Discovery

This assignment will take you through the steps of using Discovery to search the Library for information sources.

- You will find one book, one article, and one video on a topic
- FYI: Sections marked FYI are “for your information”

Step 1: Search Plan

Make a plan before beginning your research. Write your search plan out here:

a) Topic

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b) Research Question

*What do you want to know about your topic? What question do you want to answer?*

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c) Search Terms

Identify 2 to 4 key concepts in your research question. These will be your *search terms*.

1. ___________________________   2. ___________________________

3. ___________________________   4. ___________________________
Step 2: Finding Articles

Discovery is a tool that allows you to search all library collections in one search. This includes our article and our book databases.

Articles

Search Discovery to find a journal or magazine article on your topic. Find articles that will help you answer your research question.

Step 1: Go to the Library homepage > [http://library.selkirk.ca](http://library.selkirk.ca)

To access Discovery: Under FIND choose > Discovery: Search All

Step 2: Choose your search terms

Tip: See your Search Plan (page 1)

1st search term: ________________________________________________________________

AND

2nd search term: ______________________________________________________________

AND

3rd search term (optional): _______________________________________________________

Step 3: Type 2 or 3 search terms in the search boxes. Click search.

- How many articles (results) were found? __________________________

Choosing an Article

Choose an article from your result list that you judge to be useful for your topic.

Tip: Click on the title to see the full record

Write down the citation elements for the article you chose.

- Author / Authors

  Name(s): ____________________________________________________________________

  ____________________________________________________________________
• **Title of Article**
  
  Full title: ____________________________________________________________
  ____________________________________________________________

• **Publication Information**
  
  Title of journal or magazine (source): ____________________________________
  ______________________________________________________________

  Volume / issue number: _______________________________________________

  Date: ______________________________________________________________

  Page Numbers: _______________________________________________________

**FYI: Research Databases**

- Research databases can also be searched directly

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**Step 3: Finding Books**

Search Discovery to find a **book** or **ebook** (electronic book) on your topic. Find books that will help you answer your research question.

**Step 1:** Go to the Library homepage  > [http://library.selkirk.ca](http://library.selkirk.ca)

To access Discovery: Under FIND choose  > **Discovery: Search All**

**Step 2:** Choose your search terms

**Tips:** *See your Search Plan (page 1)*

*** *Use only 1 or 2 search terms***
1st search term: _______________________________________________________

AND

2nd search term (optional): ____________________________________________

Step 3: Type 1 or 2 search terms in the search boxes. Click search.

Step 4: Limit your results to the Book Catalogue.

Tip: The book catalogue is a database of all of the books available in the Library.

Find the Book Catalogue limiter in the left column. Click in the box to search.

• How many titles did you find? ________________________________

Tip: If you didn’t get any results, try searching for books on your topic

Examples: Global warming  Social media  Grizzly bears

Choosing a Title

Choose a title from your search results that you think will be useful for your topic. Choose a book or an ebook.

• Call number

______________________________________________________________

Write down the citation elements for the book that you chose.

Tip: Click on the Title to see the full record

• Author(s) / Editor(s)

Name(s): ________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________
• Title
  Full title: ___________________________________________________________
  ___________________________________________________________

• Publication Information
  Place of publication: ___________________________________________________
  Name of publisher: ___________________________________________________
  Year when the item was published: _______________________________________

  Tip:  To search for all sources in Discovery (books & articles) select at the top of the page and start a fresh search.

FYI: Book Catalogue

It is also possible to search the Book Catalogue from the Library homepage > http://library.selkirk.ca

  • Select the Books link under FIND
  • Books can be sent from the Castlegar campus to the Nelson campuses. Use the “Place Hold” feature or ask a Librarian for assistance.

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**Step 4: Finding Videos**

The Library subscribes to a number of video databases. These videos can be watched online.

Step 1:  Go to the Library homepage > http://library.selkirk.ca

Step 2:  Under FIND choose > Videos

  Select Films on Demand from the list of streaming video collections

Step 3:  Search for a video on your topic. Write down the title of the video you chose.
Questions? Contact Us

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