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Discovery

This assignment will take you through the steps of using Discovery to search the Library for information sources.

- You will find one book, one article, and one video on a topic
- FYI: Sections marked FYI are “for your information”

Step 1: Search Plan

Make a plan before beginning your research. Write your search plan out here:

a) **Topic**

b) **Research Question**

What do you want to know about your topic? What question do you want to answer?

c) **Search Terms**

Identify 2 to 4 key concepts in your research question. These will be your **search terms**.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Step 2: Finding Articles

Discovery is a tool that allows you to search all library collections in one search. This includes our article and our book databases.

Articles

Search Discovery to find a **journal** or **magazine article** on your topic. Find articles that will help you answer your research question.

Step 1: Go to the Library homepage > <http://library.selkirk.ca>

To access Discovery: Under FIND choose > **Discovery: Search All**

Step 2: Choose your search terms

Tip: See your Search Plan (page 1)

1st search term: _____

AND

2nd search term: _____

AND

3rd search term (optional): _____

Step 3: Type 2 or 3 search terms in the search boxes. Click **search**.

▪ **How many articles (results) were found?** _____

Choosing an Article

Choose an article from your result list that you judge to be useful for your topic.

Tip: Click on the title to see the full record

Write down the citation elements for the article you chose.

- **Author / Authors**

Name(s): _____

- **Title of Article**

Full title: _____

- **Publication Information**

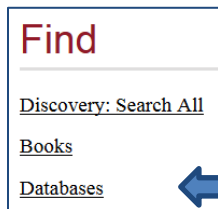
Title of journal or magazine (source): _____

Volume / issue number: _____

Date: _____

Page Numbers: _____

FYI: Research Databases



- Research databases can also be searched directly

Step 3: Finding Books

Search Discovery to find a **book** or **ebook** (electronic book) on your topic. Find books that will help you answer your research question.

Step 1: Go to the Library homepage > <http://library.selkirk.ca>

To access Discovery: Under FIND choose > **Discovery: Search All**

Step 2: Choose your search terms

Tips: See your Search Plan (page 1)

*** Use only **1 or 2** search terms ***

1st search term: _____

AND

2nd search term (optional): _____

Step 3: Type 1 or 2 search terms in the search boxes. Click **search**.

Step 4: Limit your results to the **Book Catalogue**.

Tip: *The book catalogue is a database of all of the books available in the Library.*

Limit To ▾

Available in Library Collection

Academic (Peer Reviewed) Articles

Book Catalogue

Find the Book Catalogue limiter in the left column.
Click in the box to search.

- **How many titles did you find?** _____

Tip: <i>If you didn't get any results, try searching for books on your topic</i>			
Examples:	Global warming	Social media	Grizzly bears

Choosing a Title

Choose a title from your search results that you think will be useful for your topic. Choose a book or an ebook.

- **Call number**

Write down the citation elements for the book that you chose.

Tip: *Click on the **Title** to see the full record*

- **Author(s) / Editor(s)**

Name(s): _____

- **Title**

Full title: _____

- **Publication Information**

Place of publication: _____

Name of publisher: _____

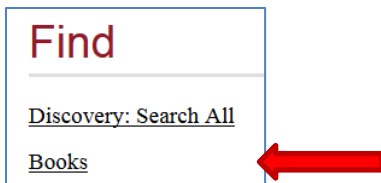
Year when the item was published: _____

Tip: To search for all sources in Discovery (books & articles) select at the top of the page and start a fresh search.



FYI: Book Catalogue

It is also possible to search the Book Catalogue from the Library homepage > <http://library.selkirk.ca>



- Select the **Books** link under FIND
- Books can be sent from the Castlegar campus to the Nelson campuses. Use the "Place Hold" feature or ask a Librarian for assistance.

Step 4: Finding Videos

The Library subscribes to a number of **video** databases. These videos can be watched online.

Step 1: Go to the Library homepage > <http://library.selkirk.ca>

Step 2: Under FIND choose > **Videos**

Select **Films on Demand** from the list of streaming video collections

Step 3: Search for a video on your topic. Write down the title of the video you chose.

Questions? Contact Us

Selkirk College Librarians are available to help you with your research.

We can assist you by email, by phone, or in person at the Castlegar campus.

- Email: reference@selkirk.ca
- Phone: 1-888-953-1133 ext. 21229 (or ask for the Library)
- Phone: (250) 365-1229 (local call)
- Online: <http://library.selkirk.ca/>