
Hands-on #1: Searching Library Catalogs

Due: Monday, September 20, 1999

Assigned: Monday, September 13, 1999

Points: 50

Purpose

- To become a skilled user of the NMSU Library's Online Catalog.
- To acquire search techniques and methods generally found in library online catalogs so that these can be transferred to any online catalog at any library.
- To gain an in-depth knowledge of the ways online catalogs function and are designed.

Instructions

1. Use the OLE Online Catalog available from the NMSU Library's Web Page.
 2. Select **Catalog** from the main library web page, or,
 3. From your web browser type, <http://lib.nmsu.edu/catalog>
 4. You may use either the form of the catalog: web or telnet. **You must specify which format you are using.**
 5. If speed is your objective, you should use the older, telnet version of OLE. From your browser, type telnet://lib.nmsu.edu
 6. Once you are in the OLE Catalog, follow instructions on the screen.
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Check which catalog format you are using: Web Telnet

1. SUBJECTS. (10) Choose two subjects from the list below and search for them on the OLE Catalog. For each subject searched note your method (how you searched), and give the call number, location, author, title, place of publication, publisher and publishing date for two items listed under the subject you searched.

DRUG ABUSE AND CRIME
ANIMAL RIGHTS
INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

AVIATION ACCIDENTS
VIETNAM WAR
MAQUILADORAS

NUCLEAR POWER
JOURNALISM
CHILD DEVELOPMENT

FIRST SUBJECT

SEARCH METHOD (search statement typed or selected, links followed)

1ST Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Call Number:

Publisher:

Location:

Year:

2nd Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Call Number:

Publisher:

Location:

Year:

SECOND SUBJECT

SEARCH METHOD (search statement typed or selected, links followed)

1ST Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Publisher:

Year:

Call Number:

Location:

2nd Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Publisher:

Year:

Call Number:

Location:

2. AUTHOR. (10) Choose two authors from the list below and search for them on the OLE Catalog. For each author searched note your method (how you searched), and give the call number, location, author, title, place of publication, publisher and publishing date for two items listed under the subject you searched.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN
STEPHEN HAWKING
EDWARD TELLER
STEPHEN KING
NOAM CHOMSKY

MAYA ANGELOU
FLORENCE NIGHTENGALE
MARIE CURIE
OSCAR WILDE
CARL SAGAN

FIRST AUTHOR

SEARCH METHOD (search statement typed or selected, links followed)

1ST Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Publisher:

Year:

Call Number:

Location:

2nd Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Publisher:

Year:

Call Number:

Location:

SECOND AUTHOR

SEARCH METHOD (search statement typed or selected, links followed)

1ST Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Publisher:

Year:

Call Number:

Location:

2nd Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Publisher:

Year:

Call Number:

Location:

3. TITLES. (5) Choose two titles from the list below and search for them on the OLE Catalog. For each title searched note your method (how you searched), and give the call number, location, author, title, place of publication, publisher and publishing date for two items listed under the subject your searched.

THE ARGUMENT CULTURE
DEAD MAN WALKING
PARADISE LOST

WHY THINGS BITE BACK
SILENT SPRING
PUDD'NHEAD WILSON

FIRST TITLE

SEARCH METHOD (search statement typed or selected, links followed)

1ST Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Publisher:

Year:

Call Number:

Location:

SECOND TITLE

SEARCH METHOD (search statement typed or selected, links followed)

1ST Item

Author:

Title:

Place of Publication:

Publisher:

Year:

Call Number:

Location:

4. Periodicals. (5) Choose two periodical titles from the table below and search for them in the OLE catalog. For each title searched, note your search method and volumes/years owned, location, and formats available for that particular title (online, microfilm, etc.)

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|---|---------------------------------|
| JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JOURNAL |
| PSYCHOLOGY TODAY | ADMINISTRATVE SCIENCE QUARTERLY |

FIRST TITLE

SEARCH METHOD (search statement typed or selected, links followed)

1ST Item

Title:

Call Number:

Location:

Volumes/Years owned:

Formats available:

SECOND TITLE

SEARCH METHOD (search statement typed or selected, links followed)

2nd Item

Title:

Call Number:

Volumes/Years owned:

Location:

Formats available:

5. Your Topic (20) Search for **4** books on your final project topic. Note search method you used (subject? title? keyword? boolean?), title, call number, and subject headings.

| Search Method Used | Title | Call Number | Subject Headings |
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Go to the **Library of Congress Subject Headings** books located in New Library in the dictionary stand in front of the Reference Desk. List 3 or more subject headings for your topic.

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.