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## SEARCHING THE CATALOG

### 2.1

#### Primo Multisearch - three levels of searching

**Primo Multisearch** is the basic source of information about the collections of the library and information system.

**The first and most important step is to sign in to your reader's account** - without this, many options will remain inaccessible.

Next, remember to select the appropriate catalog on which your search results will depend. Primo's multi-search engine is divided into three options: "MUG Library", "MUG Library + articles" and "FarU Libraries".

The screenshot shows the Primo Multisearch interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo of Gdańsk University of Medicine and various menu items: LIBRARY SEARCH, BROWSE, JOURNAL SEARCH, REPOSITORY PPM GUMED, and PURCHASE REQUEST. Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search anything" and a dropdown menu for selecting the search scope. The dropdown menu is open, showing three options: "MUG Library", "MUG Library + articles", and "FarU Libraries".

Three callout boxes provide detailed information about each search option:

- MUG LIBRARY Catalog** provides searching for books, e-books, print and electronic magazines. This is the fastest way to find textbooks and magazines.
- MUG LIBRARY + ARTICLES** searches the entire book collection and additionally allows you to search articles and chapters from e-journals and e-books.
- FARU LIBRARIES Catalog** allows you to check not only the collections of our library, but also the partner libraries of Fahrenheit University (PG, UG).

## 2.2

### Simple search - search box

After selecting the appropriate catalog, **in the white search box**, you enter the title, author, topic or other meaningful phrase relevant to your search.

Remember that the more precise the search term is, the faster you can find what you need. However, when you lack detailed data, you can get a precise list of results with the help of filters.

For example, when you can't remember the name of the author of a histology textbook, but you know that the edition cannot be older than 10 years, you can, among other things:

- specify the creation date (e.g., you are interested only in editions from 2010 to 2023)
- specify the language of the publication (e.g., you are only looking for publications in English)
- specify the resource type (e.g., you are interested only in books and published conference materials)

The screenshot shows a library search interface for 'GDAŃSKI UNIWERSYTET MEDYCZNY' (Gdańsk Medical University). The search term 'chemistry' is entered in the search box. The results page shows a banner for 'REPOZYTORIUM GUMED' (GUMED Repository) and a list of search results. Three filters are highlighted with yellow boxes and numbered 1, 2, and 3:

- Creation Date**: Filtered from 1920 to 2023. A yellow arrow points to the 'Refine' button.
- Resource Type**: Filtered to Books (14,771), Journals (815), and Conference Proceedings (456).
- Language**: Filtered to English (13,703) and German (2,333).

The search results list includes:

- 1. **Chemistry. / Wilhelm Flugge.** Flügge, Wilhelm, 1904-1990, author. 1975 | Berlin, Heidelberg : Springer-Verlag. Available Online >
- 2. **Chemistry by H. Yuki, K. Hatada, M. Biswas, N. C. Maity, L. Szegö, N. A. Plate, O. V. Noah.** Yuki, H. author. | Hatada, K. author. | Biswas, M. author. | Maity, N. C. author. | Szegö, L. author. | Plate, N. A. author. | Noah, O. V. author. 1979 | Berlin, Heidelberg : Springer Berlin Heidelberg : Imprint: Springer. Available Online >

## 2.2.2.

The "Sort by" filter is a very useful tool, allowing you to sort the search results from newest/oldest, by relevance to the topic, or alphabetically by title or author.

The screenshot shows the library search interface for 'chemistry'. The 'Sort by' dropdown menu is open, displaying options: Relevance, Date-newest, Date-oldest, Title, and Author. The 'Relevance' option is currently selected. The search results list includes a book titled 'Chemistry' by H. Yuki, K. Hatada, M. Biswas, N. C. Maity, L. Szegő, N. A. Plate, O. V. Noah.

## 2.2.3.

The next important filters are "Availability" and "Location".

The screenshot shows the library search interface for 'chemistry'. The 'Availability' filter is expanded, showing options: Available online, Held by library, Open Access, and Peer-reviewed Journals. The 'Location' filter is also expanded, showing options: Storeroom - orders for the lending unit (302), Library of the Faculty of Pharmacy (202), Storeroom - orders for the reading room (199), Clinics and Faculties Libraries (119), and Reading Room (50). A blue text box explains the 'Availability' filter, and another blue text box explains the 'Location' filter.

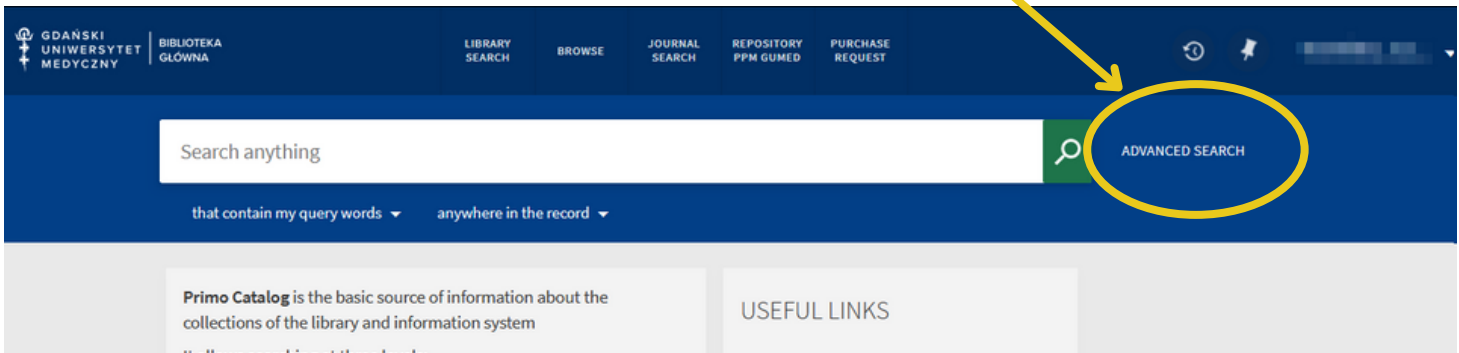
**The "Availability" filter will allow you to specify whether you are looking for physical copies ("held by library") or electronic copies (available online).**

**The "Location" filter determines where the item is located, and thus whether it is available for loan ("Storeroom - orders for the lending unit" location) or whether we can use it only on site ("Reading Room", "Storeroom - orders for the reading room" or "Library of the Faculty of Pharmacy") or online ("e-resources").**

## 2.2

### Advanced search

The second way to search library resources is **advanced search**. To use it, click on the space to the right of the white search box.



Simply to simple search, in case of advanced search you must select the catalog in which you will look for materials. The advantage of the advanced search is that you can specify beforehand whether the search term you are typing in refers to the type of document, language, date of publication. Most importantly, advanced search allows you to juxtapose multiple search terms using **logical operators**:

- **"and"** - the results list will include only those records that contain each of the terms you used;
- **"or"** - the list of results will include only those records that contain, at least one of the terms you used;
- **"not"** - the list of results will include only those records that contain the first term entered, but at the same time do not contain the second.