Call Number & Subject Searches – Vocal Narration Script

- There are other ways of searching for materials within the Library catalogue, which can also help to save you time, as well as provide you with more specific search results.
- To access advanced search functions, click on advanced catalogue search which appears under the catalogue search box on the Library's homepage.
- If you ever need to find the details of an item within the Library's collection based on its individual call number, it's easily done by clicking on the Call number tab.
- Whilst the Library's primary system of classification is that of the Library of Congress or LC, it also holds materials within its collection which are catalogued using different systems, such as the Bliss, Dewey Decimal and Harvard Yenching systems.
- To demonstrate, we enter the LC call number for a book entitled An Angel at my Table, by the New Zealand-born author Janet Frame.
- Clicking on Search will take us to its full record display. If your call number belongs to another system of classification, check the appropriate circle before performing your search.
- Another type of search you can perform within the catalogue enables you to search for materials based on their subject classification.
- In this example we are clicking on the Subject tab to search for information on Australian literature.
- We enter the appropriate keywords into the search field.
- We also choose to limit our search to only those items from the Library's collection which are available in electronic format. After you have clicked on Search, you will be presented with an alphabetical listing of subject headings, based on the keywords you have used in your search.
- Here we can see a number of different subject headings, dealing with different aspects of Australian literature. The column on the far right-hand side of the screen tells us how many individual items are catalogued under each of the different subject headings.
- To access the individual items, simply click on the headings. You will find that the subject headings under which the individual items are catalogued will also appear at the bottom of the full item record. Clicking on these subject headings within the item record is a useful way of discovering additional Library materials related to the topic you are researching.