Hi. I am Elizabeth, and I am going to show you how to find a print book.

By the end of this tutorial, you will be able to search Scout for a print books and locate all of the information needed to find it.

The research tool SCOUT searches all of the libraries’ resources including scholarly articles, news and magazine articles, ebooks, and print books.

The library has access to many online only resources, but it also houses millions of print books.

When searching in SCOUT, you can use specific search filters called limiters to determine which resources are books. Let’s try a search for books about zombies and popular culture.

Type the keywords into the advanced search boxes. On the left side of the results page, in the source types box, choose the check box for books.

Choosing this option limits the results to books. However, this limiter also includes book reviews and ebooks. For example, let’s look at the fifth result, American Zombie Gothic.

Check for the grey status box to ensure that the result is a book the library owns. The box lists all of the important information about finding the book.

First check which library it is in, then check the status. “Available” means it is on the shelf.

The last thing to note is the call number. It is a unique code needed to find the book.

Here is the call number for American Zombie Gothic. When using call numbers, you’ll read from left to right. Use the first letter to determine the floor where the item is located. There are call number location guides beside the elevators on every floor.

For example, call numbers starting with “p” are on the third floor.

Locate the PN section by using the directional tabs at the end of each shelf range. From here find the section containing the 1995.9 books. The rest of the call number determines the location of the book on the shelf.

Thanks for watching this video. If you have any questions, visit us at lib.ua.edu or at the Information Desk.