

Quick Tips for the [Commonwealth Library Catalog](#)

The screenshot shows the search results for 'ancient greece' in the Commonwealth Library Catalog. The search bar at the top contains 'ancient greece' and is set to search 'anywhere'. Below the search bar are buttons for 'enhanced search' and 'search results'. The results page shows 72 results. On the left, there is a 'refine search' sidebar with filters for 'show only available items', 'library' (Commonwealth School Library), 'format' (Ebook, Book), 'Fiction', 'Nonfiction', and 'publication dates' (2017, 2016, 2014, 2013). Two book records are visible: 'Battling the gods : atheism in the ancient world / Tim Whitmarsh' and 'Mystery cults of the ancient world / Hugh Bowden'. Each record includes a thumbnail, call number, author, title, and publication information. Green arrows point to the search bar, the book record details, the 'add to guest list' button, and the 'add to guest list' button for the second book.

1. Type keywords into the search bar.

By default, this will search “Anywhere” (title, author, summary, table of contents, publisher...anywhere). You can also search by “Author,” “Title,” or “Subject.”

2. Look at the thumbnail record for information on the book.

This box will tell you the call number (how you find the book on the shelf!), title, author, publishing information, and whether the book is available. Click on the title for more information. (See next page.)

3. Use the sidebar on the left to refine your search.

The sidebar lets you limit the books you see by (a) whether they’re available right now, (b) whether they are an ebook or print book, (c) whether they are fiction or nonfiction, and (d) what year they were published.

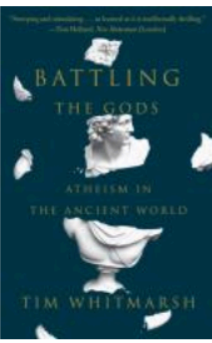
4. Add interesting books to a list you can look at later.

You can find out how to do that [here](#) (or by talking to Ms. Johnson) if you’re interested.

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Reserve

When you click on a book's title, it takes you to a page that looks like this. Here you can learn more about the book—in many cases, you can even see a summary, table of contents, or excerpt. Here are a few features to look for:



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Author: [Whitmarsh, Tim.](#)
 Title: [Battling the gods : atheism in the ancient world / Tim Whitmarsh.](#)
 New York : Vintage, 2016.
 ISBN: 9780307948779
 Pages: ix, 304 pages ; 22 cm.
 Subject: [Atheism -- Greece -- History.](#)
[Christianity and atheism.](#)
 Subject: [Greece -- Religion.](#)
 Note: Includes bibliographical references and index.

Call Number and Availability
 Is the book on the shelf and, if so, where will you find it?

Subject Headings
 Subject headings tell you the big picture of what a book is about. If you click on one, it will show you other books on the same subject.

add to guest list

- Author Notes
- Summary
- First Chapter or Excerpt
- Booklist Review
- Library Journal Review
- Publishers Weekly Review

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