Tutorial on
Using Korean Romanization to Search in
the University of Toronto Library (UTL)
Catalogue

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I. Searching for a specific, known item (1)
(i.e. title/author search)

❖ For example, if you wanted to find the book 운수 좋은 날 by 현 진건.

❖ Romanize the title/author of the item.
  ❖ Mind the word division.
  ❖ Omit diacritics. (i.e. breve, apostrophe, etc.)

❖ 운수 좋은 날 → Unsu choŭn nal → Unsu choun nal
❖ 현 진건 → Hyŏn Chin-gŏn* → Hyon Chin-gon

* Type last name first and add a hyphen between the two characters of a Korean name.
I. Searching for a specific, known item (2)
(i.e. title/author search)

Go to the U of T Library website at
http://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/
I. Searching for a specific, known item (3) (i.e. title/author search)

Type the keyword (either title or author) into the Search tab, then click the Search button.
I. Searching for a specific, known item (4) (i.e. title/author search)

_on the following screen, click the item that is closest to the relevancy/type of the item you are looking for (i.e. articles, books, e-journals, or online text). Then click the title of the item that is in bold, blue font._
I. Searching for a specific, known item (5) (i.e. title/author search)

* The pop-up that appears when you click the Search button (see next slide) gives the details of the item that U of T Library has.

* To locate the book, look at the ‘Holdings’ tab at the bottom of the pop-up window, which tells the call number of the item, and the name of the library that holds it.
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Make a note of the call number of the item you are looking for, and come visit us at the East Asian Library! The following is a map of the East Asian Library.

Image source: Cheng Yu Tung
East Asian Library website
I. Searching for a specific, known item (8) (i.e. title/ author search)

For example, if the item you are looking for has the call number PL991.3 .C5 U64 1997, you need to go to Section 7, and find the book among the books shelved according to call number!
II. Keyword Search (1)

Sometimes, you may want to do a general search on a topic, rather than to find a specific book. In such a case, follow these instructions:

STEP 1.
Decide on the topic of the research that you want to do, then think of some keywords.

For example, the topic might be: 충무공 이순신.

Keywords could be: 충무공, 이순신, 해전, 난중일기, etc.
II. Keyword Search (2)

**STEP 2.**

Romanize the keywords. Again, omit diacritics.

- 충무공 → Ch’ungmugong → chungmugong
- 이순신 → Yi Sun-sin
- 해전 → haechŏn → haechon
- 난중일기 → Nanjung ilgi
II. Keyword Search (3)

**STEP 3.**
Go to the University of Toronto Libraries website at http://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca/.
II. Keyword Search (4)

STEP 4.
Type the keywords into the Search tab. (i.e. Chungmugong)
II. Keyword Search (5)

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Type the keywords into the Search tab. (i.e. Chungmugong)

Under the Advanced Search option, you can also limit the search results by language, library, publication type and publication year.
II. Keyword Search (6)

**STEP 5.**
To find more items, try other keywords. (i.e. Yi Sun-sin)
III. Searching within a specific subject (1) (i.e. subject search)

Unless you are familiar with the specific subject headings established by the Library of Congress (LC), it is better to:

1) Do a keyword search,
2) Look at the terms under SUBJECT in the resulting citations
3) Click on one of the SUBJECT headings in the records that came up from your keyword search.
   This will perform a search for all items containing that subject heading.

For example, if you were researching the topic of the Chosŏn dynasty (조선)
III. Searching within a specific subject (2) (i.e. subject search)

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**STEP 1.**
Search for ‘Chosŏn’ on the U of T Library website. Again, omit any diacritics.
III. Searching within a specific subject (3) (i.e. subject search)

STEP 2.
Select the most relevant material from among the results.
III. Searching within a specific subject (4) (i.e. subject search)

🌺 STEP 3.
Click the Subjects tab at the bottom, then click on ‘Korea civilization 1392-1910’ or ‘Korea History Choson dynasty, 1392-1910’, depending on the desired direction of your research.
III. Searching within a specific subject (5) (i.e. subject search)

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If necessary, refine your search results using the Refine Results bar on the left.
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For more information on subject searches, the brochure “Library of Congress Subject Headings on selected Korean Materials,” that introduces several common subject headings on Korea is available along with other handouts near the entrance of the East Asian Library.