

# Finding Books: MnPALS

The online catalog, called MnPALS, is a searchable database for books and materials.

- From [anokaramsey.edu](http://anokaramsey.edu), locate the link for library.
- Select Coon Rapids Campus
- You are now at the library's homepage, which you may wish to bookmark for future reference... (**Ctrl + D** for most web browsers).
- Under the heading **Find Books**, click MnPALS Classic.
- This opens a basic search screen in the online catalog. In the search field, enter your search term(s) based on topic/keyword, or book title or author. Click search.
- From the list of results, you can see how many items were retrieved. Results are displayed in order of publication date, most current first, and include the author, title, year of publication, availability and finally **LOCATION & CALL NUMBER**.



Year	Availability	Location
2014	available	Coon Rapids Campus Library Book Ranges Call #: RT41 .I53 2014

- The location indicates **CR Campus, Library Book Ranges** (shelves that wrap around the library).
- The **call number** corresponds to the sticker on the spine of the book and serves as your key to locating that book on the shelf
- Click on the title to open the item's record, for more information about the book.



*In most academic settings, the Library of Congress Classification system (LC for short) is used to organize books by subject in an alpha-numeric convention called the call number.*

## Item's Record

- The location and bibliographic information is indicated at the top. Additionally, notice the **Contents Note**. This section briefly describes the contents of the book and you can better determine whether or not it will suit your research.

<b>Contents Note</b>	Evolution and use of complementary and alternative therapies / Mariah Snyder and Mariah Snyder -- Therapeutic listening / Shigeaki Watanuki, Mary Fran T Fitzgerald and Mary Langevin -- Music intervention / Linda Chlan and Annie H Meditation / Cynthia R. Gross, Michael S. Christopher, and Maryanne Reilly-S assisted therapy / Susan O'Conner-Von -- Massage / Melodee Harris -- Tai c Jacobson, Ulf G. Bronas, and Dereck Salisbury -- Aromatherapy / Linda L. H Hadidi -- Healing touch / Alexa W. Umbreit -- Reiki / Debbie Ringdahl -- Acup complementary therapies into education / Carie A. Braun -- Integrating comp Lindquist, Yeongsuk Song, and Mariah Snyder.
<b>Subject</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Holistic nursing.</b></li> <li>● <b>Nurse and patient.</b></li> <li>● <b>Alternative medicine.</b></li> </ul>

- The **Subject** terminology can also be useful to narrow, expand or refine your topic.
- Once you've determined if you want this book, make note of the call number, retrieve the book off the shelf and check it out at the circulation desk using your library card.
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- To learn to how to borrow materials from other libraries, refer to the **ILL** section of the *Research Guides*.