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For Whom the Catalog Serves: Library Catalog Tools' Usefulness for Readers Advisory

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Objective

- Introduction
- Readers’ Advisory overview
- RSS ALA Midwinter feedback
- Discovery Systems overview and tools

To reveal how tools in the catalog can affect the state of reading and research in the digital age.
(Popular definition) Readers’ Advisory:

“Services provided by an experienced public services librarian who specializes in the reading needs of the adult patrons of a public library. A readers’ advisor recommends specific titles and/or authors, based on knowledge of the patron’s past reading preferences, and may also compile lists of recommended titles and serve as liaison to other adult education agencies in the community.” (Reitz, 2004)
RA and Academic Settings:

“The function of the Readers’ Advisor in the college library is to related the student’s classroom reading to appropriate readings, to guide his non-curricular reading, and thereby broaden his base of knowledge.” (Lyle, 1949, p.243)
Readers' Advisory

Over the years
From the mouth of librarians...

Reference Services Section Discussion Forum: ALA Midwinter 2012
1. Panama Canal

Orlando Martínez
Author: Martínez, Orlando

2. Panama Canal: gateway to the world

Judith St. George: illustrated with photographs.
Author: St. George, Judith 1931-
Summary: Presents a history of the Panama Canal from the time Columbus first anchored off the coast of Panama through the signing of the 1977 United States–Panama treaties.

3. Panama and the Canal.

Published: [Gainesville, Fla.]: University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries, 2009.

Search for "Panama Canal":
We found 36,773 matching items at FCGC. 29,996 of these are available online.
Limit by: Publication Year or Popular Format
Show 6,815 items that you can request statewide
“Today’s users expect more than a citation; they are looking for quick and direct access to the best information.” (Allison, 2010, pp 4)
Julia Gross and Lutie Sheridan, in a small usability study of Summon, determined that students were overwhelmingly drawn to using the single search box and it became the preferred navigation path (Asher, 2013)
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- Documentary films (1)
- Documentary television programs (1)
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- Guidebooks (1)

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6. El Canal de Panamá gran Conquista.
Published: [Balboa Heights, Cal Panamá, [1964]

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Single login
Vendor interoperability
Variety of reference transactions

Wish list
1. **Panama Canal**

Orlando Martínez.

**Author:** Martínez, Orlando

**Published:** London ; New York : Gordon and Cremonesi, 1978.

**Series Title:**
- University of Florida Digital Collections
- Report (53)
- Panama and the Canal (24)

**Subject Topic:**
- Foreign relations (130)
- United States (132)
- History (111)

**Author:**
- Jaén Suárez, Omar (5)
- Araúz, Virgilio (4)
- Dryden, John F. (John Fairfield) 1839-1911 (2)

**Corporate Author:**
- United States Congress House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (61)
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**Published:** New York : Putnam c1989.

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“In regard to relevancy of articles versus books, this may be difficult to determine, because it appears that users are not always looking for a mix of both, and still take a segmented approach in their research. “ (Majors, 2012, pp 224)
EBSCO Discovery Service - “discovery service”

Aquabrowser - “discovery layer”

Encore Synergy - “discovery tool”

Worldcat Local - “single search experience”

Sirsidynix Enterprise - “discovery platform”

Summons - “web-scale discovery service”

Primo - “one-stop solution for the discovery and delivery…”

Blacklight - “discovery interface”

Bibliocommons/Bibliocore - “a far better online catalog”

Vufind - “library resource portal”

LibraryThing for Libraries - “a system of OPAC enhancements”

LS2 Pac - “multi-application platform”

Discovery
This book was hard for me to get into at first. Once I got past the first 40 or so pages however, I really enjoyed this book. Katniss is a really relatable character, and I couldn’t wait to see how things played out with her and Peeta. I’m looking forward to reading the second book!

Decided to read this book after seeing the movie. I couldn’t put it down even though I knew the plot for the most part. The movie stayed very true to the story for the most part. Looking forward to reading book 2 and seeing the 2nd movie as well.

I LOVE this book and the series but I think the epilogue in the last book is awful. But I’ve heard that there is going to be another book in the series that will be a prequel...
Title: Abraham Lincoln / Thomas Keneally.
Author: Keneally, Thomas.
ISBN: 9780670031757
Personal Author: Keneally, Thomas.
Physical Description: 20 p.; 20 cm.
General Note: "A Lipper/Viking book."
Personal Subject: Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.
Subject Term:
Presidents -- United States -- Biography.
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BiblioCommons- Seattle Public Library
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2. The deep
3. The danger

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The time pirate, Bell, Ted

Robinson Crusoe, Defoe, Daniel

Treasure Island, Stevenson, Robert Louis

**Authors**

Kinney, Jeff

Blume, Judy

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Smith, Roland, 1951-
Shakespeare, William 1564-1616

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Classifications: pr2764, 822.38

Publication Timeline

Key
- Publications about William Shakespeare
- Publications by William Shakespeare
- Publications by William Shakespeare, published posthumously.

Alternative Names
- Arden of Feversham
- The death of Merlin
- Funeral elegy in memory of the late virtuous master William Peter
- Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616 Histories
- Bacon-Shakespeare, Francis 1564-1616
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Discovery tools are emerging in libraries. These tools offer library patrons the ability to concurre...

"Discovery" Focus as Impetus for Organizational Learning.
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Information Technology & Libraries, Dec 01, 2009; Vol. 28, No. 4, p. 164-171
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Cooper, Thomas A.
Emory Law Journal, May 01, 2010; Vol. 59, No. 5, p. 1339-1362
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Discovery: What Do You Mean by That?
Carter, Judith
Information Technology & Libraries, Dec 01, 2009; Vol. 28, No. 4, p. 161-163
The article introduces a series of articles based on presentations from the spring 2009 Discovery Mi...

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   Malletts Adult, Pittsfield Adult, Traverwood Adult, West Adult
   57 requests on 148 copies

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   School Library Journal Review
   Booklist Review
   Publishers Weekly Review
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