IVYCAT contains the library’s print and electronic book titles, print journal titles, and video titles. To get to IvyCat, login on the Campus Connect screen and then click on the Library tab. You may access IvyCat by clicking on the box at the top left, Virtual Library – Start, which takes you to the Virtual Library web page. Use Search and Find and then Books or use the IvyCat link under Featured Resources located on the right-hand side.

IvyCat allows you to search for titles in all of the Ivy Tech libraries statewide. The search box on the Books page allows you to search for titles in the Northwest libraries. Access is also available from the A-Z List.

The initial IvyCat search screen will look like the picture below. It is labeled Advanced Search; you have the option to search by Keywords (words that have meaning), Title, Author, etc. Enter your terms in the search box.

Click on your selection under the ▼. All of these looks for all words (and) Any of these looks for either word (or) As a phrase looks for both words together.

Click on your selection under the ▼. All fields of a book’s record are listed. Keyword Anywhere searches all of them; use it unless you are searching for the actual title, author, etc.
Results bring back the listing of all books available at Ivy Tech for that search:
1. *Title has multiple holdings* – click on title (in blue) to see book’s record & who owns a copy.
2. *Library Location:* (campus name) – if only campus that owns title; call number and availability given.
   a. If it is an Online Book, click on title to access it.

Clicking on a book’s title takes you to the book’s record:
1. If the book is an electronic resource, the first line links directly to it so that you can read it online.
2. The book’s information follows - author, publisher, subject headings, etc.
3. Under the book’s record, every library that owns a copy is listed in alphabetical order.
   a. Each entry shows what collection the book is in, its call number, and availability.

Limiting Searches:
1. Results reflect all of the titles located in all of the Ivy Tech libraries.
2. Results can be limited by year, format or location.
3. To search regionally or per campus on the original search screen use the Location drop down menu.
4. If you want to exclude online books, select Gary, East Chicago Michigan City, Valparaiso (without ebooks).

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