

“LOCATING MATERIALS”

Brown University Library
Video Transcript

ANDY: OK. I have the books. I have the articles. Now I can finally write that paper I've been meaning to write. (pause) I'll start after lunch.

BRITTANY: Great, but I don't see any books or articles. Where are they?

ANDY: I don't know. I mean, I know they're here... somewhere. I'm just not sure where exactly.

BRITTANY: Would you like some help (looks at camera) locating materials?

“Locating Materials” flashes on the screen.

ANDY: (after thinking this over) I guess. Sure.

BRITTANY: Josiah, the Brown University Library Online Catalog, provides information for over 95 percent of Brown's Library holdings. This information includes where the book you want is actually located. Below the basic information you'll see the item's call number and what library it's in. Click on the library name for a stack guide of that library and figure out which part of the library your call number range is located in.

BRITTANY: Josiah terminals are located near the Reference areas in all libraries and on many stack floors of the Rock and the SciLi. You can also find Josiah at library.brown.edu.

BRITTANY: If you're not into all that technological stuff, you can use the card catalog on Level A of the Rockefeller Library instead. The card catalog contains author, title, and subject information for most of the books acquired by Brown prior to 1989.

ANDY: If I'm not into “all that technological stuff?” Is this like the Amish portion of the video or something?

BRITTANY: Yes, actually. The Amish are people too, you know. (pause) Anyway, if you need help with Josiah or the card catalog or even figuring out where a book is, just ask a Reference staff member.

ANDY: So why do I need to learn how to find stuff? It seem like the moral of the story is “ask someone else to do it.”

BRITTANY: This is an instructional video. There is no moral. Besides, the Rock, the Scili, and Orwig are all open-stack self-service libraries. You're responsible for locating your materials and bringing them to the Circulation Desk to be charged out. The Circulation staff is there to help locate books that are not on the shelves and recall books that are in circulation.

ANDY: So I can't order them around?

BRITTANY: No, you can't. Circulation staff members are people too... I think.