

FAQs for the new AFS Library

1. Who has free access to the new AFS Library?

- AFS Corporate Members, and any employee of a Corporate Member.
- All AFS individual members.

Non-members may join AFS for access to the new online library.

2. Do I have to pay a fee to access articles in the new AFS Library? Is there a limit to how many I can download?

You do not have to pay a fee for articles if you or your employer are members of AFS. Your membership buys access to the library. As an AFS member, you have *unlimited* access to everything in the library. But wait, there's more. AFS has eliminated the "add to cart" step. Just click to download as many articles as you'd like. *No cart, no waiting.*

3. What is in the library and what does it offer me?

The AFS Library contains 15,500 AFS articles dating back to 1896. Yes, more than 120 years' worth of metalcasting research.

As the largest specialized metalcasting library in the world, our library provides world-class technical expertise and information to help foundries solve important technical issues and casting problems, and improve quality and productivity.

Articles are available from:

- AFS Transactions
- AFS conference proceedings
- *Modern Casting*
- *Metal Casting Design & Purchasing*

4. I'm an AFS member. How do I access the AFS Library?

- Got to www.afsinc.org.
- Select "log in" in the upper righthand corner.
- Enter your existing AFS username and password.
- Select "AFS Library" from the top bar. From there, begin your search in the search bar and view or download any article you'd like.

If you need to recover your AFS login information, select "log in" and follow the prompts to reset your password through your email account.

5. Is the library a responsive website? Can I use the library on my phone or other mobile device?

Yes! Do you need to access the library from the shop floor? The good news is the library is mobile-friendly for viewing and downloading articles.

6. How many articles are searchable?

All 15,500 articles are searchable. Many have been made into PDFs, but if you find you need an article that has yet to be digitized, you can request a digital copy of the article by selecting the "request" button on the search results page. You can also email library@afsinc.org with your request.

7. How does the search function work?

Users can choose a basic search or use the advanced search function. Both are available on the library homepage. A basic search works like the web search engines you're familiar with, while an advanced search is more in-depth. Using the advanced search option allows users to set search terms by publication date, author, subject and more – or a combination of those terms.

8. Can I save my searches in my AFS account?

Yes! You can save your searches on the search results page.

9. Can I download articles from the AFS Library and save them for my use later?

Yes! Many articles include PDF files which can be downloaded to your device.

10. I am assembling critical research and need to make citations. How do I do that?

You can export citation information from any article in the AFS Library by selecting the "export" option on the search results page. Citations can be exported into RefWorks, EndNote or ProCite.

11. Why are you relaunching the library now?

When the library was launched in 2008, things like mobile capability weren't all that important. Now you need information conveniently available on mobile devices. Technology is constantly changing, AFS is upgrading its technology, and now it's time for AFS to offer its members a dedicated library management platform.