

How to search for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean materials

Quicksearch allows you to search for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean (CJK) materials by the original scripts and romanized forms. The Yale University Library follows [the ALA-LC Romanization Tables](#) [1] to romanize CJK scripts. For more information about searching by romanized form, go to [this page](#) [2].

Searching in CJK scripts is as easy as searching in other scripts. You can also search in a combination of CJK scripts and English. Follow [the Quicksearch Search Tips](#) [3] and search away.

To maximize the discovery of Japanese materials, Hiragana characters and Katakana characters are normalized and inter-searchable in Catalog. The same number of results will return no matter which character is used.

Search for “Japan” in Hiragana: 292 results

The screenshot shows the 'Catalog Search Results' page for the search term 'にっぽん'. The page features a search bar with the term entered, a 'Clear Search' link, and a 'Show Online Results Only' button. The search results are displayed in a table format, showing the first result: 'Nippon anaakii den'. The table includes fields for Title, Author, Published, Location, and Format. The title is 'にっぽん・あなあきい伝', the author is 'Tonoyama, Taiji, 1915-1989', and the location is 'Library Shelving Facility (LSF) >>'. The format is 'Books'.

Search for “Japan” in Katakana: 292 results

The screenshot shows the 'Catalog Search Results' page for the search term 'ニッポン'. The page features a search bar with the term entered, a 'Clear Search' link, and a 'Show Online Results Only' button. The search results are displayed in a table format, showing the first result: 'Mai Nippon; aoi me no mita Nihon'. The table includes fields for Title, Published, Location, and Format. The title is 'マイ・ニッポン', the published date is 'Tōkyō: Yomiuri Shinbunsha, Shōwa 46 (1971)', and the location is 'Library Shelving Facility (LSF) >>'. The format is 'Books'.

To maximize the discovery of CJK materials, Han character variants (simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Japanese Kanji, and Korean Hanja) are normalized and inter-searchable in Catalog.

Search for “Mao Zedong” in simplified Chinese: 3,304 results

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Catalog Search Results

[Clear Search](#)

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ONLINE RESULTS (455)

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Format

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Display Options

Sort by Relevance

Selected

1. 毛泽东

Published 吉林书店, 1948

Online ✓ Online book

Location Yale Internet Resource >> None

Format Books / Online

Search for “Mao Zedong” in traditional Chinese: 3,304 results

Catalog Search Results

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Published 吉林书店, 1948

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Location Yale Internet Resource >> None

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Search for “Mao Zedong” in Japanese kanji: 3,304 results

Catalog Search Results

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1. Mō Takutō

Title 毛沢東

Author Ono, Shinji, 1930-
小野信爾, 1930-

Published [Tōkyō] : Jinbutsu Ōraisha, [1967]

Location ✓ Library Shelving Facility (LSF) >>
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When the search returns a mix of Japanese, Chinese, and Korean language records, you can narrow down to specific language materials using the language facet.

Language

Chinese	2,441
English	531
Japanese	97
German	88
Russian	44
French	41
Italian	21
Spanish	8
Indonesian	7
Vietnamese	5
more »	

Source URL: <https://web.library.yale.edu/quicksearch/tips/how-search-chinese-japanese-and-korean-materials>

Links

[1] <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsol/roman.html> [2] <https://guides.library.yale.edu/cjk-romanization/> [3] <https://web.library.yale.edu/quicksearch>