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Searching the catalog now easier with Voyager

January 2002 saw the unveiling of Stiern Library's new online catalog as part of the Voyager integrated library system implementation.

Making searching easier for experienced students and other Library patrons, the new Voyager catalog uses a web-based forms interface that presents virtually all search capabilities on the desktop, thereby reducing the "learning curve" necessary to search the catalog effectively.

Voyager's web-based interface provides two ways of searching CSUB's Library catalog: Search and Guided

by David Kosakowski

Search. Search mode is similar to the Browse Search mode in the old catalog; that is, searching an exact title, an author heading or a subject heading—a straightforward interface for simple searches.

Guided Search permits users to perform complex searches. It features three input bars, three ways for the search terms to be searched (all words, any words, as a phrase), multiple search methods (author, title/subject, entire record, etc.) and three Boolean connectors (and, or, not) to link search terms or phrases together. All these options necessary to perform very complex subject searches are clearly displayed on the initial screen.

Database Name: Walter W. Stiern Library

Search

Guided Search

Find:	<input type="text"/>	all of these	↕	in:	Title/Subject	↕
	↪ AND ⬤ OR ⬤ NOT					
Find:	<input type="text"/>	all of these	↕	in:	Title/Subject	↕
	↪ AND ⬤ OR ⬤ NOT					
Find:	<input type="text"/>	all of these	↕	in:	Title/Subject	↕

A new feature of this catalog is the ability to limit one's search in several ways, including by collection, physical format, publication type or language. For example, it is possible to limit a search only to U.S. or California government publications, or only to search for videorecordings.

Stiern Library catalog records have been enhanced in anticipation of the greater search capabilities of the new Voyager system. Two changes are the inclusion of Table of Contents notes and electronic links.

Table of Contents notes are included when this information is available with cataloging records. Now it is possible to retrieve plays in collections or chapters in edited books through an author or title search, thus greatly enhancing access to works that previously were inaccessible using the old catalog.

Links to electronic versions of government publications and journals now are included in the catalog record when there is an electronic version of the publication. Hence, someone searching the catalog from off-campus could connect directly to the full text electronic version of a government publications or journal. This permits the user to read the publication immediately without a trip to the Stiern Library. (See also Hutcherson article this Issue)

Future plans include expansion of electronic links to books, more government publications and a larger number of journals. The plan is to take advantage of the system's capability to search multiple library catalogs concurrently using Voyager's catalog interface. Currently, Library staff are configuring the system so that patrons can search the Stiern Library, Kern County Library, and Bakersfield College Library catalogs simultaneously.

Voyager's new circulation and course reserves module

Stiern Library's new automated system Voyager is no mere library catalog. Requiring less assistance from Library personnel, students and faculty experience immediate hands-on interaction. Now, the catalog can be used for far more than just checking to see if the Library owns a particular book, or possesses books on a specific topic.

by Pat Robles

Voyager's Circulation & Course Reserves module contains a variety of functions that streamline Circulation activities. One very useful option for CSUB students, faculty and staff is "Your Account." Once accessed, "Your Account" provides instant patron information. Patrons can see exactly what items they have checked out and when the items are due. In addition, patrons can generally renew any or all items currently checked out to them. Some exceptions will occur. Where a request cannot be renewed, patrons are notified directly to return the item to the Library.

The Circulation module has other features that are currently being developed for future use, such as Course Reserves and Holds & Recalls.

Course Reserves will allow patrons to access electronically reserve materials from the catalog, thus eliminating the need to come to the Check Out counter for journal articles placed on Reserve by faculty.

Of course, not every Library resource is available at the time of a patron's request. The Holds & Recalls module will provide a way for users to place holds or recalls on items that have been checked out. Once initiated, the user's request is transacted in the catalog via "Your Account." The Library plans to implement the Course Reserves and Holds & Recalls portions of the module by Fall 2002.

Enhancing the way in which the Library's Circulation Department delivers its services, the new Voyager system offers some innovative and exciting changes for our patrons.

Periodicals, government publications and more now linked electronically in Voyager

A major appeal of the new Voyager system is its ability to search for, link to, and access electronic versions of periodical titles, electronic books and government publications.

For instance, to access periodical titles available in the Library catalog, go to the Walter W. Stiern Library homepage at <http://www.lib.csusb.edu>, click on **Catalogs** then click on **CSUB Library Catalog**. From either the **Guided Search** or **Search** screen, click on **Set Limits** (located at the lower right side of the screen) to limit your search to periodical titles only. The next screen allows you to select **Periodicals** under the **Collection** category. Click on **Set Limits** again to return to the Guided Search screen that will confirm that **Search Limits are in effect!**

In the top **Find** box under **Guided Search** type in the word **electronic**, click on the **Title/Subject** pull-down menu and select **Entire Record**, then click **Search Now**.

Search results will display a growing list of periodical titles currently ranging from **AMERICAN POLITICS RESEARCH** to **POSTMODERN CULTURE**.

Be aware that when searching for electronic versions of periodical titles, their availability is indicated on the search results list either by stating that "Multiple copies are available" or that the title is available through "ELECTRONIC ACCESS."

Electronic Version: <http://www.idealibrary.com/cgi-bin/link/toc/mv/>

To access a desired journal, click on the title, click on the hypertext link that is located in the **Electronic Version** field of the Complete Record display, and follow any instructions from there.

1	AMERICAN POLITICS RESEARCH
	Multiple copies are available. Click on the title above for locations and status

4	CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY
	Periodicals - Level 2
	ELECTRONIC ACCESS

For electronic versions of books and government publications, do a similar search by typing **pdf** in the top **Find** box under **Guided Search**, click on the top **Title/Subject** pull-down menu, select **Entire Record** then click **Search Now**.

Search results will provide a list of electronic books and government publications currently ranging from **Bankruptcy Reform Act of 2001** to **Current population reports**. Click on the desired publication, click on the hypertext link located in the **Electronic Version** field of the Complete Record display then follow any instructions from there.

Electronic Version: [Text version:](#)

[PDF version: Adobe Acrobat Reader required](#)

Generally in Voyager, linked electronic books, government publications, and periodical articles are available in either text or PDF format. All you need to access the text version of a document is the browser you are using. To access a more robust PDF (portable document format) version of a document you must have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer. To get a free copy of Acrobat Reader, go to the Adobe website at adobe.com and follow the instructions for downloading and installing the latest version available for your computer.

The mission of the Walter W. Stiern Library is to disseminate knowledge and information resources in all formats. Essential to meeting the ever-expanding needs of CSUB students and faculty is the Library's ability to link to and access electronic versions of periodicals, electronic books and government publications. While this capability is impressive, it offers but a brief glimpse of the broad range of virtual tools that will become available to our patrons as the CSUB Library's new Voyager catalog system develops.

HONOR WITH BOOKS... A Lasting Tribute

The Stiern Library Associates' HONOR WITH BOOKS (HWB) program allows donors the opportunity to recognize family members, friends, colleagues, teachers, and classmates on such occasions as graduations, birthdays, retirements, anniversaries, and memorials. By creating a lasting tribute to a loved one, the HWB program supports the Stiern Library's goal of enhancing its book collections.

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The Stiern Library Associates will purchase books to honor staff for their continued and committed service to the Stiern Library and its programs. In 2002, the Stiern Library Associates recognize years of service for the following Library staff:

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Sherry Bennett.....15 yrs
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