Finding a Print Copy

The HathiTrust Digital Library has over ten million volumes in its collection. Of those ten million, over 3.5 million are available to be read online and/or downloaded. The rest of the volumes in the HathiTrust are unavailable to be read online and/or downloaded for copyright reasons.

You might find that the book you are looking for is not available in full-text, but you could still attempt to locate a print version of the source.

Step One: Finding a Source

In this case, we’ve searched for “foreign policy” and found over one hundred and eighty thousand titles available in full view, and over seven hundred thousand items overall.
To see all of the sources that the HathiTrust has for this search choose All Items.

When you have chosen all items you will notice that some of the books are available in full view mode (in which case you will just need to click full view to read the source online), while some will have a Limited (search-only) icon – these books are not available in full text. If your title is not available in full view then you could still click on Catalog Record to try to find a print copy of the book.

In this case we’ve decided to look at the catalog record for Foreign Policy-Making and International Politics by P.M. Kamath.

There is some information about the book on this page, but the main thing that we’re looking for is the Find in a library link.
As you can see, The University of Alabama actually has a print copy of this book. Even if we didn’t, you could still attempt to obtain a copy of it through the university library’s Interlibrary Loan program.

To submit an interlibrary loan request just go to the university library’s home page at http://www.lib.ua.edu and click the Interlibrary Loan link.

You’ll then just have to create an account and submit a request for the book that you are interested in.