

# Research Skills Training Session

Thinking Law/Ancient Cultures, 3/3/08



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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

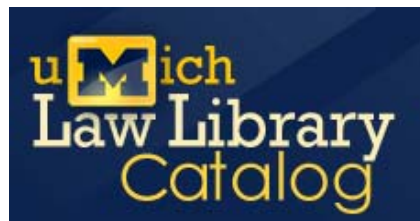


- Interlibrary Loan (ILL) – Link to ILL form is on the Lexcalibur main screen

# Catalogs (1)

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- UM Law Library Catalog (Lexcalibur)



- 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)

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- 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)

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- Find LC Subject Headings that fit your topic:
  - Keyword searching in Lexcalibur, Mirlyn, or WorldCat
    - Find “Subject” in the Lexcalibur 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)

<b>Author</b>	<a href="#">Sinclair, Daniel B</a>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Jewish biomedical law : legal and extra-legal dimensions / Daniel B. Sinclair</b>
<b>Imprint</b>	Oxford ; New York : Oxford University Press, 2003

[Persistent URL for this record](#)

LOCATION	CALL NO.	STATUS
<a href="#">LC Coll</a>	<a href="#">KBM3098 .S56 2003</a>	
<a href="#">Stacks</a>	<a href="#">JX4 J59 L415j</a>	

<b>Descript</b>	xi, 288 p. ; 24 cm
<b>Bibliog.</b>	Bibliography: p. [275]-284
<b>Note</b>	Includes index
<b>Subject</b>	<a href="#">Medical laws and legislation (Jewish law)</a> <a href="#">Bioethics -- Religious aspects -- Judaism</a>
<b>ISBN</b>	0198268270 (alk. paper)
<b>LC CLASS #</b>	KBM3098 .S56 2003
<b>Rlin Id #</b>	MIUL04-B3064
<b>LCCN</b>	2004271576





# Catalogs – Subject Searching (4)

- How to perform a “Subject” search in Lexcalibur

**Search Lexcalibur**

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

Subject

# 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)

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- 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)

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- 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 Lexcalibur or Mirlyn

# Recommended Databases

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- 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?