

Searching and Requesting Materials in Minerva: Scarborough Public Library's Catalog Search Tool

ACCESSING THE MINERVA CATALOG

On the Library's homepage, www.scarboroughlibrary.org, locate the search bar and type in a keyword, title, author, or subject. Be sure that the **Library Catalog (Minerva)** button is selected, then press **Search**. You are now in the Minerva catalog.



SEARCHING THE MINERVA CATALOG

You can search the Minerva catalog using keyword, title, author, or subject. If searching by author, type the last name first (ex: Brooks, Geraldine). Click on Help at the top right of the screen to learn more about search strategies.

You can limit your search to the **Scarborough Public Library**, located in the list in the drop-down menu. Alternatively, you can select **All Minerva Locations** to view what is available across Maine's Minerva libraries.



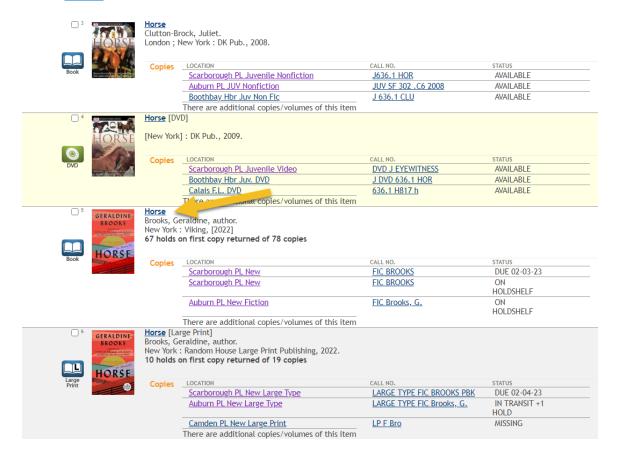
REQUESTING ITEMS THROUGH MINERVA

The Minerva catalog allows you to search local holdings in Scarborough, but also holdings at many libraries throughout the state (select **All Minerva Locations**). If an item you are looking for is not available in Scarborough you can request it from another library.

Search for an item in Minerva.



From the list of results, click on the <u>blue</u> underlined title of the item you are interested in, ex: <u>Horse</u>.



Be sure to check the material type and click on the title of the specific kind of item you are looking for (large print, ebook, DVD, etc). You will see an icon next to each entry indicating what type of resource it is.







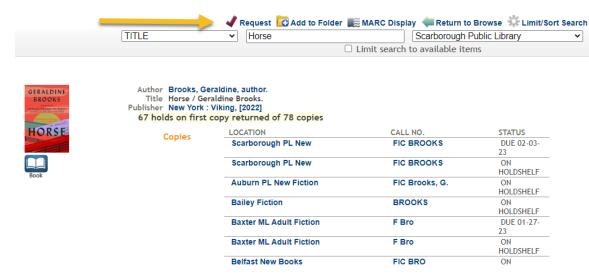








Once you have located the item you want in the appropriate format, click on the item's title. This will bring you to the record for that item. Click on the Request button near the top of the screen.



After clicking on **Request**, enter your first and last name on the top line and your 14-digit library barcode number from the back of your library card, without spaces, in the second line. Be sure to click on **Submit** to reserve your item.

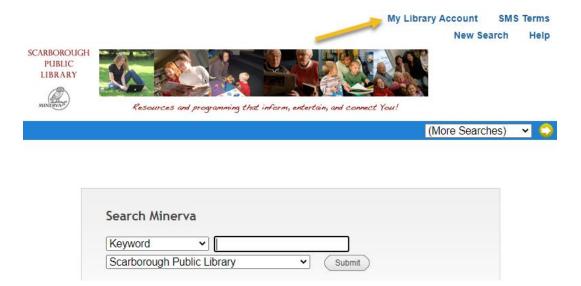
Request Verification

Your Name
Ex: 29876000123456. For barcodes less than 14 digits, con your library.
Your Patron Barcode

You may be asked to pick a specific copy if you are requesting a multivolume set. You may have up to 15 items on hold at a time. Please be aware that adding items to the folder will not reserve them, you must submit a request to hold the item.

YOUR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

You can also log in to My Library Account when you first enter the Minerva catalog. Look for the link the top right-hand corner of the screen.



When you are logged in, you can request multiple items without entering your barcode each time. When logged into your library account you can also view what you have checked out, what you have on hold, and renew items. Within your account you can also set up text message alerts and activate your borrowing history to keep track of what books you have checked out.

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