

## Earlham Libraries ESR/Bethany Resources

### How to find a Biblical commentary using PALNI, the Earlham Libraries Online Catalog

*This page explains two ways to use the online catalog to find commentaries on a book of the Bible.*

Examples: to find commentaries on the book of Romans...

#### **Keyword Search method:**

1. Access PALNI, the online catalog. (Usually done via the Earlham Libraries' web page, under "Find Books and Media" and "In Our Library.")
2. As on the sample search screen shown below, type into the first box the name of the book followed by the word "commentaries." Leave Exact phrase at "No."
3. Change the search type from Keywords anywhere to Subject keywords.
4. Click "Search." A list of relevant books should follow.

Earlham Libraries Keyword Search - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: [http://packory.palni.edu:4505/F/?func=filefile\\_name-basic/local\\_base-phcep](http://packory.palni.edu:4505/F/?func=filefile_name-basic/local_base-phcep)

EARLHAM COLLEGE Online Library Catalog

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**Keyword Search**

	Select search type(s):	Enter word or phrase:	Exact phrase?
	Subject keywords	romans commentaries	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
and	Keywords anywhere		<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes
and	Keywords anywhere		<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Yes

Search    Clear

Limit search to:

PALNI Location:	Earlham College	Format:	all
Location @ Earlham:	all	Year:	all
Collection @ Earlham:	all	Language:	all

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## Browse heading search method:

1. In the online catalog, select Browse Search from the top bar. See example below.

The screenshot shows the Earlham College Online Library Catalog search page. At the top, the navigation bar includes links for **Keyword Search**, **My Library Account**, **Course Reserves**, and **Previous Searches**. The **Browse Search** link is circled in red. Below the navigation bar, the **Keyword Search** section features a table with three rows for search criteria. Each row has a search type dropdown (set to 'Keywords anywhere'), an input field for the search term, and radio buttons for 'Exact phrase?' (set to 'No'). Below the search table are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. A 'Limit search to:' section contains dropdown menus for 'PALNI Location', 'Location @ Earlham', 'Collection @ Earlham', 'Format', 'Year', and 'Language'. The bottom of the page includes a copyright notice for Earlham Libraries and a Windows taskbar with the time 2:48 PM.

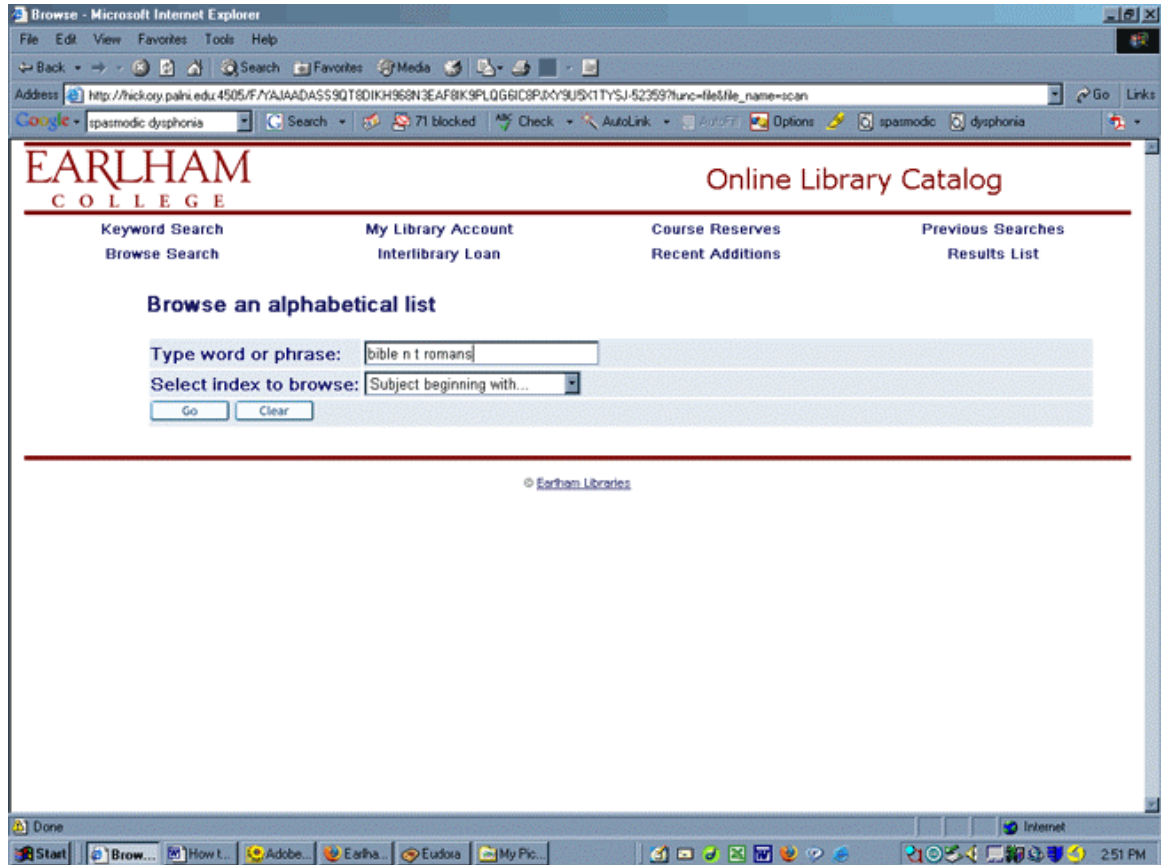
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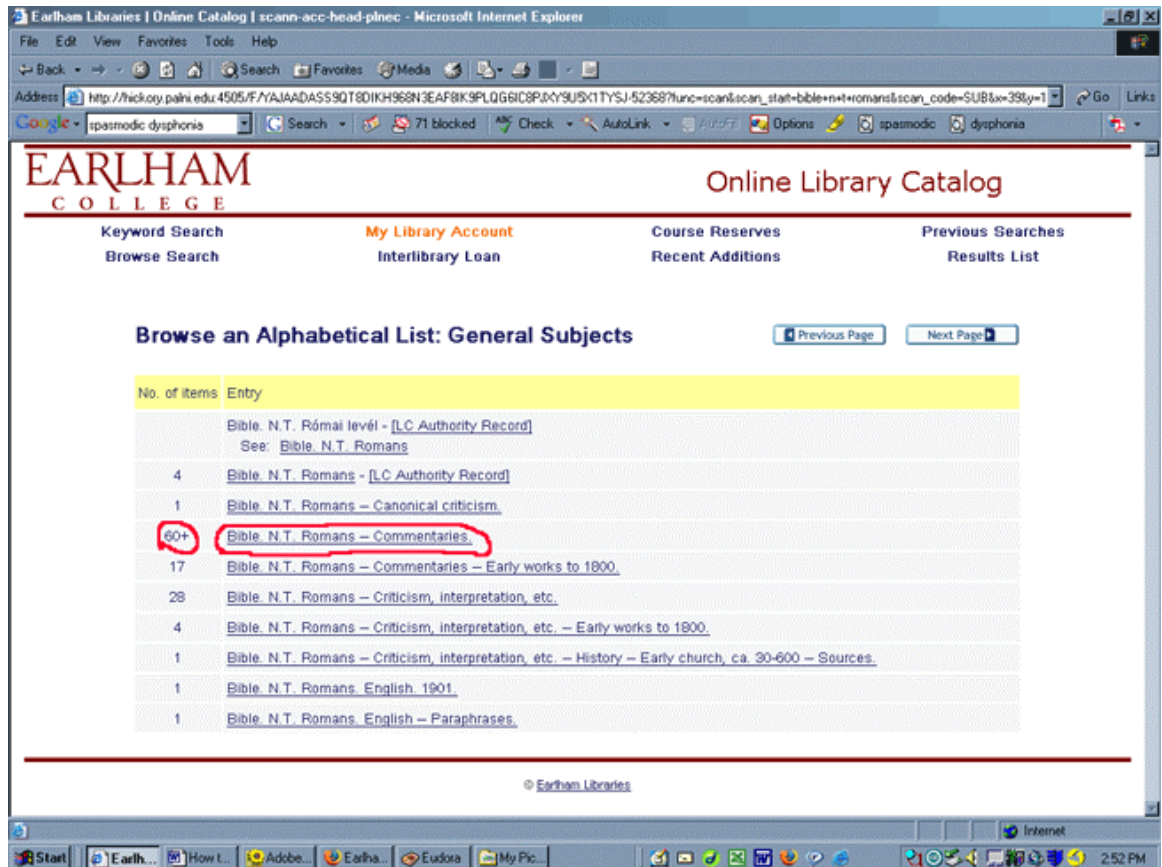
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2. As in the example below, change the Browse index to "Subject beginning with..."
3. In the search box, enter **bible n t <book of Bible>**. For the Hebrew Scriptures, use O T instead of N T. Note that there must be a space between the two letters that represent Old Testament or New Testament!



- An alphabetical list of Bible-related Subject Headings will appear, as shown below. Find the one most clearly related to your topic. Note that the number of titles will show on the left. When you click on the heading, the titles will display.



Other Subject Headings can be useful in researching biblical topics. Try them in Keyword or Browse searches.

- Bible N T Epistles of Paul
- Women in the Bible
- Bible O T Prophets
- Bible hermeneutics
- Sociology, Biblical
- ... and many others