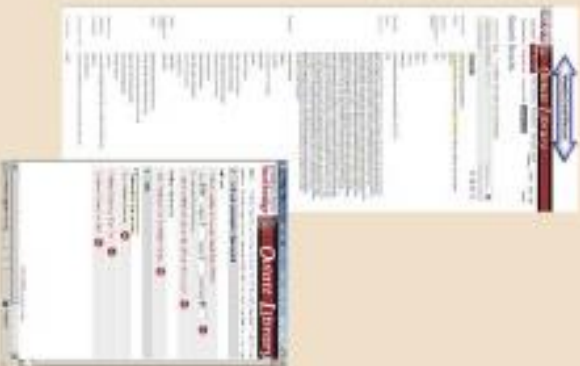


Questions about Databases?

- emerge? Cause?!
- include tables in journal?
- include unreviewed?
- include book?!
- include abstracts in book?
- does it identify abstracts in same database?
- does it include full text articles?
- does it have a controlled vocabulary?

Questions to ask about the SFX menu?

- Is bibliographic information organized chronologically?
- Does it help identify abstracts?
- Can it help with citation export?



Questions to ask about Metalib?

- What is My page?
- Can I save my search strategy?
- Can I save records?
- Can I set up an alert?

Metalib and the 50 minute Information Literacy Class



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This poster highlights the features in Metalib that are presented in a 50 minute class session as well as the critical questions users need to ask when reviewing metadata and SFX menus. Teaching user-provided hints to user-level thinking skills to identify important key words, relevant databases, and the ongoing need to be able to identify databases of the database as an essential component of searching Metalib is an information literacy skill exercise. A template for Metalib's new developed to help students understand the use of a controlled vocabulary is seen below. The purpose of developing criteria for students to compare while reviewing the metadata from a Metalib search is to help the person identify suitable subject headings in various databases. The information literacy guides template also help the person in identifying abstracts beyond suitable for further information searching. Additional tips included for information literacy help students identify study relevant articles and full text resources. The poster addresses learning outcomes and a toolkit shared to some changes in the 50 minute session for Metalib 4.

Learning Outcomes

- Identify appropriate databases
- Find relevant subject headings
- Create additional search strategies
- Identify the bibliographic information
- Learn to compare to subject headings for cross-databases
- Learn how to find and use the article



Related Reading

Chen, C. (2006). An Analysis of the Impact of National Search Providers on Library Searches Using the MCDL Standard. *Journal of Research in the Libraries*, 43(1), 313-387.

Questions to ask about MetaSearch Retrieval?

- Ranked articles, does it allow to abstract records?
- Display abstracts and online of abstract?
- Is it useful to review user record in different database?
- Are the largest external agencies (abstracts of abstracts software)?
- How does changing search words affect metadata?
- Is it worthwhile to answer to future searches also?

Related record – often related links, hints for full text



CINAHLna record – identify cited and citing



Sample Worksheet to Identify Controlled Vocabulary

Subject headings: MeSH/subject search term for the topic: _____

MeSH Database	MeSH in English/MeSH
Subject	Medical Order Entry System
Descriptor	Medical Order Entry
Keyword	Computerized physician order entry; Physician order entry; Computerized order entry; Physician practice management software
MeSH Alternative/Thesaurus	