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Unit 4 Assignment: Library Catalog Searching

Directions

There are many ways to search the **Library Catalog**. This assignment will give you the opportunity to experiment with a variety of strategies to help you determine how to use the various searches and why/when you might select one search over another. There is no single correct answer for these questions. Just be certain that you explain/justify your choice of search.

Part 1: Searching www.esf.edu/moonlib for books:

1. Search for this book: *Ecological climatology: Concepts and applications*
 - a) Which type of search did you select?
 - b) Which librar(ies) have a copy of this book and is it available or checked out?
 - c) How could you find similar books?
 - d) Record the information necessary to compose a citation:
 1. Author(s)
 2. Publication Date
 3. Title
 4. Publication Place
 5. Publisher
2. Using the search box, find a thesis done at **ESF** by Fatemi on biomass:
 - a) Which type of search did you select?
 - b) Write out your search (exactly what you typed - including connections or punctuation used).
 - c) Using the link provided in the catalog entry, check the electronic availability of this item.

1. Is the thesis available in full-text electronically?
2. What **experimental forest** is referenced in the abstract?
3. Search for materials on invasive species:
 - a) Write out your search (exactly what you typed - including connections or punctuation used)
 - b) How would you limit to **books** at ESF's **Moon Library**?
 - c) Can you find a book specifically about invasive species in the Pacific Northwest? How??
 - e) Record the information necessary to compose a citation:
 1. Author(s)
 2. Publication Date
 3. Title
 4. Publication Place
 5. Publisher

Part 2: Searching 'Other Library Catalogs' from www.esf.edu/moonlib

Directions

Return to the [Moon Library](#) home page. From the dropdown menu in '**Additional Resources**' choose the link '**Other Library Catalogs**', Scroll down through the catalog list until you reach '**Academic Library Catalogs**'. Other library catalogs may not look or feel like our catalog so it may be necessary to read some searching instructions and help screens.

1. Which academic library catalog did you select to search in?
2. Search this library's catalog for books on a topic of **your choice**.
 - a) What is the topic you chose to search?
 - b) Which type of search did you select?
 - c) How many results did you find on your topic?

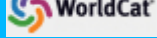
d) List two titles that you found on your topic.

1.

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Part 3: Searching 'WorldCat'

Directions

Return to the 'Other Library Catalogs' page. Using the search box labeled , enter a search term of your choice.

Often referred to as the catalog of catalogs, **WorldCat** is a database comprised of the holdings of more than 30,000 libraries in over 65 countries. This means that as member libraries add books and other materials to their collections, new records describing the materials are created and added to the **WorldCat** database. The types of materials in the **WorldCat** database include books, dissertations, periodicals, audio and videocassettes, musical scores, sound recordings and Internet sites. New records are added every 15 seconds! **WorldCat** is an excellent database to use to identify material you may not have access to locally. With more than 1.3 billion entries in the database, the probability of identifying materials on your topic in **WorldCat** is excellent.

1. Search **WorldCat** for books on a topic of **personal interest to you**:

a) Write out your search (exactly what you typed - including connections or punctuation used).

b) From your search how many results did you find?

c) Select one of the titles and list the **closest** library to your current location that owns the item.

1. Book Title:

2. Owning library:

g) How do you know that the title you chose is a book?

h) Is the book available (not checked out) in the library you selected in part c)?

i) What are the pros and cons of searching in WorldCat (be specific)?



When working on your final project, come back to this assignment for help with finding books on your topic.

Part 4: Composing Citations

Directions

Using the directions and citation style sheet provided by your instructor, compose citations to the two books you identified in **Part 1**. Attach a separate word processed document with these citations – paying very close attention to proper formatting. Make sure this sheet includes your name, section, instructor and date.