

Searching special characters in Voyager

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Searching titles in both the cataloging module and the OPAC:

- Titles containing words with *internal* commas cannot be retrieved unless the comma is included in the search string.
- Commas that occur *between* words are not affected and may be omitted when searching.

[Comma, colon, semi-colon, period, apostrophe:](#)

In the Voyager title search, omit **or**, if copying and pasting, include the punctuation.

Title: Beethoven's grand mass in D, op. 123

Search: beethovens grand mass in d op 123 **or** beethoven's grand mass in D, op. 123

Title: Trio : no X, for alto flute, viola, and harp, 1977

Search: trio : no X, for alto flute, viola, and harp, 1977 **or** trio no X for alto flute viola and harp 1977

This title includes several different types of punctuation.

If omitting the apostrophe, do not leave a space.

If omitting the hyphen in "F-Dur" and the colon in "XV:39" you must include spaces in their place.

Title: Trio : no. 4, F-Dur (Hob. XV:39)

Search: trio : no. 4, F-Dur (Hob. XV:39) **or** trio no 4 F Dur Hob XV 39

[Ellipses:](#)

In a Voyager title search, include **or** omit the ellipses with or without a space after them.

Title: ... huésped de las nieblas ...

Search: ... huésped de las nieblas ... **or** huésped de las nieblas
Either search may be done with or without the diacritic

[Hyphen:](#)

In a Voyager title search, either include the hyphen in the search **or** delete it and replace it with a space

Title: Konzert f-Moll für Cembalo und Streichorchester BWV 1056

Search: konzert f-Moll für Cembalo und Streichorchester BWV 1056 **or** konzert f Moll für Cembalo und Streichorchester BWV 1056

versus a similar title without a hyphen:

In both, include the space in "f Moll"

Title: Konzert f Moll für Klavier und Orchester

Search: konzert f Moll für Klavier und Orchester

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A hyphen in the name:

In a Voyager staff name headings search, either include the hyphens **or** omit the hyphens, in the name and date portions of the heading, and replace with spaces.

Name: Eckhardt-Gramatté, S. C. (Sophie-Carmen), 1899-1974

Search: eckhardt-gramatté, s. c. (sophie-carmen), 1899-1974 **or**
eckhardt gramatté, s. c. (sophie carmen), 1899-1974 **or**
eckhardt gramatté s c sophie carmen 1899 1974

Note: search with or without the comma.

Ampersand:

In a Voyager title search, you **must** include the ampersand. It cannot be omitted or spelled out.

Title: Sonata for violin & piano

Search: sonata for violin & piano

Plus sign:

In a Voyager title search, you **must** include the plus sign. It cannot be omitted or spelled out.

Title: Paduana + 2 galliards for 5 instruments

Search: paduana + 2 galliards for 5 instruments

Parentheses:

In a Voyager title search, either omit **or**, if copying and pasting, include the parentheses.

Title: 2e sonate (en mi majeur) pour violin et piano

Search: 2e sonate (en mi majeur) pour violin et piano **or** 2e
sonate en mi majeur pour violin et piano

Brackets:

In a Voyager title search, either include the brackets **or** omit them and **do not add** spaces.

Title: Horn sonat[a]s

Search: horn sonat[a]s **or** horn sonatas

Musical flat sign:

a Voyager title search, truncate the search to "sonata in b" and scroll down to the end of titles retrieved, which are in alphabetical order.

Title: Sonata in B? for clarinet and piano

Search: sonata in b

Note: The results are in alphabetical order; the musical flat sign is alphabetized at the end of the list of titles.

or

include the flat sign; do not substitute with a lower case "b":

Sonata in B? for clarinet and piano

Musical sharp sign:

In a Voyager title search, **include** the sharp sign.

Title: Trio, F# minor, op. 1, no. 1 for pianoforte, violin and violoncello ?

Search: Search using the pound sign (#), with or without commas or periods:

trio, f# minor, op. 1, no. 1 for pianoforte, violin and violoncello **or** trio f# minor op 1 no 1 for pianoforte violin and violoncello

If the search retrieves no results, try the search again using the UNICODE sharp sign (?), with or without commas or periods:

trio, f? minor, op. 1, no. 1 for pianoforte, violin and violoncello **or** trio f? minor op 1 no 1 for pianoforte violin and violoncello

Diacritics:

In a Voyager title search, either omit **or**, if copying and pasting, include the diacritics.

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Title: Sonate für Flöte (Altflöte) und Klavier, op. 25
Search: sonate für flöte (altflöte) und klavier, op. 25 **or** sonate fur flöte (altflöte) und klavier, op. 25

Special alphabetic characters:

Special one-letter characters such as Polish L, d with bar, slash o, etc.

In a Voyager title search, substitute the character with the letter without the slash, bar, etc. **or**, if copying and pasting, search with the character.

Name: Akسدal, Bjørn
Search: aksdal, bjørn **or** aksdal, bjorn
Note: search with or without the comma.

Special two-letter characters such as Æ, æ:

In a Voyager title search, search either as individual letters **or**, if copying and pasting, with the character.

Title: Mediæval musical relics of Denmark
Search: mediæval musical relics of denmark **or** mediaeval musical relics of denmark

Superscript o

This character may also be input as a regular lower-case o, so it would make sense to search this title with and without the o.

In a Voyager title search, omit the superscript ° and **replace** it with a lower case letter o.

Title: Symphonie n° 5 en ut dièse mineur
Search: symphonie no 5 en ut diese mineur

The German Eszett: ß

The ß should be input and searched as "ss"

Title: Baßschlüssel, das ist, Anleitung für Anfänger und Liebhaber der Setzkunst
Search: bassschlussel das ist anleitung fur anfangen und liebhaber der setzkunst

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