RCLweb: RESOURCES FOR COLLEGE LIBRARIES

ABOUT RCLweb

"*RCL* is a **highly selective core list of almost 60,000 titles** in all subjects. It includes both **books** (monographs, series, reference works, in some cases textbooks) and **electronic resources** (CD-ROM and subscription databases, web sites and other internet-based resources). *RCL* describes an **ideal core collection** for the library of a hypothetical college or small university that concentrates on the traditional liberal arts and sciences curriculum but also offers undergraduate-level courses (although not necessarily majors) in business, computer science, education, engineering, and the health sciences. Even small liberal arts colleges will have at least twice the number of titles in the *RCL* database, the additional ones chosen to support their individual curricula and student and faculty interest. The titles suggested by *RCL* should be the ones all academic libraries must have; almost all these should be titles which can be profitably read and used by undergraduates, at least by the more advanced students." (Full description at http://www.rclinfo.net/selection_policy.asp)

ACCESSING RCLweb

From the **Trexler Library homepage** (http://www.muhlenberg.edu/library/), choose **Online Reference Shelf** (in the Find box).

Perseus Digital Library	On-Line	info	Unrestricted
Plunkett Research Online	On-Line		M
Pro & Con	On-Line		M
RCLweb (Resources for College Libraries)	On-Line		M
The REACH Project	On-Line		Unrestricted
ReferenceUSA	On-Line	info	M
Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy	CD-ROM	info	Unrestricted

Select **RCLweb** from the list.

Alternately, from the library homepage, **search the library catalog** by title: **RCLweb**.

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NOTE: If you are **off-campus**, you will be asked to **log in**. Use your full name (first name *space* last name) and your college ID number (likely your social security number, without spaces or dashes).

βιβλος **Trexler Library Catalog** |Catalog Help|Ask a Librarian|Library Home

Library User Verification

Please verify your identity as a Muhlenberg College student, faculty, or staff member:

Your name: [   ]
Your College ID Number: [   ]

Log In | Start Over

USING RCLweb

To **search** for items, use the **Quick Search** form on the main page.

To access more search features, choose the **Advanced Search** link.

Browse items by eight different categories, including title, author, award, Library of Congress classification, and RCL subject.

The **Advanced Search** screen offers many search features, limits, and sorting options.

Icons in front of each item on your **search results screen** indicate title format, Choice review, and more.

Click on a title for detailed information.

Each item record lists **bibliographic information**, including a **synopsis**.

The item's **audience level** is indicated, as determined by RCL.

Choice reviews are included, when available.

Note: **Library of Congress** (LC) and **RCL subject classifications** are different. "The RCL taxonomy's major headings […] generally correspond to academic majors, departments, or courses of study, e.g. anthropology, business administration, or physics. (In some cases an academic discipline has been further subdivided in order to create sections of manageable size, e.g. the subdivision of History by geographical region.) The goal is a classification scheme, which organizes materials as they would be taught by faculty and encountered in the classroom and the laboratory by undergraduate students." (For more information, see http://www.rclinfo.net/subject_taxonomy.asp)

OUTPUT OPTIONS

Output options include downloading, printing, and emailing.

To use any of the output options, first **select the items** you wish to include by marking each **checkbox**.

Then **choose** your preferred **output action**: download, print, or email.

Download formats include ASCII (plain text) and CSV (for Excel).