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WorldCat Discovery is McGill Library’s catalogue. In it, you will find materials in the Library collection in all different formats, including physical and electronic versions of books and audiobooks.

Search WorldCat Discovery with title words to find out if a specific book is in the collection. You can also enter the name of the author or use subject keywords.
Look for **Format** in the left-hand menu on the search results page to limit your search results to books.

When **Book** is selected, the results page will include all book types (18,600 records in this example). If you are looking for print books to read, select the box next to **Print Book**.
The catalogue provides detailed information on books in the collection. Records contain hyperlinks (words in blue font that are underlined) to be explored further.

For example, author names are usually hyperlinked so that you can discover other works that they have written in the collection.

To find out if there are copies of a print book available to borrow, it is best to click on the title and access the full record. There may be additional copies that are not shown in the condensed view.
Each of the arrows under the title in the full record can be expanded.

View a description of a book, find neighboring items on the shelf (browse the shelf), look for other editions and formats, and check availability.
Under **Check Availability**, you will find the holdings information. The name of the branch library is given, along with the call number and an option to locate the item on the shelf.
If the book is available, there will be a green check mark under the status column. This book has been checked out and the due date is given as month/day/year.

Even though there are two holds on this title, the due date remains as May 15, 2020. That is because no one has recalled the book.

There is a distinction between placing a hold and placing a recall. You can place a hold and wait until the person returns it (they have up until the due date), or you can place a recall since only the first two weeks of borrowing time is guaranteed.

More information on holds and recalls can be found here: https://www.mcgill.ca/library/services/borrowing/requesting-items

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