




Research Skills Training Session

Thinking Law/Ancient Cultures

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Overview

- Basic Library Services
- Catalogs
- Databases
- Prof. Neis' Recommended Databases

Basic Library Services (1)

- Reference Services
 - Individual Research Consultations
 - Ask a Law Librarian email reference service



- Online Tutorials and Audio Tours (handout)



- Call the Reference Desk: 734-764-9324

Basic Library Services (2)

- Circulation Services
 - “Request Item” service



- Interlibrary Loan (ILL) – Link to ILL form is on the MLaw Catalog main screen

Catalogs (1)

- UM Law Library Catalog (the MLaw Catalog)



- University Libraries Catalog (Mirlyn)



- WorldCat – a union catalog



Catalogs (2)

- Use catalogs to find books and journals, but not articles or chapters
- Consider starting your research using books – mine the footnotes and bibliographies for more relevant resources

Catalogs – Subject Searching (1)

- Library of Congress Subject Headings
- Comparable to **tags** on the web *except...*
- LC Subject Headings are a “Controlled Vocabulary” – preferred terms designated by the Library of Congress
- Catalogers apply LC Subject Headings to library books
- Used by most US libraries, and many foreign libraries

Catalogs – Subject Searching (2)

- Find LC Subject Headings that fit your topic:
 - Keyword searching in the MLaw Catalog, Mirlyn, or WorldCat
 - Find “Subject” in the MLaw Catalog record,
 - Find “Subject-Lib. Cong.” in the Mirlyn record, or
 - Find “Descriptor” in the WorldCat record
 - Copy relevant LC Subject Headings
 - WorldCat gives a more complete list of Subject Headings
 - You can also look at the “red book” for Subject Headings, behind the Reference Desk

Catalogs – Subject Searching (3)

Author [Sinclair, Daniel B](#)

Title **Jewish biomedical law : legal and extra-legal dimensions / Daniel B. Sinclair**

Imprint Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2003

[Persistent URL for this record](#)

LOCATION	CALL NO.	STATUS
LC Coll	KBM3098 .S56 2003	
Stacks	JX4 J59 L415j	

Descript xi, 288 p. ; 24 cm

Bibliog. Bibliography: p. [275]-284

Note Includes index

Subject [Medical laws and legislation \(Jewish law\)](#)
[Bioethics -- Religious aspects -- Judaism](#)

ISBN 0198268270 (alk. paper)

LC CLASS # KBM3098 .S56 2003

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Catalogs – Subject Searching (4)

- How to perform a “Subject” search in the MLaw Catalog

Search Lexcalibur

Search the Law Library Catalog for books, periodicals, course reserves, exams, and e-books and e-journals.

Subject



medical laws and legislation jewish law



Submit



Help

Advanced
Search

Author/Title
Search

Databases (1)

- Finding Law and Non-Law Databases
 - [Law Library's Electronic Resources List](#)
 - UM Libraries, [Search Tools](#)
 - [Guide to using Search Tools](#)

Databases (2)

- Use research guides to find relevant databases
- Research Guides, Foreign & Comparative Law
 - ***[Foreign Law Guide, Reynolds and Flores](#)***
 - UM Law Library [Research Guides](#)
 - [LLRX](#), See [Comparative/Foreign Law](#)
 - [Globalex](#), See [Comparative Law Guide](#)
 - [WorldLII](#)
- UM Libraries, [Research Guides by Subject](#)

Databases (3)

- Accessing Subscription Databases
 - Proxy Server
 - Access databases through library catalogs, or through libraries' webpages (e-resources list, Search Tools)
 - DO NOT try to access databases directly – you will not be logged in unless you go through the proxy server
 - If you know the name of the database you want, you can find it with a title search in the MLaw Catalog or Mirlyn

Recommended Databases

- RAMBI, Index of Articles on Jewish Studies
 - <http://jnul.huji.ac.il/rambi/>
- NOMOI, Bibliography on Ancient Greek Law
 - <http://www.sfu.ca/nomoi/>
- Cooperative Annotated Bibliography of Hindu Law and Dharmaśāstra
 - <https://mywebpace.wisc.edu/drdavis/web/hindulaw/>
- Bibliographies and Indexes, getting from here to full text



Questions?