

How to...

SEARCH MALCAT

Montgomery Academic Libraries Catalog (MALCat) is a catalog that allows students to search the catalogs of Faulkner, ASU, AUM, Huntingdon, and Troy University-Montgomery all at the same time. These are all the schools that are a part of the borrowing consortium. Students, staff, and faculty no longer have to search each libraries catalog individually, but can see which libraries in the area have the item and if it is available to borrow. MALCat is one of several databases available through OCLC's Firstsearch.

1. Go to the library's homepage www.faulkner.edu/gnl.asp.
2. Click on the Databases link.
3. Choose MALCat from the list of databases.
4. Enter your ID and password.
5. You are now in MALCat.
6. Type in the words **death penalty** and click on the search button. How many results do you get? _____ (Hint: it will tell you how many records found in the gray section and also in the tabs above the results)
7. Once you have your results, you will see a list of titles each title has a small summary with it. The author and publication date is listed and then there is a link that says **Libraries: Montgomery Academic Libraries: 1**

This link tells you how many Montgomery Academic Libraries hold that particular title and once you click it, will tell you which libraries have the title.

If you will notice on the very first result, **Our endangered values: America's moral crisis**, Faulkner University is listed and highlighted at the end of the summary. What this means is that we have that particular title in our holdings.

8. Click on the title of the 4th result in the list, **The death penalty: An American history**, and you will be taken to the record for that title.

You will notice that the Libraries link and the Faulkner University highlighted emblem are listed within the record as well.

9. Click on the **Libraries that Own Item: Montgomery Academic Libraries: 4**

You should see a list of the consortium libraries that have the item in their holdings. List the libraries that have this title:

10. Click on **ALABAMA STATE UNIV**

Once you click that link it SHOULD take you to the catalog record in the ASU catalog. As you can see, it does not do that. There are definitely kinks to work out.

11. Click the back button

12. Click on **AUBURN UNIV AT MONTGOMERY**

You should now see the AUM catalog record for the book. It includes the call number and status. Please list the call number, location, and status:

13. Click the **Return button** in the top right-hand corner.

14. Click the blue **Searching tab**.

15. You should now be back to the search box we started with. The words **death penalty** will still be in the box. Delete those words.

16. Type in the title **Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**.

17. Click on the drop down button beside the **Indexed in:** field and select **Title**.

18. Click on Search.

19. How many results were found? _____

20. Does Faulkner own this title? _____

21. Click on the third result in your list. What library holds that particular title?
