

What is Webcat?

Webcat is Whittier Public Library's online catalog, a powerful tool that will help you locate all types of information quickly and easily.

What You Can Do

■ Search

Search **Webcat** for the Library's hundreds of thousands of holdings.

■ Preview Your Selections

See book covers and read book reviews and summaries of selected books.

■ See What's New

Read the list of books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs that have just been added to Whittier Public Library's collections.

■ Find a Recommendation

Peruse bestseller and recommended reading lists and find out which of these titles are available in the Library.

■ Find it Fast

Click on **Find It Fast**, then on one of 28 categories from *A to Z* to *The Unexplained*. Click on a subcategory and get a list of titles. It really is fast, fun and easy!

■ Make a Recommendation

Recommend that we order a title that is not in our collection. Just click on **I Need Material**, then **Recommend to Order**.

■ Access Your Library Account

With **Webcat**, you can also check your account, renew items, and place holds on circulating materials.

Our Online Library

Whittier Public Library offers an entire library on the web: www.whittierlibrary.org. — accessible from any computer, anywhere.

■ WPL Catalog — Home Page

- Click on **Find Books, DVDs, CDs, Etc**

■ Reading Recommendations

- **Good Reads** — award-winners and best sellers.
- **Adults** tab — **Book Bites** and **Book Bites Newsletter** for a treasure trove of suggestions for the eclectic reader.
- Scroll to the bottom of the **Home Page** for **New This Month**. Go to the Catalog Home Page for **New This Week**.

■ Databases:* Click on **Virtual Library** for

- Magazine and newspaper articles
- Mango Languages online language learning system
- General, business and health research databases
- Numerous resources for students

■ Children's and Teens' Home Pages

■ Online Homework Help*

Lots of resources for the student, as well as live job search help

■ Job Hunting*

- Go to **Job Search**
- Go to **Online Homework Help — Adult Education and Career Center**

■ Whittier Links — Connections to other Whittier institutions, organizations and City departments

■ Whittier History Digital Collections

Historical photographs and newspapers

■ Newsletter — Quarterly news from WPL

*Access requires your WPL card.

How to Use

Webcat



Our
Online Catalog

WHITTIER PUBLIC LIBRARY



www.whittierlibrary.org

Using Webcat

■ Searching the Catalog

Begin your search in the Catalog window. You do not have to log in to perform a catalog search!

You can select **author** or **title** if you are looking for books by a certain author or a specific title. Otherwise, you can perform a general **words or phrase** search. Click on the down arrow—"v"—to make your selection.

For **author** searches, you may enter either first and last name (e.g. Sue Grafton), or last name and first name, (e.g. Grafton, Sue).

Click on the **Search** button.

Catalog ☒ Keyword ☐ Browse

words or phrase v

words or phrase

author

title

subject

series

periodical title

Search

library: ALL v

Power Search

The search results will list brief information about the item: call number, publication date, title, author and copy availability. For more information or to place a hold if the item is checked out, click on **Details**.

■ Placing a Hold

Click the Details bar for the item you want to hold. Click on "Place Hold" under the "Keep" box on the right-hand side of the page.

Enter your Library Card number (barcode number on your WPL card) and your PIN number. (You do not have to complete the "Alternate ID" or Expiration Date boxes.)

Please Note: A \$1.00 charge will be added to your account for each hold placed.

■ Time Saver Tip!

If you will be placing more than one hold, you can log in to Webcat once from the log-in menu in the upper right-hand corner of the screen. Then you may place as many holds as you want without having to re-enter your **User ID** and **PIN**. Don't forget to log out when you are finished.

■ Logging In

Logging in is required only to access your account to place a hold or renew an item.

You do not have to log in just to search the catalog!

This is how to log in to **Webcat**:

In the **Library Card #** box, enter the barcode number (without spaces) from your WPL card. In the PIN box, enter your password.

The default PIN is **changeme**. Once you have logged in, you may change your PIN.

Library Card # 21452000000000

PIN: changeme

Login to the e-Library OPAC

■ Need Assistance?

Just ask for help at the Reference, Children's or Circulation Desk.

If you are trying to log in from outside the Library, please call the Reference Desk or email us at lib@whittierlibrary.org.

Whittier Central Library – Reference Desk
7344 South Washington Avenue
Whittier, CA 90602 562.567.9946 or 9947

Whittwood Branch Library – Reference Desk
10537 Santa Gertrudes Avenue
Whittier, CA 90603 562.567.9953