"Google Simplicity, Library Quality"

New Quick Search @ OhioLINK
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The new Quick Search @ OhioLINK is a federated search system. Quick Search provides searching like Google in its simplicity, with library-quality results. The system is most useful for:

- users whose search experience is shaped by Google
- novice library searchers who do not know where to begin
- students looking quickly for a few articles, not necessarily the best articles or all articles

Like any federated search system, Quick Search is not the tool for "power" searching. Graduate students and researchers who need the most comprehensive and authoritative results are better served by the specialized databases in their field. Only a specialized database interface can provide sophisticated tools such as a thesaurus, proximity operators, specialized limits, complex export options, etc.

Tips & Tricks

How to format search terms:

- Search term can be a single word or phrase
- Search significant words; not a natural-language search
- Use question mark ? for truncation
- Search can include a Boolean operator (AND, OR, NOT)

Do not include punctuation in the search term, including no quotation marks or parentheses.

Go to Advanced tab to search a specified region (Author, Title, etc.) or to combine two search boxes with a Boolean operator.

There are no search limiting criteria, per se. Under the Advanced tab, the searcher can specify a single publication year.

Multi-Database Search: Subject/Course categories are similar to Quick sets, but with more databases. Multi-Database Search offers additional functionality, such as summary of results by database, and ability to return to results of a previous search.

Results: To keep results manageable, the system retrieves the first 30 records from each database searched. Results from multiple sources are interfiled, and arranged by Rank (relevance). Relevance is based on the frequency of the search term within a citation, and the location of the search term (abstract vs. subject heading).

If the first set of results doesn't satisfy the need, and more are available, the user can request more. The entire set is then re-ranked.
How to get full text: On summary results, the Find icon \(^{30}\) connects to OLinks. On an individual record, Find it \([\text{Find It}]\) is at the top. OLinks searches for full text in e-journal sources, or searches the central catalog for library holdings. From the central catalog, the user can click Request Item to borrow a book.

In EBSCO citations, HTML full text displays automatically. Also look for the External link at the bottom of an individual record, which connects directly to the EBSCO PDF if any.

In EJC citations, the External link, at the bottom of an individual record, connects directly to EJC PDF.

Personal Accounts: Any user can create a personal account. Click Log In and follow the prompts. With a personal log-in, the user can save citations from one session to another and save personal sets of databases to search.

How to save or e-mail: To save or e-mail an individual record, use the Save \([\text{Save}]\) or Send \([\text{Send}]\) icon on the record’s Full View.

- To process multiple citations at one time, use folder icon \([\text{Folder}]\) to mark the citations.
- When the set is complete, go to My Stuff, then My Folder.
- Checkmark the citations you want (click in the top box to mark them all).
- Click Selected.
- Save or Send.

Citation Manager saves the file in the format of the ISI Citation Manager that is installed on your computer: EndNote, ProCite or ReferenceManager.

The Save As icon \([\text{Save As}]\) is used to name a folder. Folders are permanent if the user is logged in with a personal account.

How to create a personal set to search:

- Must have a personal account and be logged in.
- Start in Find Database.
- Locate each desired database and mark it with the plus sign \([+]\).
- Go to My Stuff, then My Databases.
- Follow the prompts to name one or more sets.
- Move selected databases into the sets.
- Personal sets display in both Quick Search and Multi-Database Search for this user.
- Personal sets will continue to be accessible every time this user is logged in.