

## **LIB 3 - Information Competency**

### **Assignment 2 - Searching Web-based Library Catalogs**

#### **Purpose**

- To gain knowledge of the Library of Congress Classification and the Library of Congress Subject Headings.
- To understand and interpret bibliographic records.
- To acquire search skills for LBCC Voyager library catalog, transferable across other Web-based library catalogs.

#### **Instructions**

1. From LBCC Library Web site, click on the "Library Catalog" button; or you may also access LBCC Voyager online catalog at: <http://voyager.lbcc.cc.ca.us>

If you could not access LBCC Voyager, then please use one of the following online Voyager systems:

Cypress Community College Library

<http://cyclib.nocccd.cc.ca.us/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>

California State University at Monterey:

<http://voyager.monterey.edu>

2. This assignment also aims to introduce you to another library Web-based catalog system, such as SIRSI or WebPac. From LBCC Library Web site, click on the "Other Library Catalogs" button and select a link to various libraries Web-based catalogs, making sure that it is not Voyager.

For other online library catalogs, you may use one of the following Web-based catalogs:

CSU Dominguez Hills Library:

<http://pharos.csudh.edu:5080/webpac/wgbroker.exe?new+-access+top.csudh>

CSU Long Beach Library:

<http://www.coast.csulb.edu/>

## Part I. Using Voyager Web-based Library Catalog.

- Perform the different searches listed below for items (items can be books, videos, pamphlets, etc.) in the Library collection. List one complete citation (author, title, place of publication, publisher, date of publication,) for each search.

Example of a citation or a bibliographic record:

**Database:** Long Beach City College Library  
**Main Author:** [Walker, Alice. 1944.](#)  
**Title:** The color purple : a novel / by Alice Walker.  
**Primary Material:** Book  
**Publisher:** New York : Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, c1982.  
**Description:** 1st ed.  
245 p. ; 22 cm.



1. Do a search for books written by Nobel prize winner **Albert Camus** (Remember to always search by author's last name).
  - Which type of search did you choose? List your reason for choosing it.
  - How many books by Albert Camus does the Library have?
  - Write down the citation and the call number for one of the books.
2. Do a search for the book entitled **The Voyage of the Beagle**
  - Which type of search did you choose? List your reason for choosing it.
  - Who was the author?
  - How many books by this author does the Library have?
  - List the subject headings for this book. (To find the subject headings, click on "*Detailed Record*".
3. Do a search for items on the subject of **Assyrian art**
  - Which type of search did you choose? List your reason for choosing it.
  - Is this the correct subject heading? \_ yes \_ no
  - Is there a *see also* reference? \_ yes \_ no. What then is the correct subject heading?

- List the citation and the call number of one book.
4. Do a search for a book with the call number E184.A1 H27
- Which type of search did you choose? List your reason for choosing it.
  - Write down the citation of this book.
  - List the subject headings for this book. (To find the subject headings, click on "*Detailed Record*".
5. Do a search to find book (s) put on reserve by instructor Kim Barclay
- Which type of search did you choose? List your reason for choosing it.
  - Write down the citation of the book.
  - List the subject headings for this book. (To find the subject headings, click on "*Detailed Record*".
6. Perform a search to find a book with the word "**California**" in the title, written by author **Kevin Starr**, and published in **1997**. (Hint: use TAB to go to the different search boxes and select the appropriate field from the drop-down menu.)
- Which type of search did you choose? List your reason for choosing it.
  - List what fields you have selected from the drop-down menu, and what Boolean operators you have used.
  - List the full citation of this book.
7. You want to find books on the topic of **euthanasia** from the series called "**opposing viewpoints**".
- Which type of search did you choose? List your reason for choosing it.
  - List what fields you have selected from the drop-down menu, and what Boolean operators you have used.
  - How many books about this topic does the Library have?
  - List the citation and the call number of one of the books.

## **Part II. Using other Web-based Library Catalogs**

Repeat the same searches using one other college or public library Web-based catalog of your choice. For question 5, select any one of the instructor's names in the drop down menu , then answer the same questions.

## **Part III. Evaluating Web-based Library Catalogs**

Discuss your search results with the two web-based catalogs. Mention your type of search (author, title, subject, keyword, etc, list the exact term (s) you typed in for your search, and the number of entries obtained. Point out any differences between the two systems. Which system is easier to use?