

Dr. John Micallef Memorial Library

Key Resources

This guide is to help you navigate around our library and other academic libraries here at UBC.

I. Academic Libraries

Academic libraries hold a wide variety of print and electronic resources you can use when researching paper or presentation topics. Types of resources include: books, magazines, journals (compilations of academic articles), newspapers, manuscripts, theses, government reports and rare books, ebooks, online journals, databases and digital collections.

The three main areas in collections include:

1. Reference (dictionaries, encyclopedias, Bible commentary, handbooks = everything about a topic).
2. Print (books, magazines, print journals).
3. Electronic resources (databases, online journals, ebooks, digital collections).

II. Library Organization

Dr. John Micallef Memorial Library is both an *academic* as well as a *specialized* library organized by Library of Congress Classification. The following Call Number sections refer to key subject areas:

B = Philosophy (general)	BJ = Ethics
BR = Christianity	BS = The Bible
BT = Doctrinal Theology	BV = Practical Theology
BX = Christian Denominations	KB = Religious Law; comparative law
KBR = Canon Law	KBU = Law of the Roman Catholic Church
LC = Moral and Religious Education	

III. Call Numbers

Library of Congress (LOC) is the classification standard in academic libraries. This means that the specific LOC Call Number for the title, "God and Ecology", for example, should be more or less the same Call Number you will find for this title in any given academic library.

Call numbers usually consist of 1 or 2 letters, followed by a number from 1 to 9999. The number may contain a decimal, such as BV 4501.2.

First, items are organized alphabetically. Then within that order, items are arranged in numerical order. For example, all the "B"s will be brought together, then organized numerically from B 1 to B 9999.

Example:

B	B	B	B
122	300	398	442
K95	F788	G39	H76
1993			F6

***Tips: Browsing the shelves is important**

Books that have the same/similar subjects are organized together on the shelf; this means it's always worth your while to browse the shelves when you're research – you will probably find more than you searched for in the catalogue!

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IV. Resources at Dr. John Micallef Memorial Library

General Reference/Commentary

New Interpreters Bible series
Anchor Bible series
Dictionary of New Testament Theology
Canon Law
New Catholic Encyclopedia

Call Number

REF BS491.2 N484 1994 v.1-12
REF BS440 A54 v.1-6
REF BS 2312 N48 v.1-4
REF BX1935 C252 1995
REF BX841 N44 v.1-19

Church Documents

Catechism
Papal Encyclicals

BX1959.5...
REF BX842 C38 v.1-5

Journals

The library has both current and bound (previous issues bound by year) journals. Journals are the best source for both *current* scholarly research and non-academic topic coverage by scholars/writers in the field. You can search Journals in THEOLOG by title or by first letter ("a" will bring up Acta Apostolica).

A sample of Catholic journal titles at Saint Mark's:

Catholic Biblical Quarterly	Merton Annual	Communio
Heythrop Journal	Journal of Early Christian Studies	A. Catholic Philosophical Quarterly

***No experience searching for print or online journal articles?**

Make an appointment with the librarian for assistance searching available journal resources at Dr. John Micallef Memorial Library, the consortium of Theological Schools and UBC libraries.

Online Resources

There are many online resources available for students: Dr. John Micallef Memorial Library provides a compilation of online resources, and online resources are accessible via UBC and other consortium libraries.

I.e, Papal Encyclicals, Vatican documents,

*See our *Catholic Online Resources* handout, located at the circulation desk.

V. Online Catalogue Searching with *THEOLOG*

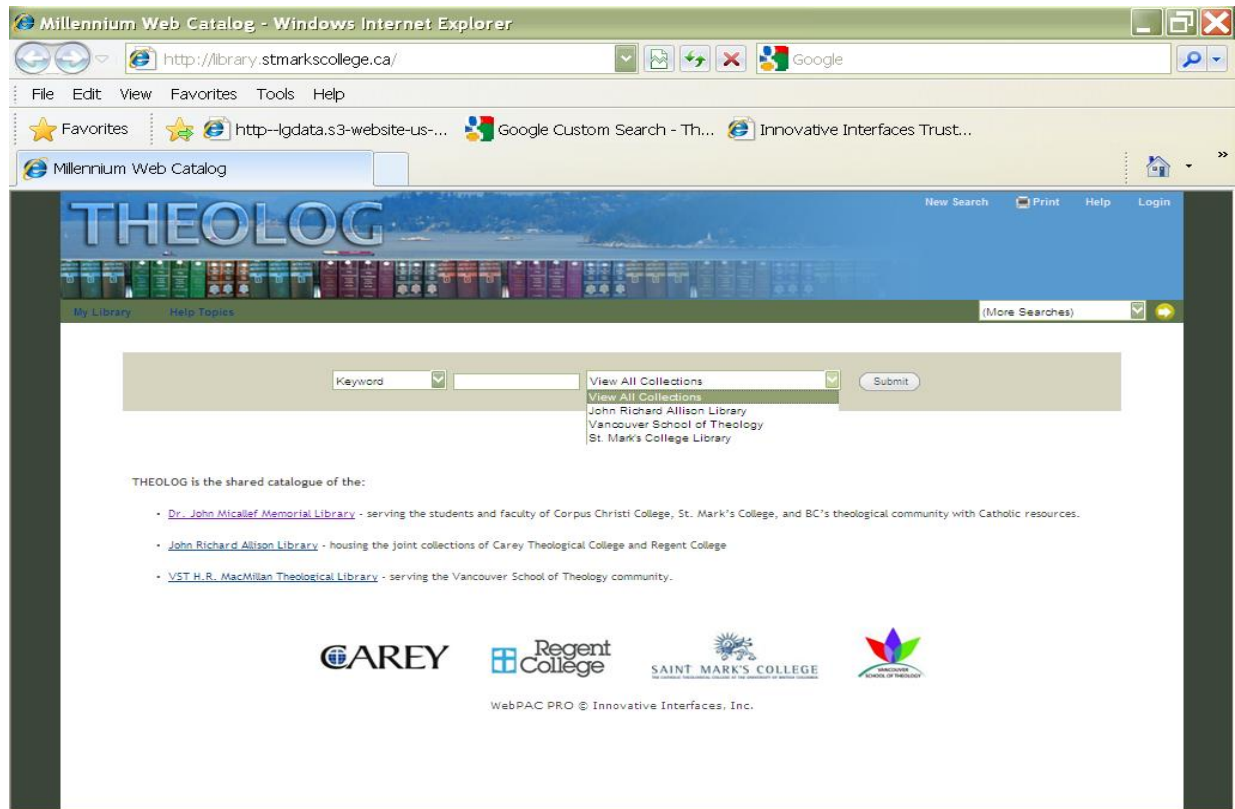
Dr. John Micallef Memorial Library is part of the consortium of Theological Schools on campus including the member institutions of Regent College, Carey Theological College and the Vancouver School of Theology. Our online catalogue, THEOLOG, can search one or all collections simultaneously.

THEOLOG is accessible from our library homepage (<http://library.stmarkscollege.ca/>) or via the library computers.

Patrons can view one or all collections of consortium institutions. One can search by Keyword, Author, Titles, Call number, Journal title or Subject.

Saint Mark's College and Corpus Christi students are eligible to borrow from consortium institutions using their Dr. John Micallef Memorial Library card.

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V. Library Services

We assist students with topic research, locating print and online resources and formatting help.

*Students are welcome to make an appointment with the librarian for one-on-one assistance.

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