

## Searching the library catalogue

You can use the online catalogue for **simple** or **advanced** searching.

### Advanced search

You may search for catalogue items by specifying a range of details about what you want to find. You can specify:

- Branch (ie you can look for titles at a specific library or libraries)
- Category (e.g. fiction, non-fiction, music)
- Media Type (e.g. book, DVD, large print, talking book)
- Language
- Target audience (e.g. adult, teen, young readers)
- Publication year
- When added to stock (ie you can look for anything added recently)

### Simple search

In the search text box, just type the text you want to find. For example, if you are searching for Harry Potter, type **harry potter**.

It does not matter whether you use uppercase or lowercase letters.

You may specify an author or title in your search by using the special **author** and **title** keywords with a colon, eg “author:asimov” or “title:ghost story”.

**Search results are explained overleaf.**

### Logging in

You can log in using your Card Number and PIN in exactly the same way as before. This will allow you to:

- Check your loans
- Reserve items
- Make payments – on your account and on any child’s account that you have linked to your card

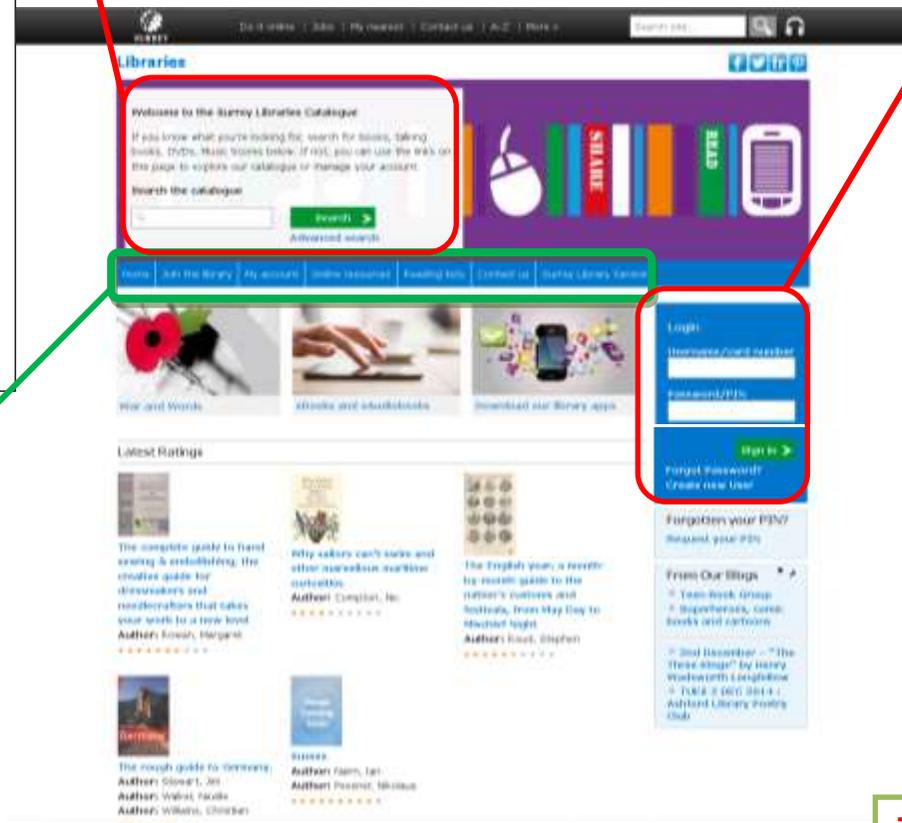
You can also create an Arena username which will allow you to do a great deal more.

If you link your borrower account to your Arena username you can log in here with either and enjoy full functionality.

### The top menu

You can:

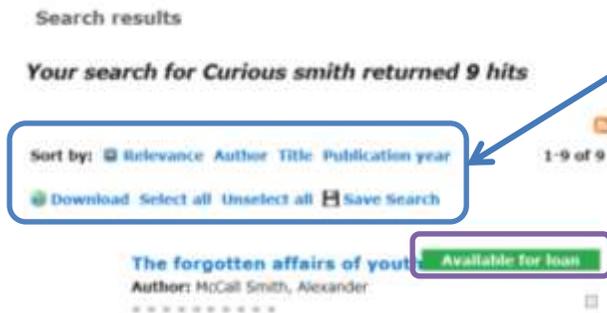
- Join the library
- Access and use your account
- Access our free online reference resources
- Look at Reading lists
- Contact us
- Go to the main libraries website.



**The full advantages of creating an Arena username are set out overleaf.**

## Search Results

A simple search for “curious smith” was performed:



You can:

- sort you search
- save your search
- refine your search
- download your search

Arena will distinguish between items that are immediately available for loan (at a particular library) and those where all copies are out on loan (these could still be reserved).

You must login to be able to reserve this item  
Add to wish list Recommend this

Please log in to review this title

More editions / formats:  
Show all versions



You must login to be able to reserve this item  
Add to wish list Recommend this

ON LOAN

If you are logged in using your library card number and PIN you may reserve a title.

If you are logged in using an Arena username and password you can also leave reviews, add to your wish list, recommend, rate and review the book.

Where other formats are available this will be indicated here.

## Advantages of setting up an Arena username

Having an Arena username means that you can enhance your library experience and participate much more.

You can:

- Create your own wish list
- Recommend books to friends
- Rate books
- Leave reviews
- Tag books
- Save searches
- Create reading lists

The ability to save searches means that you can automatically find out when a new book on your favourite subject (or by your favourite author) is added to the stock in any Surrey library!

Your ratings and reviews will not only be viewable in Surrey but across all library services using the same catalogue system. This also means that you can read reviews from other services and see how books are really rated by library users!

**n.b. to see which libraries have a copy in stock click on "+ Surrey" under the description.**

**Availability**

 **Surrey**