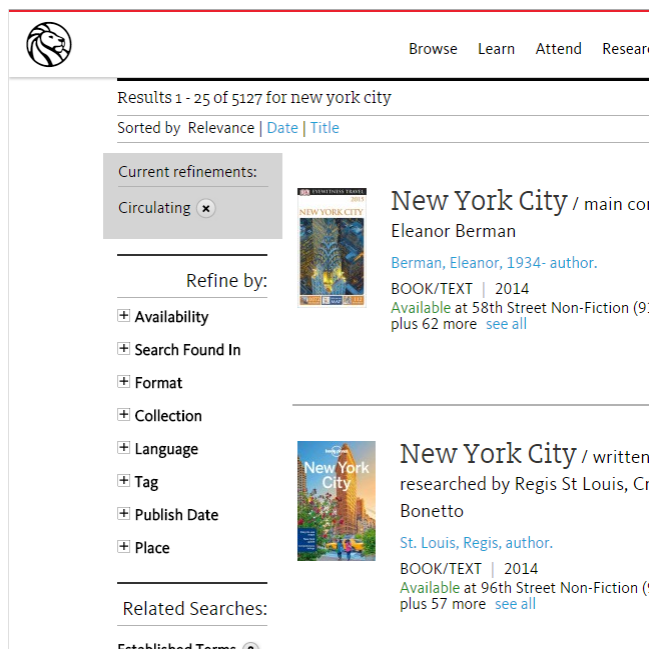


Changes to the Library's Online Catalog

The New York Public Library has transitioned to a new catalog interface that will be more closely integrated with the rest of NYPL's online offerings. The transition took place on Monday, October 19, 2015. *Please note that our [classic catalog](#) remains unchanged.*



The screenshot shows the NYPL online catalog interface. At the top left is the NYPL logo. To the right are navigation links: Browse, Learn, Attend, Research. Below the navigation is a search bar with the text "Results 1 - 25 of 5127 for new york city". Below the search bar are sorting options: Sorted by Relevance | Date | Title. On the left side, there is a "Current refinements:" section with a dropdown menu showing "Circulating" and a close button. Below this is a "Refine by:" section with several expandable categories: Availability, Search Found In, Format, Collection, Language, Tag, Publish Date, and Place. At the bottom left is a "Related Searches:" section. The main content area displays two search results for "New York City". The first result is "New York City / main co" by Eleanor Berman, with a small image of the book cover. The second result is "New York City / written researched by Regis St Louis, Cr Bonetto", also with a small image of the book cover. Both results include the format "BOOK/TEXT | 2014" and availability information.

Among other features, the new online catalog offers a more accurate display of item availability.

Quick Links

[NYPL's new online catalog](#)

What is the online catalog and why did the Library change it?

The Library's online catalog allows users to explore our vast circulating and research collections to find what they need. After careful evaluation, we determined that our former online catalog provided too few opportunities for customization. Therefore, to better position ourselves for the development of new tools and features designed to enhance your user experience, we switched to a new catalog interface that provides more flexibility for future growth.

This change is a crucial first step in the [Library's plan](#) to better integrate the rich collection of items in our catalog with the wealth of other content NYPL has to offer—from our [Digital Collections](#) to staff [blog posts](#), listings for [public programs](#), and more. This will allow us to design tailored, personalized experiences to better meet the individual needs of our users.

How is the new online catalog different?

Your Information and Privacy

As part of the catalog transition, all information associated with your user account was transferred from the old system (BiblioCommons) to NYPL on October 12, 2015. PLEASE NOTE that, unless you have already taken steps to deactivate your BiblioCommons account, you will still have an active BiblioCommons account. You should coordinate directly with [BiblioCommons](#) if you no longer want an account with them.

Logging In / Your Account

As you may be aware, NYPL offers two catalog experiences. What we commonly call the [catalog](#) is typically used by those who visit our neighborhood branches while the [classic catalog](#) tends to be used by those working in our research centers. To serve all catalog users, we've provided a drop-down prompt in our website navigation that allows you to select your preferred catalog experience, then log in.

Search Tools

The new online catalog is more directly integrated with the systems that our Library staff use to keep the catalog up to date. That means that when you search, you get a faster, more accurate display of item availability.

The new catalog offers many of the same search refinement tools as the old catalog, allowing you to narrow down your search results. It prioritizes availability as the first refinement, immediately letting you know which of your search results are available at the Library or from anywhere online.

E-Book Integration

Thanks to improved integration with e-book providers, the new catalog allows you to return e-books early, before their due date. This frees up space for you to check out more e-books and makes more titles available to other catalog users.

Social and Other Features

The new online catalog does not have some of the social features available in the old catalog, such as user ratings and reviews. We found that these features were not widely used by our cardholders and are currently determining how to make them better for you.

NYPL Mobile Catalog App

When the Library changed our online catalog system in mid October, it was required that we also replace the catalog app. At that time, as an interim measure, we released a temporary catalog app that displayed the NYPL.org mobile web site—while also working to develop a robust replacement.

Responding to users that the temporary app's functionality was too limited, we have decided to send users directly to the mobile web site and to remove the temporary catalog app from the store. Users who downloaded or updated the app between October 19 and November 12 will continue to be able to use the app.

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