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The globally located library authorities or librarians have the provision to update the catalogue which usually requires a small amount of time.

Web OPACs retain features from traditional OPACs, such as storing bibliographic and sometimes full-text databases, providing direct access to the library's catalog through terminals or PCs, presenting search results in a user-friendly format, and offering reference assistance.

To use an OPAC, a library patron or college/university student simply has to access the library link online and then click into the OPAC. Most systems do require an account that will ask for login and password information.

## Computerized Access

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