

What's new

- 1 Quick Links:** Quick, convenient access to library hours and frequently used services
Menu Tabs: Easier to operate and now with larger text
- 2 Integrated Search Box:** Find books, journals, and full-text articles in one central location
- 3 Latest News:** Get the latest library news via RSS feeds and coordinated library blogs
- 4 Instant Messaging:** Get in touch with us instantly—a new service we're piloting in the fall

Other improvements:

- **Great flexibility:** Intended to incorporate and make better use of our RSS feeds, videos, podcasts, and instant messaging
- **Greater accessibility:** 'Text only' and 'Skip to content' options for people who prefer text-only Web browsers
- **Better branding:** We're grabbing the reins and celebrating WMU's new branding initiative

The screenshot shows the library website interface with several callouts:

- 1** Points to the top navigation menu (Home, Renew, Hours, Reserves, Ask A Librarian, WMU).
- 2** Points to the main navigation tabs (Research, Collections, Help, Services, About Us).
- 3** Points to the 'Library Catalog' banner at the bottom, which includes a search box, a dropdown menu set to 'by Title at WMU', and a 'Try it »' link.
- 4** Points to the 'Ask A Librarian' chat window, which contains the text 'Click here to chat with us' and 'Coming Soon...'.

Library Catalog
Use it to find books, music, images, slides, CDs, DVDs, videotapes, government documents, maps, and a whole lot more!

Latest News

- Library redesign blog
- Database outage updates
- Journal table of contents
- Summer hours

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What's old

- 1 Quick Links:** Quick, convenient access to frequently used services and popular information like hours
- 2 Menu Tabs:** High traffic links popular with Web site visitors, all tucked away in convenient tabbed menus
- 3 Multiple Search Boxes:** Several avenues for finding books, journals, and full-text articles
- 3 Latest News:** We were continuing to experiment with banner ad campaigns, RSS feeds, and library blogs

The screenshot shows the Western Michigan University Libraries website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a logo and the text 'WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY University Libraries'. Below this is a horizontal menu with tabs: 'Home', 'Library Catalog', 'Course Reserves', 'Renew', 'Ask A Librarian', and 'WMU'. A red circle with the number '1' is placed over the 'Library Catalog' tab.

Below the menu is a main content area. On the left, there is a large banner for 'Library Catalog' with the text: 'Use it to find Books, Journals, Magazines, Newspapers, CDs, DVDs, Videotapes, Maps, Dictionaries, Images and Slides, Sheet Music, and a whole lot more.' A 'Try it »' link is at the bottom right of the banner. A red circle with the number '3' is placed over the 'Try it »' link.

On the right side of the main content area, there is a 'Latest News' section with several links: 'News & Events', 'Database Outage Updates', 'Journal Table of Contents', 'Summer Hours', and 'New library exhibit'. A red circle with the number '3' is placed over this section.

Below the main content area, there are two search boxes. The left one is titled 'Find books and more...' and has a search input field, a 'GO' button, and links for 'Advanced Search' and 'My Library Account'. A red circle with the number '2' is placed over this search box. Below it is a 'Find Journals' section with tabs for 'Titles', 'Subject', 'Collection', and 'Citation Linker'. It has a 'Title:' input field, a 'Find it @ WMU' button, and radio buttons for 'Begins with', 'Contains', and 'Exact'.

The right search box is titled 'Find articles by topic' and has a search input field, a 'GO' button, and a '?' icon. Below it are 'Subject Guides' and 'Article Databases' sections. The 'Article Databases' section has a grid of letters from A to Z, with a '?' in the bottom right corner. A red circle with the number '2' is placed over this search box.

At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with the text: 'Western Michigan University Libraries | 1903 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5353 | Copyright © 2008'.