

Mina Rees Library

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Searching for DVDs and Videocassettes in CUNY+

SEARCHING BY TITLE: If you know the title of the DVD or videocassette you need, perform a title search in CUNY+ just as you do for books and periodicals. Because CUNY+, like all library catalogs, is an alphabetical index, you do not need to enter a complete title in many cases. For example, **north by n** will find *North by Northwest*.

SEARCHING BY AUTHOR: Most DVDs and videocassettes can also be located by searching for the names of the director or screenwriter. In the case of *North by Northwest*, this would be **hitchcock alfred** or **lehman ernest**.

GUIDED SEARCH: If you are looking for a specific title and have incomplete information, perform a **Guided Search**. For example, by searching for **northwest** as a title keyword and **hitchcock** as an author keyword, you would find *North by Northwest*.

SEARCHING BY KEYWORDS: If you simply want to know what DVD titles are available in the Mina Rees Library, choose **Select Individual CUNY Libraries** followed by **Graduate Center** and perform the keyword search **dvd**. After the results are displayed, click **Title** to arrange the results in alphabetical order by title. To find both DVDs and videocassettes, perform either the keyword search **dvd or vhs** or the keyword search **videorecording**.

Most CUNY+ records for DVDs and videocassettes (excluding documentaries) will include the names of the lead actors and sometimes additional credits such as cinematographer, editor, composer, etc. These may be searched as keywords: **cary grant**, **bernard herrmann**, etc.

COMMAND SEARCH: In addition to keyword searching, DVDs and videocassettes may be found by performing a **Command Search**. After choosing this option, look at the available codes and choose the ones best for your search. For example, **wow=gc and wpd=v** will retrieve the same results as the keyword searches explained above, with **wow** standing for library, **gc** for the Graduate Center, **wpd** for category of material, and **v** for videorecording. Some of these codes are explained on the **Command Search** screen, and the rest are listed under **Help**.

SEARCHING FOR FILMS: There are no 16 mm or 35 mm films in the Mina Rees Library. To find a list of such films available in other CUNY libraries, perform a **Command Search** as explained above. For example, the search **wow=gc and**

wpd=m will result in a list of the films at Queens College, with **m** representing motion picture.

LOCATIONS OF MATERIALS: Videorecordings not on reserve must be requested at the Circulation Desk on the first floor of the library. If you wanted *Persona*, you would ask for DVD 17. (See the record below.)

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Persona[videorecording] /
Special ed.
Santa Monica, CA : MGM Home Entertainment, c2004.
1 videodisc (83 min.) : sd., b&w ; 4 3/4 in.

Location: Graduate Center - Circulation Desk - DVD 17

Select year Select volume Select library

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If the videorecording is on reserve, ask for it by its number at the Reserve Desk on the first floor of the library.

MEDIA ROOM: After obtaining a videorecording, remote control, and headphones at the Circulation or Reserve Desks, you may view it in the Media Room (room 2302) on the second floor of the library.

OTHER GUIDES: "Searching for Music Scores and Sound Recordings in CUNY+," "Creating Accurate Search Statements," "Finding Book Reviews," guides to databases, and more may be found at library.gc.cuny.edu/guides/guides.asp.

