

How to find out what was published in the Czech Republic and abroad

The easiest way is to check a bibliography or a bibliographic database, which list books, journals and articles published in a certain period or on a certain subject.

Other very useful tools are union catalogues or catalogues of national libraries.

What do you find in a bibliography

- Records of materials published in an actual country and listed in a national bibliography (for example Czech National Bibliography and its series)
- Records of materials published in a region or on that particular region – these are regional bibliographies (for example Database of Regional Documents and Articles put out by Czech Central Research Library in Kladno)
- Records of items pertinent to a particular subject – these are subject bibliographies such as Bibliography of Czech Literary History put out by the Institute for Czech Literature of the Academy of Sciences)

What information do you get there

Necessary information about the material – a book, a journal, a periodical article which means author, title, place and year of publication, publisher, ISBN or ISSN number, number of pages, etc. – a bibliographic record

How to search bibliographies

- Usually you can look for the author's name, title, subject, ISBN, ISSN, date of publication and other access points
- The search points depend on a individual bibliography, obviously bibliographies in electronic format offer more access points than printed tools

In which formats are bibliographies available



online databases freely available on the internet



online licensed databases available on the internet – resources predominantly of foreign origin are acc



online library catalogues – bibliographies may be a part of those catalogues (esp. national or subject),



CD-ROM databases



licensed CD ROM databases - resources predominantly of foreign origin are accessible only on the gro



card catalogues of a particular library



printed lists – these are usually available in most libraries, for subject bibliographies it might be necess

Many bibliographies are already in a electronic format but sometimes it is necessary to combine searching electronic database with searching of printed tools or card catalogues.

How to get found material

Bibliographies usually do not provide a location of a wanted item. If you want to find, which library owns the material, you have to look in that library's catalogue or check union catalogues (see section [“Library collections”](#))