



PamCat Guide #5 "Special Features"

Pamunkey Regional Library's online catalog, **PamCat**, has many advanced special features that provide access to library materials in new ways.

New Arrivals: Located to the right of "My Account," "New Arrivals" lists the most recent items that have been added to our collection in real time. You can see what is added to our collection each day, whether it's the newest novel, picture book, video or reference volume. You can even go to earlier pages of new additions at the bottom of the screen

A menu box of subjects, called "You Found Titles in Categories:" is included in the "New Arrivals" list. By clicking any category ("Children's Literature," for example), you will be taken to the most recent items added in that area, with the newest items listed first. Clicking on the "More" box takes you to an expanded list of all the subject headings included in the "New Arrivals" feature.

You Found Titles in Categories:
 American Literature
 Children's Literature
 Education (General)
 English Literature
 General Biography
 General Geography, Atlases, Maps
 General Medicine
 Germanic Literature
 Gynecology, Obstetrics
 Instrumental and Vocal Music
 Literary History and Collections
 Painting
 Romance Literature
 Societies and Clubs
 Zoology
 Europe
 MORE

Other Library Catalogs: Located to the left of "My Account," this feature allows you to explore other library catalogs within **PamCat**. At this time, these include *Randolph-Macon College*, the *University of Virginia*, *Library of Congress*, and other library catalogs. Once you click on a library to search, you will be given a shortened version of our search page.

Use the "General" window for subjects. A search for "Castles" will yield over 1,400 items in the University of Virginia's catalog. Remember, searching in "Other Library Catalogs" only searches the catalog you select.



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Other Library Catalogs, cont.: Although you cannot place holds on items you find in other library catalogs, you can request them through inter-library loan (ILL). Please ask a staff member for assistance when you want to request an item. *Note: Currently, the "Search" radio button must be selected. The "Browse" feature is unavailable.*

Explore Subjects: Located to the right of "Search/Home," this feature allows you to browse some of our most popular subjects, such as **Animals**, **Food**, and **History**.



Animals



Food



History

Click on the picture or the text beneath to see categories that are part of that subject. Click **History**, to see choices like the following:



Explorers



Flags & Heraldry



Great Depression

Click on one of these icons or text links to go to a list of materials for all media and age levels. For example, **Explorers** gives you a detailed list of items on exploration. Page through these titles using the **Next** button, or by using the numeric listing below. Click "Previous" or "Go Back" to return to previous screens.

Click on one of the subject listings in the "You Found Titles in Categories:" to narrow your search. For example, clicking the category "Africa" returns a more specific list of items related to exploration of Africa and Africans.

You Found Titles in Categories:
 Africa
 American Literature
 Children's Literature
 English Literature
 General Geography, Atlases, Maps
 Great Britain
 History: America and United States
 History: United States Local and America
 Oceanography
 MORE

Explore Subjects is a fun way to see an overview of special interest areas in our catalog. This special feature includes only a very small part of our collection. If you have further questions in using **PamCat**, please ask our staff. They'll be happy to help you!

