Handout #4: Finding Books

KentLINK - library catalog

KentLINK shows you what books KSU owns and whether or not they are checked out. KentLINK also includes government documents and multimedia. Many materials are available online, so instead of a call number, KentLINK will give you a link to the online source. Search KentLINK by author, title, subject, keyword, number.

Sample record in KentLINK:

Examples of searches:
- keyword: health AND communication [can combine different terms together using Boolean operators]
- subject: communication in medicine [must be a Library of Congress subject heading]
- author: Roter, D
- title: communicating health and illness
- title: Encyclopedia of Political Communication

Useful tips:
- Watch for government documents and media.
- Limit results to available items.
- Check LOCATION, CALL NUMBER, STATUS. See building guide.
- Go to OhioLINK for books Kent State doesn't own or have available.

All college and universities in Ohio belong to OhioLINK. The OhioLINK library catalog shows what books and government documents all schools own, including Kent State. If Kent State doesn't have the books you need, check OhioLINK to see if another school does. Request books and have them delivered to any OhioLINK library in 2-4 working days.