

Book Reservation System Analysis*

(AnimoSearch, DLSU's Online Library)

I. Project Summary

Conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the AnimoSearch platform, targeting users aged 17 to 50+, including undergraduate and graduate students as well as faculty members. The platform primarily serves academic needs such as book borrowing, digital resource access, and research facilitation.

II. Key Modules & Functionalities

- Borrow and reserve physical books
- Download available digital resources
- Conduct research and access academic databases
- Submit requests for new acquisitions

III. User Flow and Interaction Tasks

- Log In via AnimoSearch
- Execute targeted book searches
- Review book availability and location
- Download digital copies when accessible
- Contact library support or utilize FAQs as needed

IV. Information Architecture

The platform provides users with relevant metadata, including:

- Full text access indicators
- Export and citation options
- Book and journal details
- Direct links to digital versions
- Physical location within the library system
- Access to entertainment and academic databases

*Note: Content for all sections with the asterisk was initially drafted by a former academic colleague. The material has since been rewritten and reformatted to improve organization, readability, and alignment with the overall structure of the document.

V. User Interface Evaluation

Areas for Improvement:

- Cluttered UI on desktop layout
- Inefficient placement of search history
- Underutilized whitespace that could guide users more effectively

Positive Highlights:

- Core services and support links are prominently accessible
- Efficient overall task completion time (approximately 2-3 minutes)
- Room booking system improves convenience for students

Proposed Enhancements:

- Reinstate the book reservation feature for physical copies
- Add direct links or prompts for unavailable digital resources
- Incorporate visual references or thumbnails for journal listings