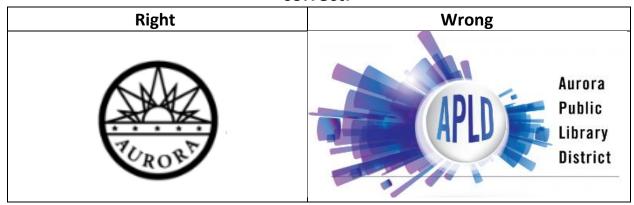
# Welcome to APL: Using the Catalog

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# **Before We Begin...**

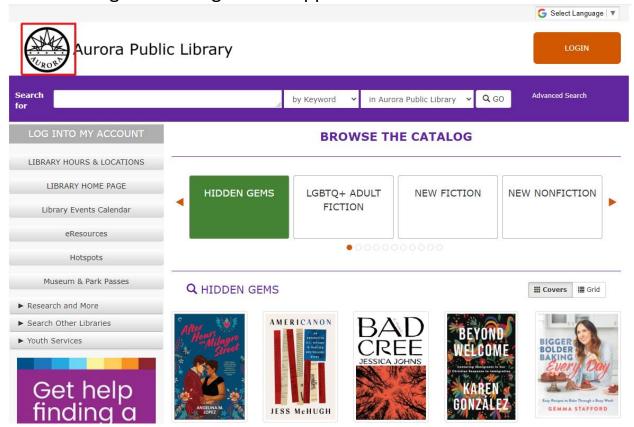
There is an Aurora Public Library in Illinois. Make sure the logo is correct.



## **Navigating the Catalog Home Page**

Access APL's catalog at: <a href="https://catalog.auroralibrary.org/">https://catalog.auroralibrary.org/</a>

 Note: At any point, you can navigate back to the Catalog Home by clicking the APL logo in the upper left corner.



## **Locating Special items:**

Take a moment to browse the home page and highlights. You may locate and place holds new releases, featured monthly items, and hidden gems here.

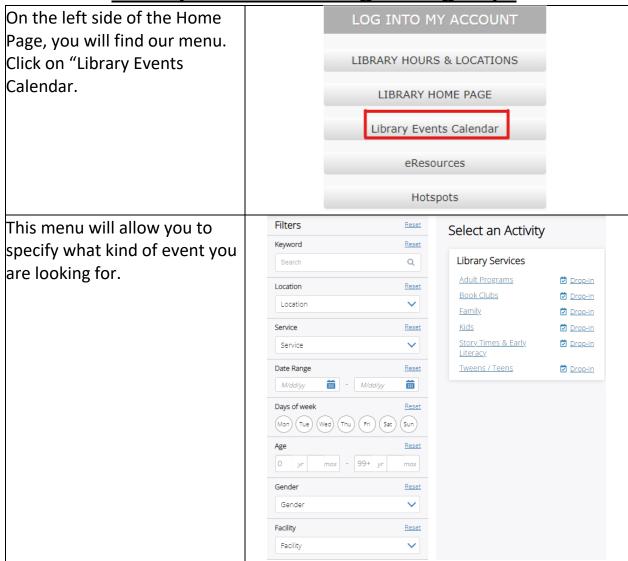
#### **BROWSE THE CATALOG**

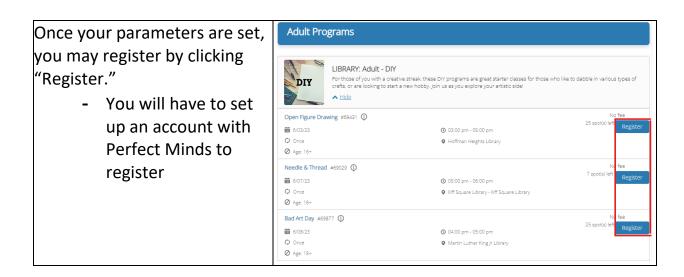


Special items like Wifi Hotspots and Museum & Park Passes can be found on the menu on the left.



# **Library Events and Program Sign-ups**



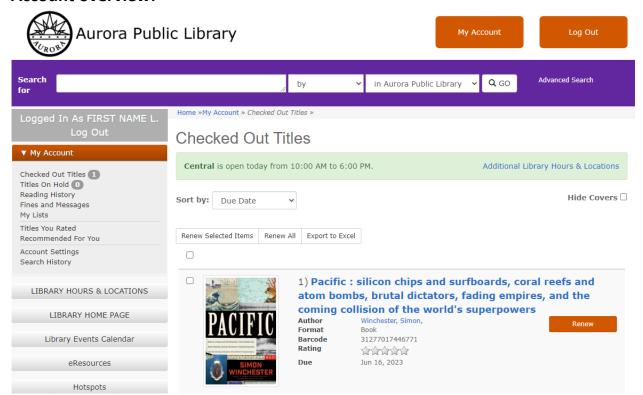


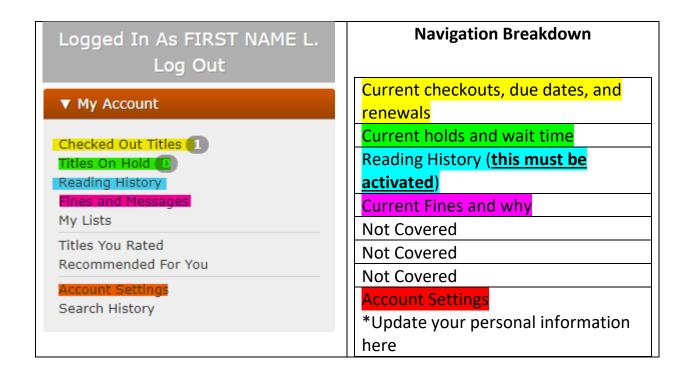
## **Your Account**

**To Access Your Account:** Click the "Login" button in the top right of the APL Catalog.

- Login using your last name and library card number
- If it does not happen automatically, click "My Account" in the top right.

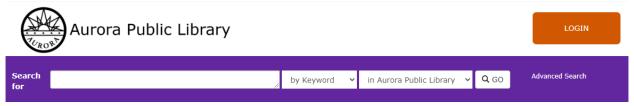
#### **Account overview:**





## **Using the Search Function**

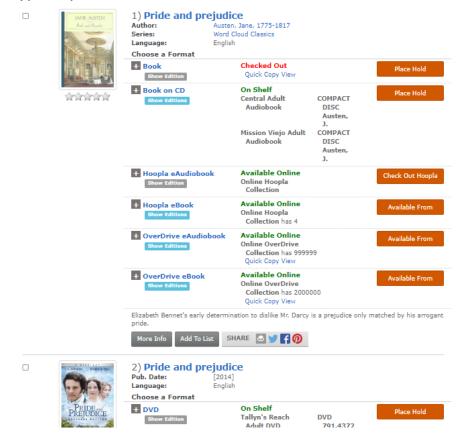
The search bar is located at the top of the page and will default to searching our (APL's) collection.



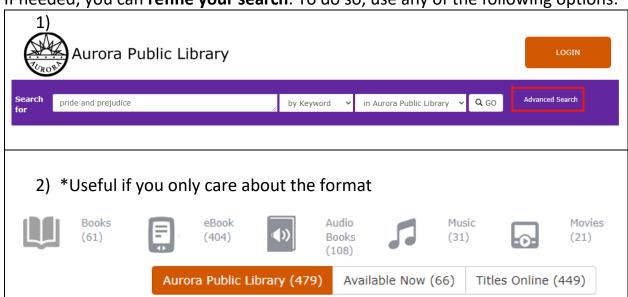
**Keyword** is a general search which will bring up any items relevant to your search. Often, this works well for title, series, or author.

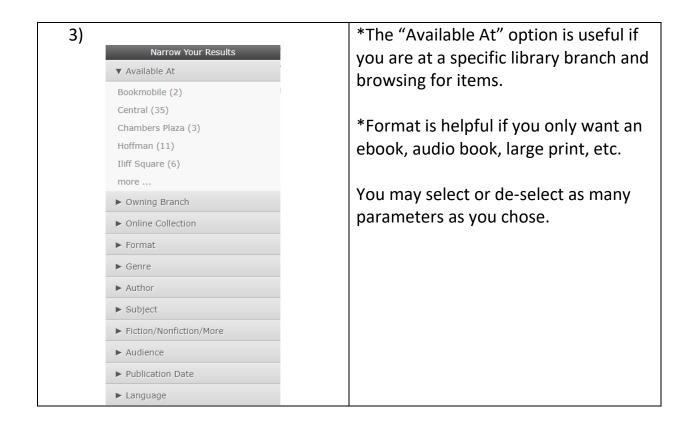
- To specify another kind of search, click where it says "Keyword" and select your preferred search type (author, title, series, etc.)
- You may further refine your search by selecting "Advanced Search" on the right. I recommend experimenting with this function on your own time

### To search, type in your term and click "Go." The results will look like:



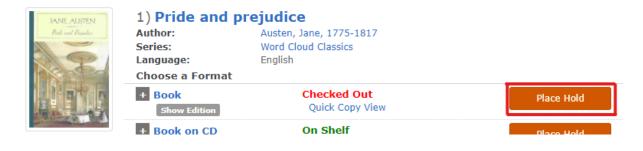
If needed, you can refine your search. To do so, use any of the following options:





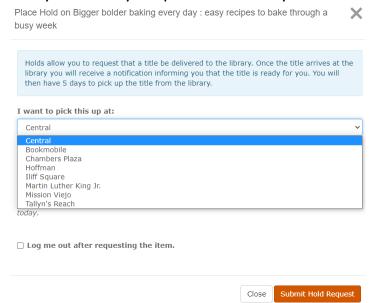
# **Placing A Hold...**

Within APL's Catalog: This should <u>Always</u> be your first choice **To place a regular hold** within our collection, simply click "Place Hold" beside the desired format.



If you are not already logged in, you will be prompted to do so.

- Note: Make sure you select your preferred library location for pickup.



 Once notified by email, you may <u>pick items up behind the desk</u> of your selected branch.

### **Prospector:**

What is it? A Catalog shared by nearby library systems.

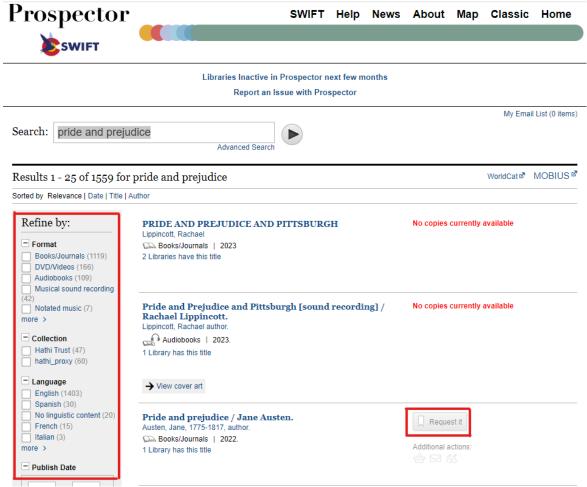
#### When to use Prospector:

- You cannot find your item, the desired format, or the specific edition in our system
- Our copy of the item is checked out or otherwise not available

**To search Prospector**, change the function in the search bar from "in Aurora Public Library" to "in Prospector Catalog."



This will bring you to the **Prospector Catalog**. If you cannot find your item immediately, you may refine your search using the options on the left.



**To request an item**, click "Request It." Select Aurora Public Library and login if prompted.

 Once notified by email, you may <u>pick items up behind the desk</u> of your selected branch.

### **Mobius**

What is it? A database shared by an alliance of libraries in the mid-west.

When to use Mobius: If you cannot find your item in Prospector.

**To access Mobius**, first complete you prospector search. Next, scroll down until you see this logo:



**Placing a hold in Mobius** is the same process as prospector.

 Once notified, you may <u>pick items up behind the desk</u> of your selected branch.

## WorldCat/Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

What is it? A database linking library systems across the United States and internationally.

When to use ILL? You have already checked the APL catalog, Prospector, <u>AND</u> Mobius.

- Note: It can take weeks to receive these items, and there may be conditions (or even fees) for their use.

**To access WorldCat**, first complete your prospector search. Next, scroll down until you see this logo:



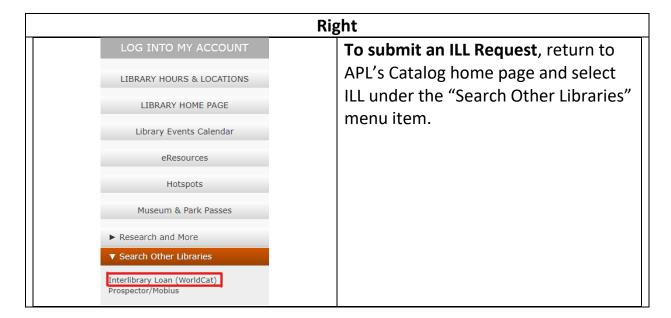
**WorldCat's search function** works the same as both prospector and Mobius. Once you have found your item in WorldCat, you **MUST** check for these things:

- 1) It is located within the US. APL will not order internationally.
- 2) The owning institution has marked it as available for loan
- 3) <u>ALL</u> relevant information for your specific item (author, title, edition, etc.)
  - The more information provided, the better for our staff
  - For Books, ISBN is preferred

## **Requesting ILL:**

### DO NOT REQUEST THROUGH THE WORLDCAT DATABASE.





### Next, choose between the following links:

### Interlibrary Loan

Be sure to check for your item in <u>"Search Other Libraries" (Prospector/MOBIUS)</u> BEFORE using ILL. Prospector/Mobius has 59 million items to choose from and the service is faster and more convenient for you! **Most of our ILL requests are already in Prospector/Mobius**.

To search for the information needed for an Interlibrary Loan, visit <a href="www.worldcat.org">www.worldcat.org</a>. After you have found the item, use the information to fill out the appropriate form below:

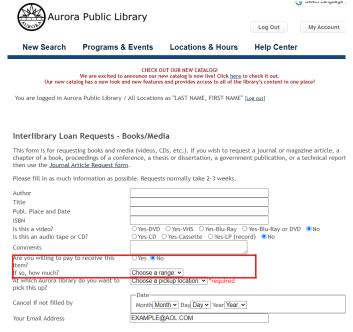
Click here for book, audiobook, video, or other multimedia

<u>Click here for journal/magazine article, book chapter, thesis, or technical report</u>

**Next**, Login and fill out the form with as much information <u>as is relevant to your</u> needs.

### Things to note:

- Remember, this is a request. Just because your item was available in WorldCat does not mean the owning institution will actually lend it.
  - There will not always be a reason provided, but often the item can be found in an online format that will not risk damage in transport.
- If this is a textbook, you should provide an ISBN
- If you are looking for media, be sure to select what format (DVD, Blu Ray, etc.)
- If you are willing to pay for the item, be sure to specify how much.
  The default will always be that you are not willing to pay.



Once you have submitted your request, you will be notified of its fulfillment by email

- Please allow librarians <u>at least 2 weeks</u> before reaching out for an update
- Once notified, you may <u>pick items up behind the desk</u> of your selected branch.