimes contain standard DVDs as well. So even if you don't have a Blu-ray player you may wish to check out a disc that is paired with a regular DVD.

Media Loan or Restricted Loan.

This will tell you if you can check the item out of the library. Undergraduates may check media loan items out of the library for 3 days. If you belong to a user class who can teach, such as a graduate student, PhD candidate, faculty, or exempt staff, you can check out both media loan and restricted loan items. Undergraduates are welcome to use restricted loan items in the library. We have viewing carols and headphones on site for your use.

Shelf Status.

If you find a due date in this field, that means the item is checked out and is expected to be back on or before that date. If you see a green checkmark the item is currently available for circulation.

Call Number.

Make note of this information and bring it with you to the film and video service desk with your UD ID to check out the item. DELCAT Discovery returns results for libraries around the world. Unless you are interested in placing an Interlibrary Loan request, be sure to check to make sure that the video or game in which you are interested is owned by University of Delaware. For instance, here we can see that the UD library owns several versions of "Sim" games but not all.

You can also limit your search using "Format Facets". Perhaps you're interested in finding films directed by Kathryn Bigelow. If you do not need books or articles about her work, you can click on the "video" facet to limit your results to DVDs, Blu-rays, e-Videos, etc.

Sometimes it can be tricky to locate a particular title owned by the library if the film or video game has titles similar to other videos or games, is an adaptation or remake, or as part of a series. For example, if you are looking for the 1932 Howard Hawks film "Scarface", your initial search would only reveal the 1983 Brian DePalma version. Clicking on "View all editions" reveals the version you are searching for.

Likewise, if you are looking for a video in a particular format you will use the "View all formats" and languages link. If you need a standard DVD version of a film and the initial results screen shows only a Blu-ray, click the "View all formats and languages" link. Here you will see that the UD library provides access to this particular film in several formats.

The film and video collection is a closed- stacks collection and can't be browsed in the same way that you can browse books. However, the library has many ways to browse for film and video materials online. Please explore the Film and Video Collection website to discover ways in which you can find videos for your research or recreational viewing. You can also find more information about film and video circulation policies here as well.

If you have any questions about searching for videos don't hesitate to contact Film and Video Collection staff for help. That's why we're here! Stop by to see us on the lower level of Morris Library, call, or use our "Contact Film and Video Form" to submit a question online.

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