

Introduction to Library Research

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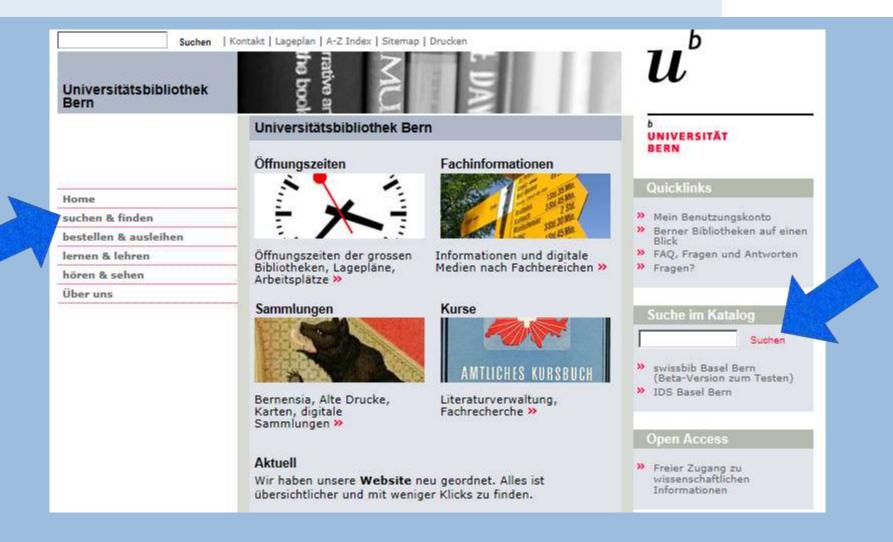


- understand the differences between library catalogs, and databases
- select information sources appropriate for a particular need
- understand the various steps in the research process
- know standard research techniques for searching library catalogs and electronic databases

Library catalogs



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Schweiz an. Metalib ermöglicht die Metasuche über eine

Auswahl von Fachdatenbanken sowie über Schweizer

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Kataloge der ZB

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IDS Basel Bern

Informationsverbund IDS Basel Bern

Katalog IDS Basel Bern (Deutsch)

Catalogue IDS Basel Bern (Français) IDS Basel Bern Catalog (English)

Handschriften- und Archivbestände <u>HAN</u> (Deutsch)

Manuscrits et archives HAN (choisissez l'allemand ou l'anglais)

Manuscripts and archives HAN (English)

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Library catalogs

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Search types

- Keyword search in various fields (e.g. authors, titles, subject headings)
- Browse alphabetical lists of authors, titles, subject headings, or other fields

Keyword Search



Advantages

- Searches anywhere in the record
- any significant words/phrases can be considered keywords
- number of items retrieved potentially large

Disadvantages

- you retrieve only the records that include the words searched
- may retrieve irrelevant items

Browse

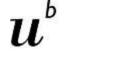


Advantages

- number of items retrieved potentially smaller
- high degree of relevancy

Disadvantages

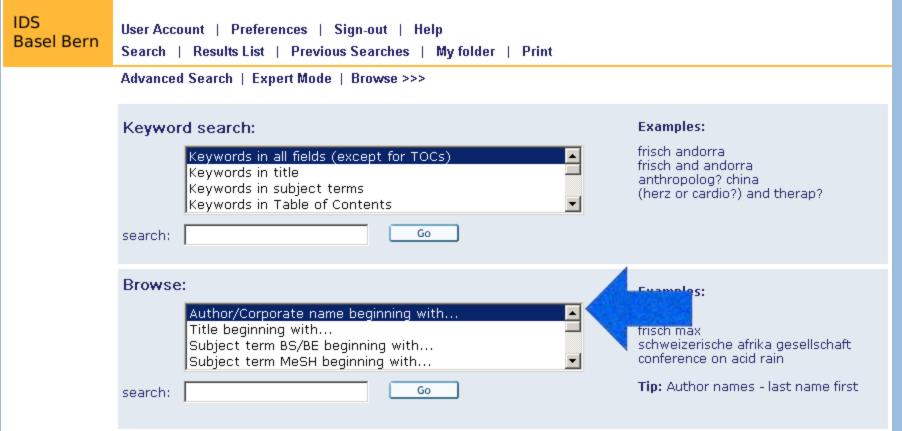
need to know the controlled vocabulary

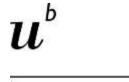


Browse: Authors

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Use the author index if you are looking for the works of a specific author





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Browse: Journal titles

Use the journal title index when looking for a specific journal

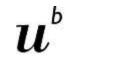
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	Subject term BS/BE beginning with Subject term MeSH beginning with Subject term SWD beginning with Journal title beginning with	Examples: european journal of archaeology berner zeitung nature Tip: omit leading article ("der" "ein" "the" "le")



Keyword search: Keywords in subject terms



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Keyword search: Keywords in subject terms

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Sor	Results for: All Subjects= altenglisch? Sorted by: Year (descending)/Author Records 1 - 10 of 502 (maximum display ap is 20000 records)			
#		Author		Title
1				Dictionary of Old English Web Corpus [Elektronische Daten]
2		Besserman	, Lawrence L.	Biblical paradigms in medieval English literature
<u>3</u>		Bright, Jam	es Wilson	An outline of Anglo-Saxon grammar
4		Denison, D	avid	Analysing older English
<u>5</u>		Fox, Michae	el	Old English literature and the Old Testament
<u>6</u>		Harbus, A.	Antonina	Cognitive approaches to Old English poetry
7		Hogg, Rich	ard	An introduction to Old English
<u>8</u>		Kemmler, F	ritz	Medieval English: literature and language
9		Magennis,	Hugh	Saints and scholars
<u>10</u>		Möhlig-Falk	ke, Ruth	The early English impersonal construction



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Books, journals

listed in library catalogs

Journal articles, articles in books

listed in databases and printed bibliographies



Keyword

Word contained in the bibliographical description

Subject term

Topic or focus of a book or an article



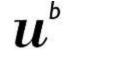
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Thesaurus

- provides standardized vocabulary in specific subject areas
- preferred terms non-preferred terms, semantic relations

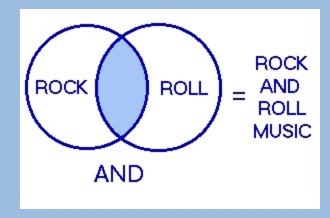
Subject headings/descriptors

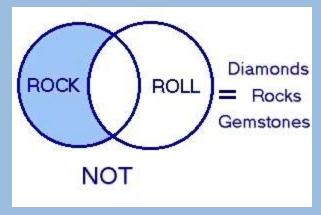
indexing terms that identify the contents reported in articles

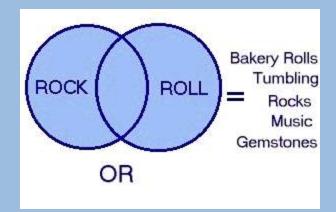


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Boolean connectors









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Wildcards

a symbol used to replace letters within words

wom#n retrieves woman
and women

Truncation

a symbol used to replace letters at the ends of words

psychol* will return
records on psychology,
psychological,
psychologist

Common truncation symbols and wildcards are: ! ? * \$

Research in databases



LABEL YOUR TOPIC

>CHOOSE KEY WORDS

> CHOOSE DATABASES

Research in databases



- ➤ Use a keyword search in order to find descriptors and subject terms
- ➤ Use the thesaurus, descriptors, and subject terms
- ➤Tools:
 - Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT)
 - wildcards
 - truncation

! Use the HELP section!



How to access databases

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The Campus of Berne computers provide access to many electronic resources, including subscription databases

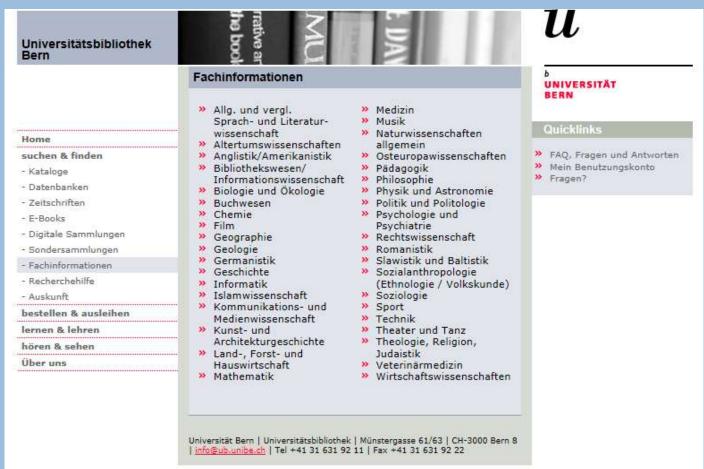


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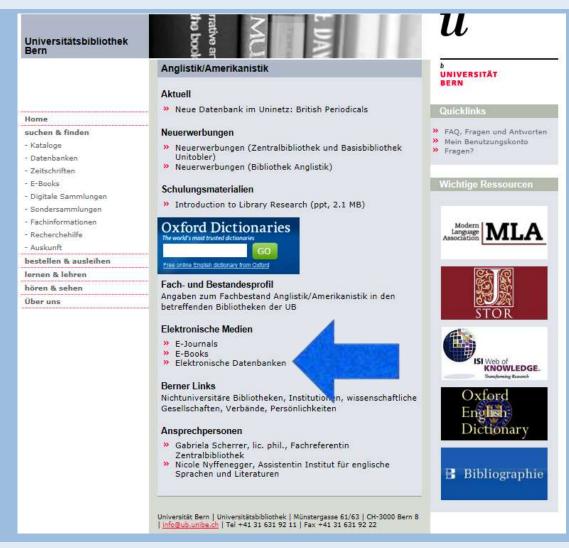
Link collections, links to databases and online resources



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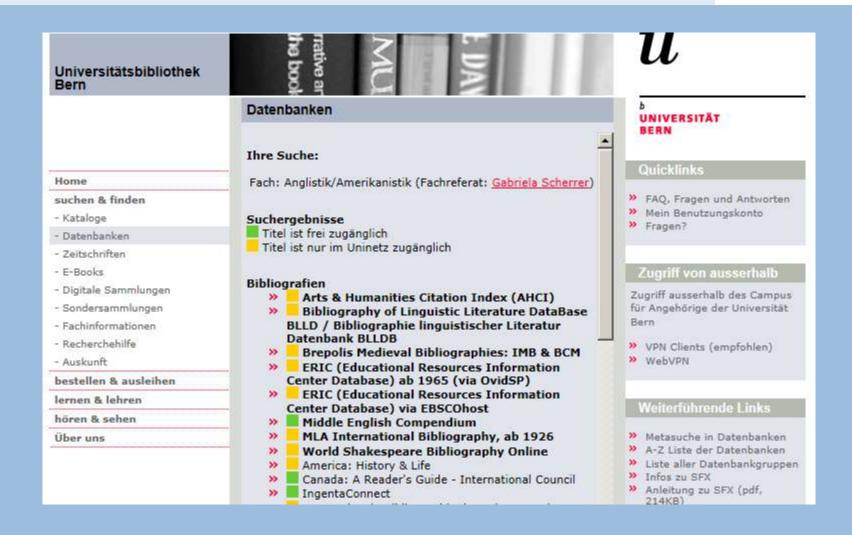
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MLA International Bibliography

(Modern Language Association of America)



- Literature, language and linguistics, literary theory, etc.
- Covers 1926 onward online
- ➤ Contains over 2,3 million citations
- Journal articles and books
- International coverage

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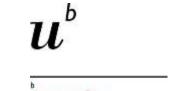


- Access to educational-related literature in various subjects
- Corresponds to two printed journals: Resources in Education (RIE) and Current Index to Journals in Education (CIJE)
- Coverage: 1966-
- More than 1,300,000 records and links to more than 323,000 full-text documents



Web of Science: SSCI and AHCI

- > Social Science Citation Index: 1956 to present
- ➤ Arts and Humanities Citation Index: 1975 to present
- Contain the references cited by the authors of the articles
- > Journal articles



BLLD (Bibliography of Linguistic Literature Database)

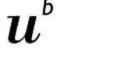
- General linguistics, English, German and Romance linguistics
- Journal articles, articles of conference proceedings, monographs, dissertations, festschrifts
- Subject classification in English and German
- Coverage: 1971-
- Over 401,000 records

Project MUSE





- Online access to a comprehensive selection of prestigious humanities and social sciences journals
- Most articles available in both HTML and PDF
- Many popular indexing/abstracting services and ejournal gateways, as well as JSTOR, are seamlessly linked to MUSE content



JSTOR (Journal Storage)

- Complete full-text backfiles (including accompanying charts, graphs, equations, and pictures) of core scholarly journals in a wide variety of humanities and social science disciplines
- Date coverage: from vol. 1 (often from the 1800s), excluding the latest 3-5 years







PAO – Periodicals Archive Online

- Archive of hundreds of digitized journals published in the arts, humanities and social sciences
- Electronic index to the contents of thousands of scholarly journals and popular periodicals, from their first issues to 2000
- Major online archive (backfiles of more than 200 periodicals available in digital form)

Search example



Finding literature on African American Vernacular English (AAVE)

Search example



LABEL YOUR TOPIC: African American Vernacular English

➤ CHOOSE KEY WORDS: African American Vernacular English, Black English

CHOOSE DATABASES: MLA, Web of Science, BLLDB

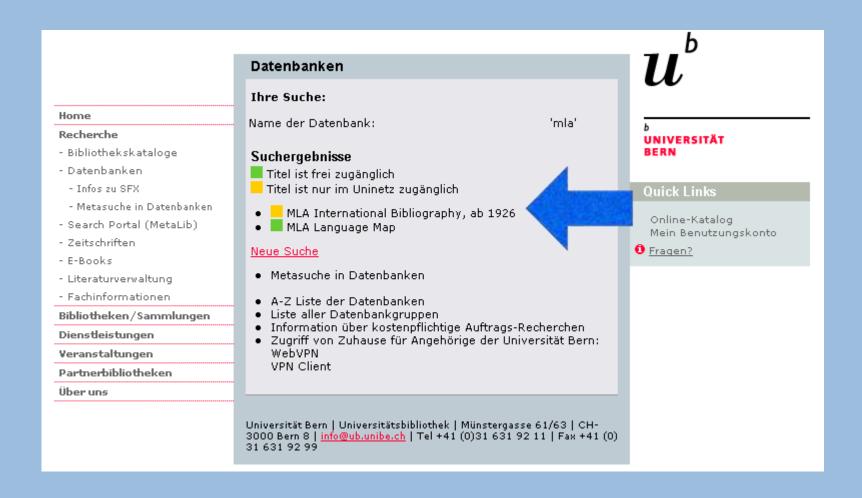


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- Fachinformationen	Beliebig	Bern
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- Auskunft	Beliebig	>> WebVPN
bestellen & ausleihen	Zugänglichkeit	
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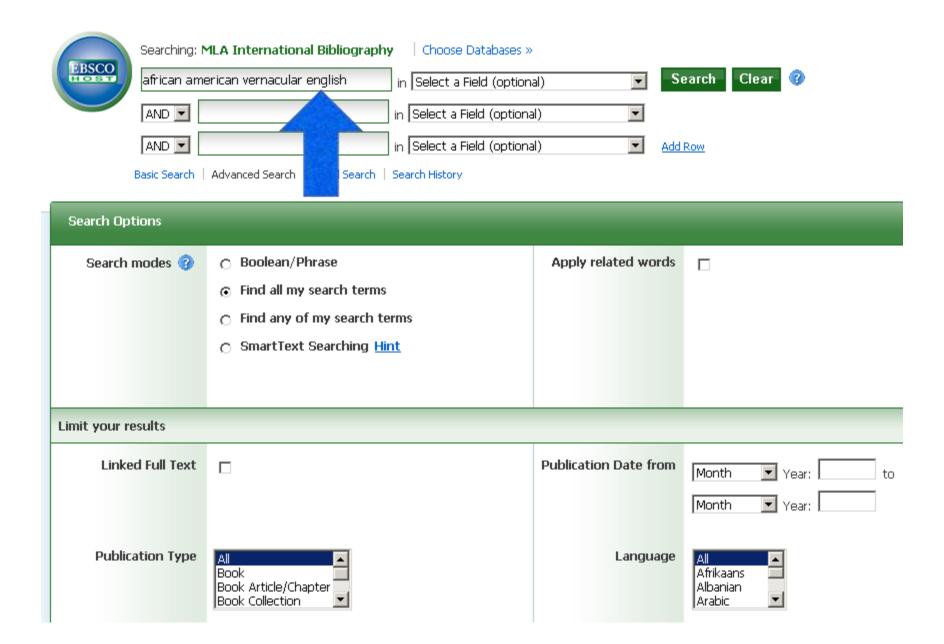


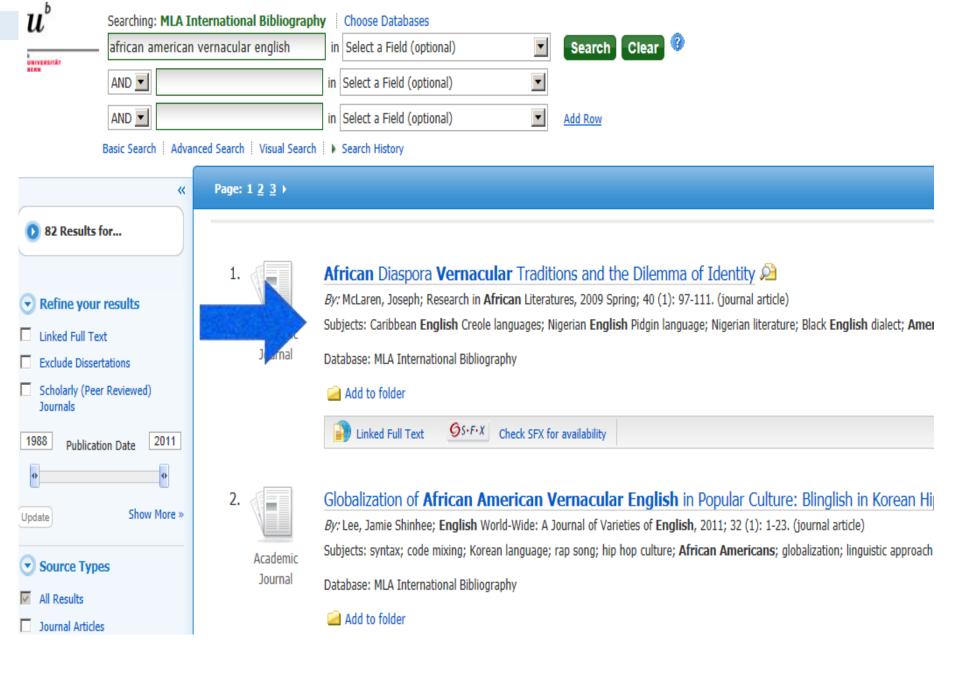




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Datenbanken MLA International Bibliography, ab 1926 Information Internationale, bes. amerikanische und Home europäische Literatur, vergleichende und Recherche Datenbank: historische Sprachwissenschaft, Literaturkritik und UNIVERSITÄT -theorie, Folklore, orientalische Literatur, - Bibliothekskataloge BERN theoretische und deskripitive Sprachwissenschaft - Datenbanken und Linguistik (Aufsätze, Bücher, Dissertationen, Keine Primärliteratur wie z.B. Ausgaben - Infos zu SFX Quick Links literarischer Werke). Erfaßt werden neben - Metasuche in Datenbanken natürlichen auch künstliche Sprachen wie Online-Katalog Zeichen- oder Programmiersprachen. - Search Portal (MetaLib) Mein Benutzungskonto Art der Bibliografien - Zeitschriften fragen? Datenbank: - E-Books Mit SFX - Literaturverwaltung Nur Uninetz Zugang: - Fachinformationen Gehört zu: **EBSCOhost** Bibliotheken/Sammlungen Konsortium der Schweizer Hochschulbibliotheken Dienstleistungen http://www.zb.unibe.ch/unic/daba.php Adresse dieser Seite: ?id=67 Veranstaltungen Fachreferat: Hartmut Abendschein Partnerbibliotheken Technischer info@ub.unibe.ch Überuns Support: Fächer: Allgemeine Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaft Anglistik/Amerikanistik Germanistik Romanistik Slawistik Sozialanthropologie Zeiten: Neuzeit







African Diaspora Vernacular Traditions and the Dilemma of Identity

Authors: McLaren, Joseph

Source: Research in African Literatures (RAL) 2009 Spring; 40 (1): 97-111. [Journal Detail]

Notes: English summary.

Peer Reviewed: Yes

ISSN: 0034-5210

1527-2044 (electronic)

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Areas: Period: 1900-1999

Subject Terms: use of Caribbean English Creole languages; compared to Nigerian English Pidgin language; in Nigerian literature; Black English dialect; in Americ

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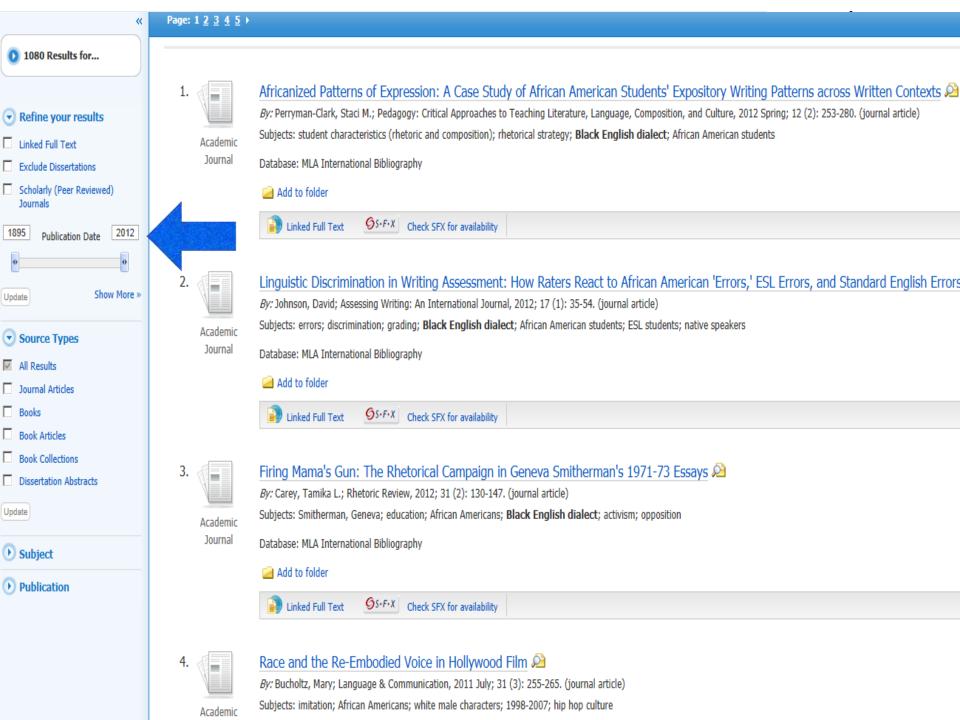
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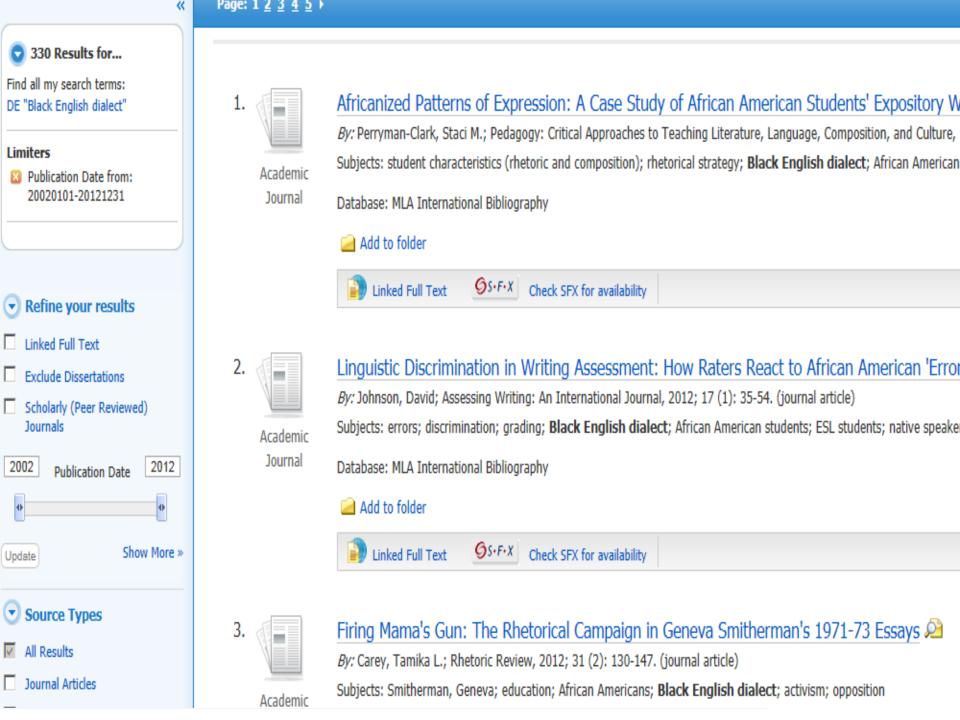
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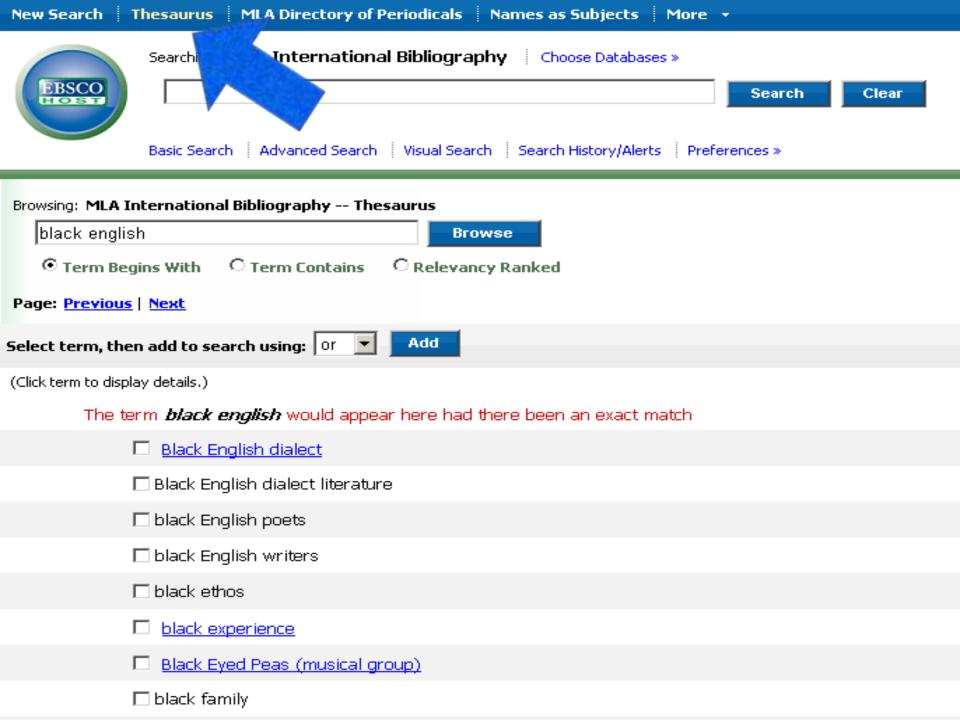
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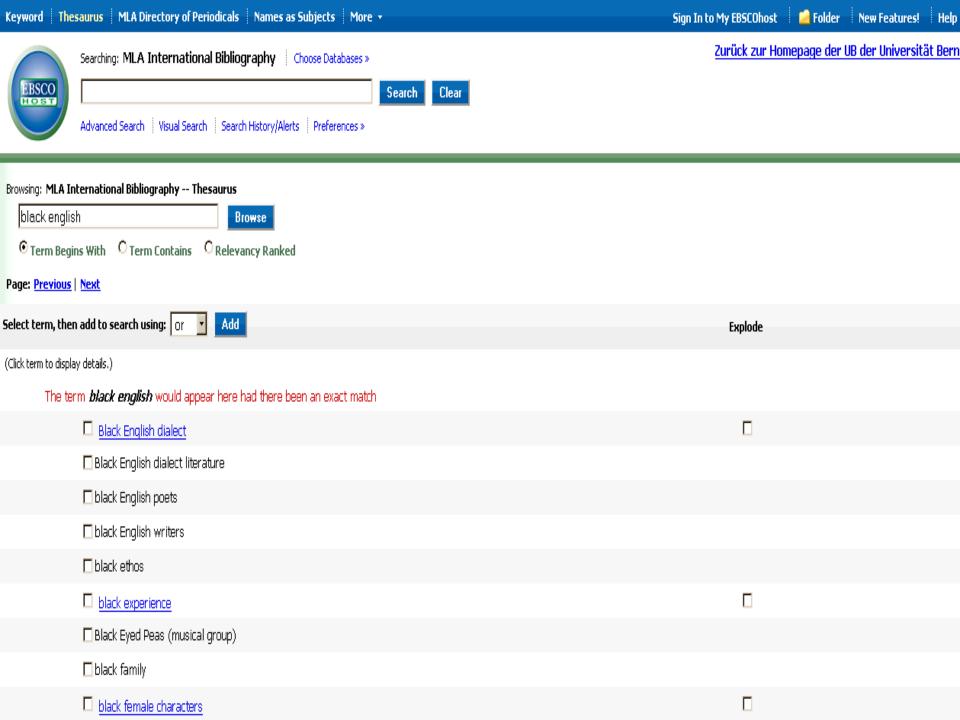
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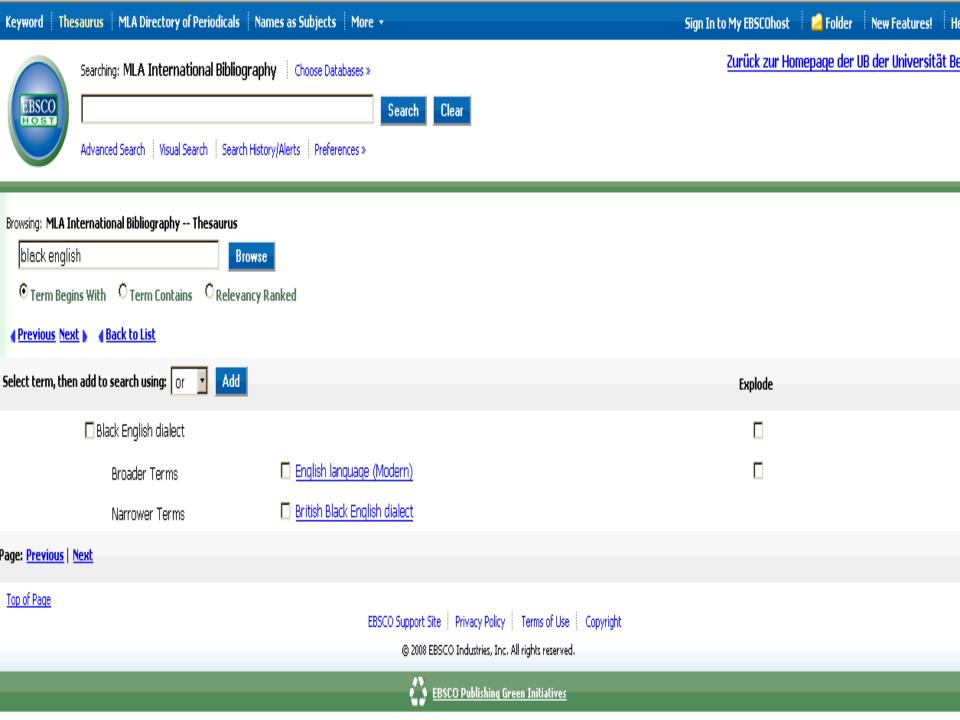












Recapitulation



So far, you

- have seen the various steps in the research process
- understand the differences between searching library catalogs, and databases
- are able to use basic research techniques for searching library catalogs and electronic databases

SFX

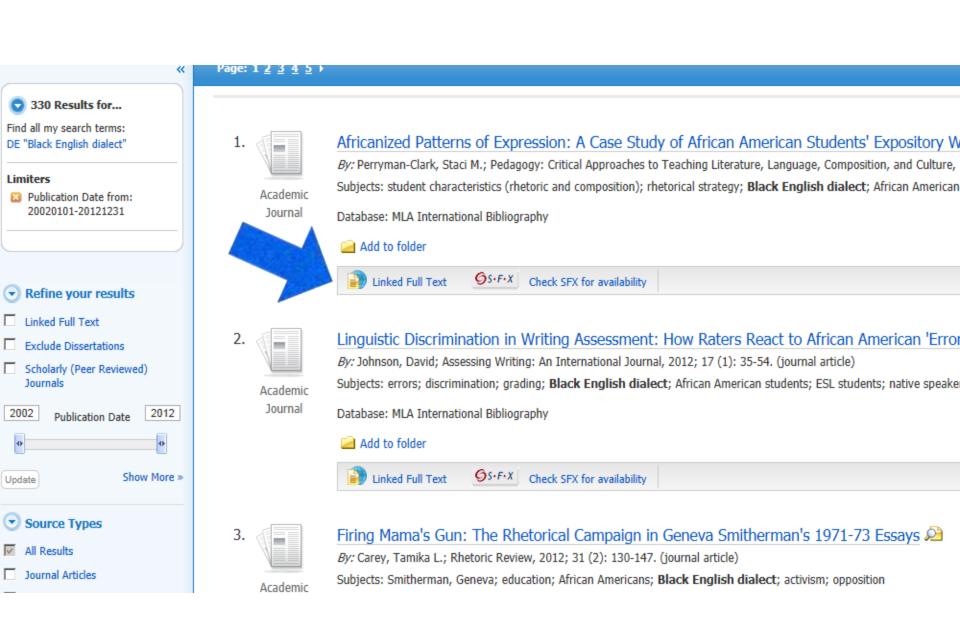


Ordering via SFX

- links to the full text of an article
- automated searching of the library catalog for print or electronic holding
- link to the interlibrary loan form

When you see the SFX logo, click on it!



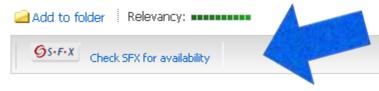


1. What Is a Reading Error? 🔎

By: Labov, William; Applied Psycholinguistics, 2010 Oct; 31 (4): 735-757. (journal article)

Subjects: psycholinguistics; reading; reading errors; Black English dialect; second language reading

Database: MLA International Bibliography



2. Talking Back through 'Talking Black': African American English and Agency in Walter Mosley's Devil in a

Blue Dress 🔎

By: Giaimo, Genie; Language and Literature: Journal of the Poetics and Linguistics Association, 2010 Aug; 19 (3): 235-247. (journal article)

Subjects: Black English dialect; agency; ethnic identity

Database: MLA International Bibliography





7. Variation in the Interpretation and Use of the African American English Preverbal Done Construction 🔎

By: Terry, J. Michael; American Speech: A Quarterly of Linguistic Usage, 2010 Spring; 85 (1): 3-32. (journal article)

Subjects: auxiliary verb; present perfect tense; adverbial of time; grammaticality judgment

Database: MLA International Bibliography

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8. 'English Only,' African American Contributions to Standardized Communication Structures, and the Potential for Social Transformation 2

By: Richardson, Elaine. pp. 97-112 IN: Horner, Bruce (ed. and introd.); Lu, Min-Zhan (ed.); Matsuda, Paul Kei (ed.) Cross-Language Relations in Composition. Carbondale, IL: Southern Illinois UP; 2010. x, 262 pp. (book article)

Subjects: standard language; literacy

Database: MLA International Bibliography

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9. Identification of African American Speech 🔎

By: Thomas, Erik R., pp. 265-285 JN: Preston, Dennis R. (ed. and introd.); Niedzielski, Nancy (ed. and introd.) A Reader in Sociophonetics. Berlin, Germany: Mouton de Gruyter; 2010. vii, 426 pp. (book article)

Subjects: voice quality; prosody; speech perception

Database: MLA International Bibliography

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Zeitschriften

Suche nach Zeitschriftentiteln

E-Journalsliste

Verzeichnis elektronischer Zeitschriftentitel aller Fachgebiete, die im Volltext zugänglich sind. Keine direkte Suche nach Zeitschriftenartikeln möglich. Für Zugang ausserhalb des Campus für Uni-Angehörige siehe VPN. »

Online-Katalog

Suche nach gedruckten oder online vorhandenen Zeitschriften im Verbund Basel Bern. Keine direkte Suche nach Zeitschriftenartikeln möglich. >>>

Zeitschriften der Bibliothek Exakte Wissenschaften sind im Zürcher <u>Nebis-Verbund</u> verzeichnet.

Schweizer Zeitschriftenportal SZP - Swiss Serials

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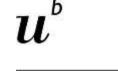


VPN Client Software

⇒ secure connection from a remote site to the Campus of Berne across the internet.

Further information:

http://www.id.unibe.ch/content/services/virtual_priva
te_networking_vpn/auf_einen_blick/index_ger.html



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