



Book Discovery in a Mass Digitized Environment

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Motivations

- An interesting thought experiment:
Could interfaces to mass digitized
collections replace our OPACs?
- A starting point and an excuse to get
familiar with our mass digitized
collections

Research Questions

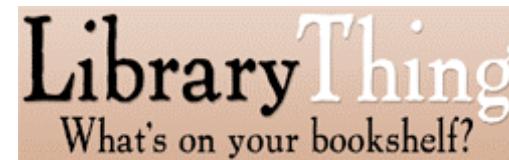
- What are strengths and weaknesses of leading book discovery interfaces?
- What is the best user experience for book discovery tasks?
- What's gained and lost by replacing our (next-generation) catalog entirely with a full-text repository?

Sites we chose to evaluate

- Best of breed next-generation catalogs



- Best of breed non-library book discovery systems



- Interfaces to mass digitized collections



Methodology

- Identified, ranked core features for evaluation
- Attempted to simulate tasks, query syntax and attention span of a typical undergraduate
- Evaluated some features related to discovery and integration that are of interest to librarians
- Our experiences in interface design and evaluation criteria we have used in the past has shaped our perspective
- Not systematic, not comprehensive

Tasks

- Find a known titles, authors
- Subject searching
- Winnow results
- Choose specific edition: compare
- Evaluate the item
- Evaluate the digital item
- Recommendations: more like this
- Obtain a book for local use
- Find references to quotes, facts

Ratings used

- ★★★★★ Everything you could expect to have
- ★★★★ Very good
- ★★★ Getting there
- ★★ Below par
- ★ Room to improve

Find known titles, authors

- Find a known title
 - Search terms: *Sierra Club Green Guide*
 - Search terms: *What Would Jesus Do*
 - Search terms: *1984 Orwell*
 - Search terms: *Sartre Nausea*
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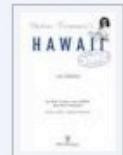


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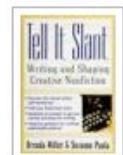
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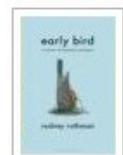
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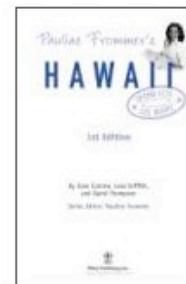
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Target is usually first



Target is usually first



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Subject searching



Great relevance



Better than average



Better than average



Lack of combined index hurts



Decent, full text hurts



Not great



Poor coverage; full text hurts

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- To what extent does the site allow narrowing, refining, and sorting results?
- Are the methods effective?
- Are the methods intuitive?

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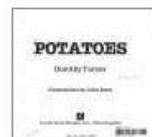
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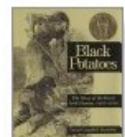
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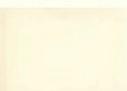
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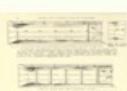
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Tags galore (from tag search)



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On the right track



No sorting; facets need work



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Decent; compare tool concept is nice



Decent; facets help somewhat



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Hard to choose among editions



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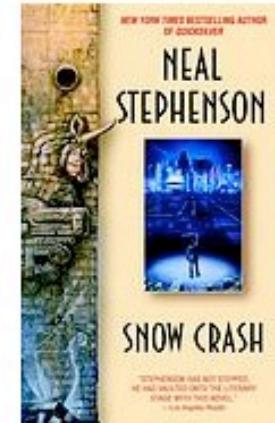
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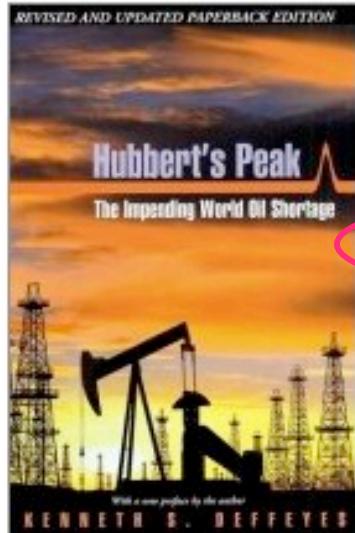
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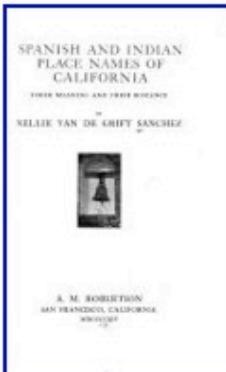
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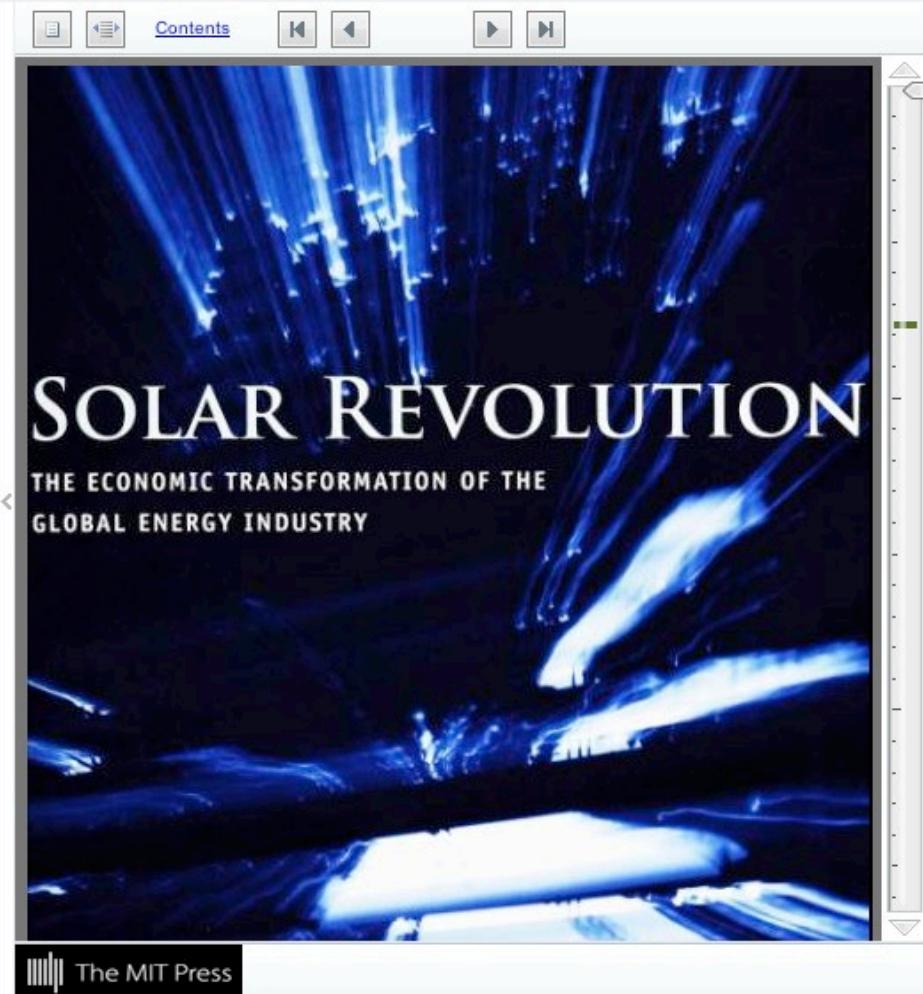
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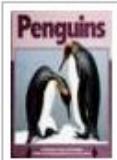
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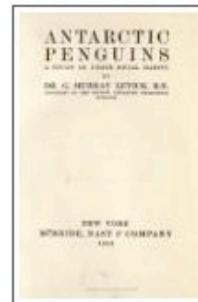
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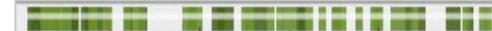
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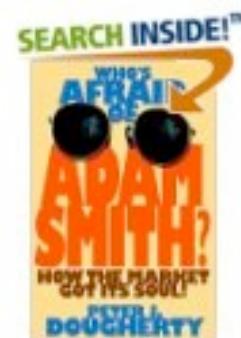
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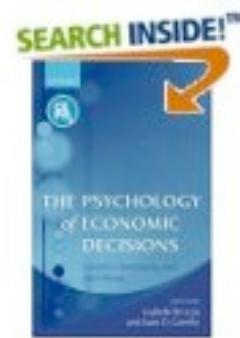
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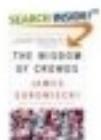


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1 ^h 27 ^m	+ 30° 4'	352. <i>Nebula in Triangulum</i> . Discovered first by Messier; very large and faint, but easy to observe in consequence of its extent. With a seven-foot telescope Herschel saw it dimly, and test with a low power. With a ten-foot reflector, the most brilliant part was resolved into separate stars, and when a still stronger instrument was employed, almost the whole nebula was resolved into stars, which seemed to Herschel nothing more than

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γ *Arietis*, a beautiful double star, primary 4.2 mag., companion 4.4 mag., observed by Hooke in 1664, and described by him as remarkable in the highest degree. It can be divided with the help of a small telescope. Distance 8', angle of position 179°. There is another, at distance 4', angle of position 88°, a faint star, first seen by J. Herschel and Smith in 1823. Burnham discovered that this star is also double, but its division is extremely difficult. Between it and γ he saw another very faint star.

457. *Star Cluster in Andromeda*, 30' in diameter, containing numerous, brilliant, mostly scattered stars, visible to a keen eye without the aid of a telescope as a nebulous star. Herschel first observed it 21 Sept., 1786.

λ *Arietis*, a double star, primary 5 mag., companion 8 mag., distance 38', can be divided by a good pocket-telescope.

2. 196. *Arietis*, a quadruple star, primary 6 mag., companions 9, 10 and 12 mag. respectively. The brightest companion is at distance 3' 4", angle of position 63°.

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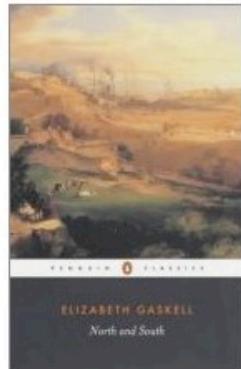
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 - No visible guarantees of persistent URLs
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classes in Germany, the fight against the bourgeoisie itself may immediately begin.

The Communists turn their attention chiefly to Germany, because that country is on the eve of a bourgeois revolution, that is bound to be carried out under more advanced conditions of European civilisation, and with a more developed proletariat, than that of England was in the seventeenth, and of France in the eighteenth century, and be-

cause the bourgeoisie of Germany has already made a far more complete revolution, has established a far more perfect bourgeoisie, than England or France did in the period of the great English and French revolutions.

In short, port every thing that exists in the existing things.

In all the front, as to property, quality of development, etc.,

Finally, union and ties of all countries.

The Communists disdain to conceal their views and aims. They openly declare that their ends can be attained only by the forcible overthrow of all existing social conditions. Let the ruling classes tremble at a Communistic revolution. The proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains. They have a world to win.

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System ID of underlying ILS



Text strings in URLs (OL vs. IA)



Opaque identifiers in ugly URLs

API access

- Tasks
 - Can I develop remote applications that display bib, holdings, item records?
 - Do I have the ability to perform ad hoc data or text mining operations on the full text?
- Comments
 - Not a strong point of traditional ILS systems
 - ILS-DI work is ongoing; how to give it teeth?
 - Intellectual property issues limit ability to provide open access to everyone for everything

API Access



Complete, documented API



Complete, documented API



Complete API promised



thingISBN, LT for Libraries



xISBN, xISSN; more soon?



None announced



None announced

Linking to mass dig from OPACs: No way to batch load yet

- Vigilante efforts to harvest GBS URLs
 - John Blyberg (then AADL) blocked in August 2006
 - Tim Spalding (LibraryThing) voluntarily stopped in Sep 2007 after bookmarklet collected >250,000
 - In both cases, Google communicated interest in a better solution
- Other cowboy efforts to link to books from OPAC
 - Jackie Wrosch (Eastern Michigan U.) developed JavaScript that polls GBS for OCLC number
 - Jan Szczepanski (Göteborg U.) has personally selected and cataloged 17,000 eBooks
- IA exposes all content from each book page
 - Is it possible to download in bulk?

Linking to mass dig from OPACs

- Formal efforts by individual libraries
 - U. Michigan links to its GBS books in its catalog by loading identifiers into the 2nd call number field of the item record
 - UIUC links to its OCA books by creating a separate bib record for the e-format and loading that into their catalog.
 - Anyone else?
- Formal programs across libraries
 - OCLC's synchronization program with interested mass digitization programs begins pilot soon
 - Bowker?

Strengths, weaknesses...

- Amazon has most relevant hits; LT 2nd
 - Results displays in Amazon, LibraryThing are most useful, though very different
- A breakthrough ranking algorithm like PageRank isn't yet available for books
- Can choose either winnowing or access to full text, but, unfortunately, not both
 - Not all facets created equally
- Microsoft, OpenLibrary not yet polished

Strengths, weaknesses...

- Breadth and depth of LibraryThing tags and community is amazing
 - Especially compared to relative lack of tags in Amazon, and paucity of user-generated content in WorldCat and Internet Archive
- Ability to compare books isn't mature
 - An interface that groups editions doesn't necessarily mean it provides tools to choose among editions
- Amazon metadata display: broad, dense
- Full-text displays still relatively immature

Best book discovery experience

- Amazon and LibraryThing, lead the way in user experience for book discovery tasks
 - Proven track records of continuous innovation
- NCSU, Google, and U.Washington
 - All compete favorably with a traditional OPAC
- Internet Archive (and Open Library project), and Microsoft have the most room to grow
 - Hard to compare these to a traditional OPAC

What if we replaced our OPACs?

- Gains
 - Fast access to full text (of out of copyright items)
 - Improved ability to answer questions you can't answer in an OPAC
- Lost
 - Using metadata's power to winnow and evaluate
 - Nice display of multi-volume works (e.g., serials)
- Instead of replacing OPAC w/ GBS, MSFT, IA
 - Replacing the OPAC with Amazon or LibraryThing might better serve your users today

What to watch as things evolve

- Non-traditional metadata, based on full text analytics
 - Example: Recommendations based on full text occurrences of Statistically Improbable Phrases
- Better integration of analog filtering, social networks into online book discovery services
 - Web architecture for identity (OpenID?), attention (APML?), and trust (OpenSocial?) will impact
- Innovations in delivery have potential to disrupt traditional library delivery services
 - Swapping and print on demand

When book discovery services talk to each other in the background

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