Catalog Practice Exercise

Library 1, Assignment #2

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Learning Goals: Become familiar with the basic concepts, vocabulary and use of the Library Online Catalog to find relevant items. Demonstrate an understanding of keyword search options, advantages and disadvantages and the need to evaluate results.

Author Search:

Instructions: Locate The LBCC Library Online Catalog located on the LBCC library homepage: http://lib.lbcc.edu/. Complete the following searches using The LBCC Library Online Catalog. Click on Advanced Search.

Then use the dropdown menu to find “Author” and type in the author’s name.

This dropdown menu will be useful when you search for books by title, author, keyword, etc.
Select one author from the list below. Provide the citation information for any one book:

Henry James  Maya Angelou  Elie Wiesel  Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Maxine Hong Kingston  William Shakespeare  Edgar Allan Poe  Yasunari Kawabata

Write your search strategy (what did you type in the search box?) _______________

Author(s) of the book: __________________________________________________________

Title of Book: ________________________________________________________________

Publisher: ____________________________ Publication Date: ________________

Call #: ___________ Location: ___________ Status: _______________________

Title Search:

Instructions: Click on the Advanced Search and then use the dropdown menu and select “Title.” Type the title of the book in the search box next to “title.”

MLA format hint:

When you click on an item in the catalog, look for the Export icon at the top of the page.

A dropdown menu will appear. Click on “Cite Record” showing the MLA, APA, and Chicago citation styles.
Select a book from the list below and provide the citation information:

- An American Tragedy
- The Sun Also Rises
- The Joy Luck Club
- Catch-22
- A Mind of Her Own
- The Great Gatsby
- The Old Man and the Sea

Write your search strategy (what did you type in the search box?) ___________________

Author(s) of the book: __________________________________________________________

Title of Book: ________________________________________________________________

Publisher: ___________________________ Publication Date: _________________________

Call #: __________ Location: __________ Status: ________________________________

The MLA format for a book is:

Last name, First name. Title of Book. City of Publication: Publisher, Year of Publication. Medium of Publication.

Write the bibliographic citation for this book using the MLA format.

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Subject Search:

Instructions: Click on Advanced Search, then select “Subject” from the drop down list. Next type the subject in the search box next to “Subject”.

Select a subject from the list below and answer the following:

gun control   air pollution   jazz   drug abuse   political science

cyber-crimes   quantum theory   Internet   accounting   Presidential elections

Subject Picked: _____________________________ Number of Items: _________________

Are there any related subjects? Yes ___ No ___. If Yes, select one link and follow it.

Which link did you click on? __________________________. Is this helpful? ________________

Choose one book on this subject. Author(s) of the book: ___________________________

Title of Book: ________________________________________________________________

Publisher: ___________________________ Publication Date: _________________________

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**Course Reserve Search:**

From the *Advance Search* page, you could use *Course Reserves* to look for items on Reserve for a class, such as a textbook.

Type in one course name, and then hit search.

Course or Reserve Item you searched for: _______________________________________

List the title of one item on reserve: ____________________________________________

Call # ____________                   Location: ____________      Status: ___________________
**Keyword Search:**

Click on **Advanced Search**, then type the subject in the search box since “Keyword” is the default.

Choose any of the following topics and use **Keyword** searching (make sure “Keyword” is in both dropdown boxes) to complete two separate searches.

Topics of choice are:

- “social media” and teenagers
- “hip hop” and history
- “stem cells” and development
- obesity and children
- violence and guns
- “Presidential elections” and history

**For each search, follow these steps:**
1. Using **advanced search again**, change the drop down menu to “keyword”
2. Type in your search words,
3. Complete the MLA citation information for **one** book.

**Keyword Search #1**

![Advanced Search Interface]

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Keyword Search #2

Keyword: ________

Keyword: ________

List another book: Author of the book: ___________________________________________________________________

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