



EBSCO Quick Search Tips from the State Library of Ohio

Using Quotation Marks in EBSCOhost

When a user types in search terms, EBSCOhost looks for those terms as they are entered. EBSCOhost will assume adjacency searching, meaning words are searched in that exact order.

If your search does not use quotation marks and contains any Boolean operators ('and', 'or', and 'not'), those words will not be searched as a single phrase. Instead EBSCO will search for the individual keywords and phrases around Boolean operators appropriately.

How do the "Find all my search terms" and "Find any of my search terms" Search Modes function?

Find all my search terms searches EBSCOhost by automatically adding an AND in between each of the terms entered into the **Find** field. (e.g. if you search for Global Warming and select "Find all my search terms" it will perform the search as "global AND warming").

Find any of my search terms searches EBSCOhost by automatically adding an OR in between each of the terms entered into the **Find** field. (e.g. if you search for Global Warming and select "Find any of my search terms" it will perform the search as "global OR warming").

How does EBSCO determine subject headings?

The Library of Congress provides the root heading, e.g., Journalism. When appropriate, we expand on that heading by adding subdivisions that were provided to us by the Library of Congress: Journalism -- Censorship. Hence, we have created the above heading while conforming to headings that would be found in the Library of Congress' own database.

How does EBSCOhost determine what subjects are listed on the side under "Narrow Results?"

Clustering (or Narrowing results) organizes search results into groups based on categories such as subject headings, authors, and journals.

The list is comprised of the top ten most frequent subjects, journals, or authors among the first 125 results yielded by your search. The maximum number of clusters (subjects) is 10.