Welcome to Weis Library!

Part 4: WorldCat Discovery

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WorldCat Discovery is an online database that contains information about the resources that students, faculty, and staff can access in and through Weis Library.
Located on the library’s website, WorldCat Discovery is the research tool to use to learn what books, journals, and media are available in Weis Library.
There are two search interfaces that can be used to find materials within WorldCat Discovery: 1) the Basic Search screen and 2) the Advanced Search screen.
The **Basic Search** screen is the default interface and best used for quick or general searches for information using keywords or phrases like names, titles, or subjects.
The **Advanced Search** screen is an optional interface and best used for more thoughtful or specific searches in which search criteria are selected from drop-down menus.
With the Advanced Search screen, the most effective way to find relevant information is to try one or more of the following searches:

1. **Title Search** - Used when you know the specific title of the book or other item you need and want to determine if it is available in the library.

2. **Author Search** - Used when you know the specific name of an author, editor, etc. and want to determine if the library has any of his or her works.

3. **Keyword Search** - Used when you need books or other items about a topic, but do not necessarily know the titles of works on the topic nor the names of authors who have produced works on the topic.
In this example, a Title Search was conducted for a book entitled *Bully Nation* by selecting “Title” from the Search Index field menu and typing the title of the book in the Search Term field.
The result of the **Title Search** is a list of records for books and other items in WorldCat Discovery that match or are similar to the title that was entered.
A click on the first link in the results list leads to the full record in WorldCat Discovery for the book *Bully Nation* by Charles Derber.
In this example, an **Author Search** was conducted for a book Min Jin Lee wrote by selecting “Author” from the **Search Index** field menu and typing her name in the **Search Term** field.
The result of the Author Search is a list of records for books and other items in WorldCat Discovery whose authors match or are similar to the name that was entered.
A click on the first link in the results list leads to the full record in WorldCat Discovery for the book *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee.
In this example, a **Keyword Search** was conducted for resources on the Great Depression by selecting “Keyword” from the **Search Index** field menu and typing the phrase in the **Search Term** field.
The result of the **Keyword Search** is a list of records for e-books and other items in WorldCat Discovery about the Great Depression.
A click on the second link in the results list leads to the full record in WorldCat Discovery for the book *The Great Depression: America in the 1930s* by T.H. Hawkins.
For more information on the topics covered in this presentation, please see:

[Searching WorldCat Discovery]

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