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### Designed for Kids

Scout is a fast and intuitive smart search tool designed with kids in mind. It's kind of like our KidPAC. Younger patrons love Scout's streamlined layout and intuitive display, because they're able to find what they're looking for without being confused or distracted by more advanced functions. Scout even filters out mediums that are irrelevant to the K-4 crowd, such as equipment, websites, dioramas, regalia, etc.


Students, teachers, and librarians alike appreciate how uncomplicated Scout is to use. There isn't even a search button! Just enter a word or phrase into the search field, and Scout will start looking. Search for "dino" to get results for "dino", "dinosaur", and everything in between!



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### Highlights

Scout is a fun, interactive search interface that gets the job done.

- **Log in** to place an item on hold.
- **Search** for a word or phrase, and Scout will return the most relevant results.
- **Scroll** through your results, or click  to load more.
- **Shrink** or **Grow** your items for optimal viewing.
- **View** an item's details by clicking on the book cover.

### Mobile and Desktop Friendly

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Open Scout on a patron-facing tablet or computer to allow kids to search on their own! If they can type, they can search.

## Toolbar

### Toolbar

#### Menu

- **Log In** to place a hold on your patron account.
- **Status** to view your patron account.
- **Show "Out"** to show all items, or **Hide "Out"** to hide unavailable items.
- **Shrink** your items to view more per row.
- **Grow** your items to view fewer per row.
- **Language**
  - English
  - Espanol
  - Francais



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#### Select a Site

Do you want to search your local collection, or do you want to search all of the libraries in your district? Click the library name at the top of the window to make your selection.

- **All Sites.** Search all of the sites in your union.
- **Select a Site.** Opens the Select a Site window so you can choose which library Scout will search. The sites you can choose from depend on your permissions. In some cases, your local collection is the only option.

#### Help!

Click the  icon for on-board information about Scout.

## Search

### Search


Search



Type a word or phrase into the search bar and Scout will return the most relevant results once you pause or hit Enter. Scout will refine your results as you refine your query.

There's no need to sort your results—the most relevant items are returned first, and exact matches are given priority over other keywords. For example, a search for "Harry Potter" will return books in the series before titles that include the individual words "Harry" and/or "Potter" in the item record. Some search terms aren't as useful as others. Searching for "brown" will return results for titles that include the color brown, authors by the name of Brown, followed by more superfluous results.

We'll let you know if there aren't any items that match your query, or if we found something but it's unavailable. Enter new search terms to try again.

Want to search for something new? Click  to clear your current search.

## Shrink and Grow

The number of items you'll see in each row depend on your browser size and device. On a desktop, you'll see three-five items per row, but you might only see one on a smartphone. While viewing on a desktop or tablet, you can change the size of the book covers to view more or fewer items per row. Go to the menu and select **Shrink** to reduce the size of the book covers and view up to five items per row, or select **Grow** to increase the size of each book cover and view as few as three items per row. This option may not be available on a smaller device, such as a smartphone.

## Details

Click the book cover to view the item's details, including the title, author, call number, series, and links. View an item's details by clicking on the book cover.



Want to include more in your result details? Update your [Scout Preferences](#) to include additional information, including copyright year, Lexile, study program, and reading level.

You can include additional information in your item details by updating your library's Scout preferences. Additional information includes copyright year, Lexile, study program, and reading level.

Click on an item, and the bubble opens up in the row below, shoving the other bubbles down, to show all the details. Clicking the item cover art again (in either location) or clicking another item hides the details for this one.

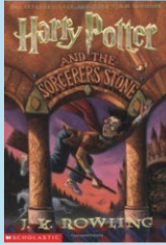


Place an item on hold, but don't forget to log in first!

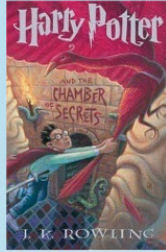


Locate the item on a map.

Harry Potter



Harry Potter and  
the sorcerer's  
stone



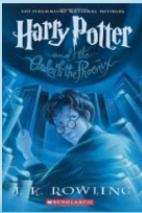
Harry Potter and  
the Chamber of  
Secrets



Harry Potter and  
the Goblet of Fire



Harry Potter and  
the Order of the  
Phoenix



## Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix

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Author: Rowling, J. K.  
Call Number: FIC ROW  
Series: Harry Potter

During his fifth year at Hogwarts, Harry finds depth and strength in his friends, boundless loyalty, and unbearable sacrifice.

