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GUID 150: Survival Skills for College Students
Library Session Exercise

1. Using the Library Catalog:

- a. Do a **keyword** search for (volcanoes).

How many results did you get? _____

Look at the first page of results. Are all these items truly about volcanoes? _____

- b. Now do a **subject** search for (volcanoes).

How many results did you get? _____

Look at the first page of results. Are all these items about volcanoes? _____

Find the 10th record. Who is the author? _____

What year was it published? _____

- c. Do a search for (eruption) anywhere in a **title**.

Find the 11th record. Which library owns this item? _____

What is the call number? _____

- d. Find a book **by** Stephen W. Haycox. (Note: When doing an exact author search – the search you do when you know the author’s name – you enter the last name first.)

Write down the title of any one of his books. _____

2. Using Academic Search Premier:

- a. Search for articles using the words “social media” and Egypt.

How many articles did you find? _____

Locate the 4th article in your results. What journal/periodical is it from? _____

Is this article available in full-text in this database? _____

- b. Now search for articles about the revolution in Libya.

How many articles did you find? _____

Turn the page to continue...

Using Academic Search Premier continued...

- c. Keep your search about the Libyan revolution (2.b), but now **refine** your results. You want articles published in 2011 that are available in full text in this database.

Now how many articles did you find? _____

- d. List 3 ways you can **refine** or limit your search in Academic Search Premier. _____

- 3. List 2 things you can do at the Circulation desk. _____

- 4. List 3 ways you can contact a reference librarian for help. _____

- 5. Match the journal type to its description.

____ Scholarly/Academic	a. Written for a broad audience; shorter articles provide overviews of topics; colorful pictures; numerous advertisements.
____ Trade/Professional	b. Intended for scholars and professionals in a particular field; longer articles; reference lists/bibliographies; likely to be peer-reviewed.
____ Popular	c. Intended for professionals in a particular field; looks like a popular magazine.

- 6. What was the most useful thing you learned from this library session? _____

- 7. What is one thing that is still confusing? _____

Open practice:

Use the remaining class time to practice searching for books (using the Library Catalog) and articles (using Academic Search Premier). Use a topic from an assignment in another class or use one of the following topics:

- Iditarod Muslim stereotypes Gun control Vitamin D Polar bears