RELI 409 METHODOLOGY AND THE STUDY OF RELIGION

LIBRARY WORKSHOP

Monday, October 27, 2025



Sources to support your fieldwork research project

- Consulting at least three academic sources.
- Searching for popular media related to the community (newspapers, magazine and other media).
- Exploring the website of the researched religious communities.

Outline

How to find and access resources

- Search operators
- Introduction to the Library website & the Religions and Cultures subject guide
- Using Sofia and Interlibrary loans
- Using the databases Academic Search Complete,
 ATLA and Google Scholar to find academic articles
- Using the databases Canadian Newsstream and Eureka.cc to find newspaper articles
- Using Google Advanced Search to explore websites

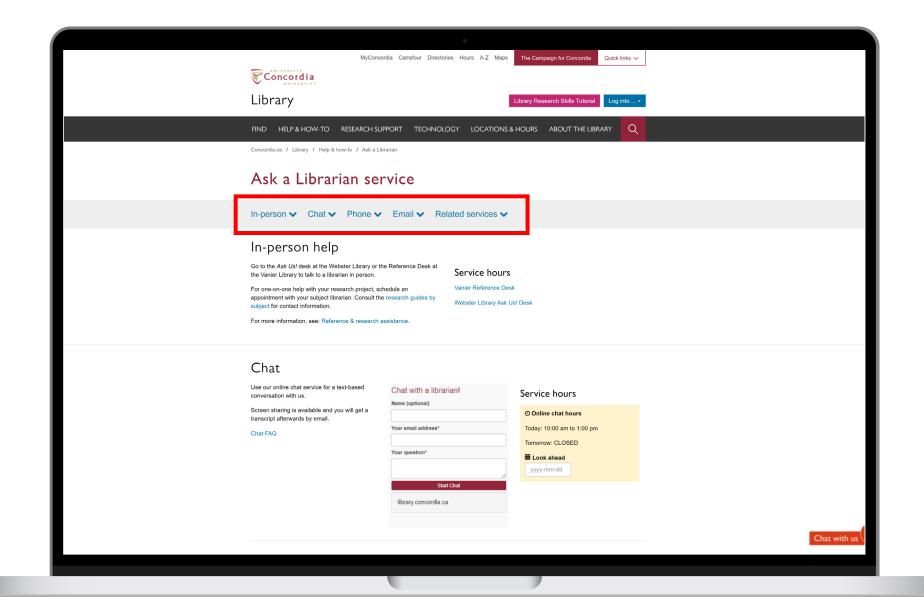
Ice-breaker Activity

- 1. I use or have used online library services.
- 2. I know how to apply boolean logic to searching.
- 3. When I search for articles, I often don't find what I'm looking for.
- 4. I prefer to use Google / Scholar to find scholarly articles.
- 5. I have attended a library workshop before.
- 6. I've met with a librarian to find relevant sources for an assignment.

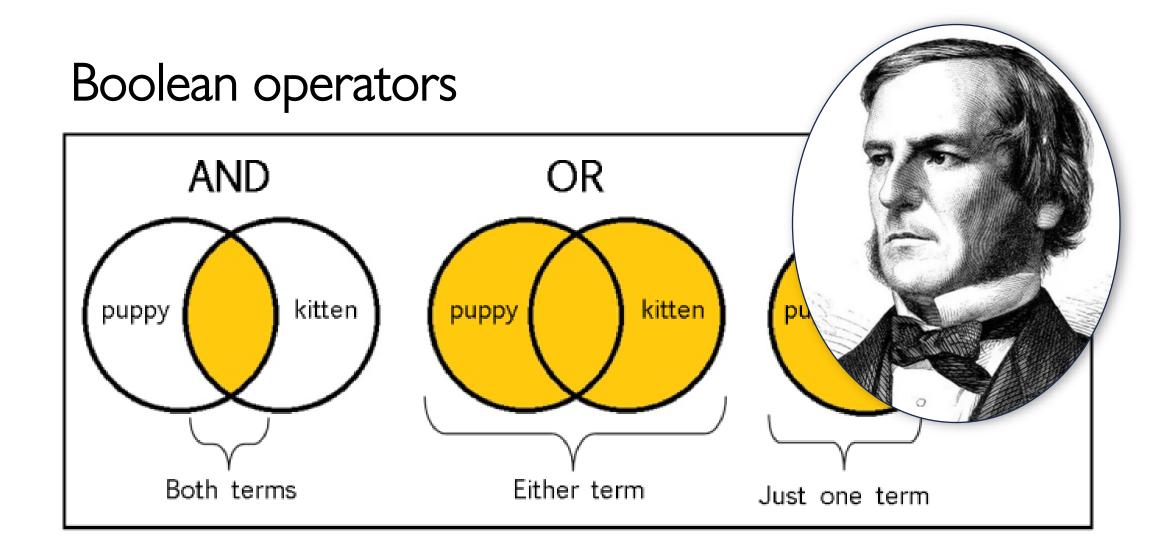
- 1. Move your fingers
- 2. Touch your head
- 3. Play air piano

- 4. Wave
- 5. Take a bow
- 6. Clap your hands

This activity was created by K-Lee Fraser, University of Toronto Scarborough, K-Lee's Remixed Information Literacy Games. (unpublished)



SEARCH OPERATORS



From: The Library of Antiquity, https://libraryofantiquity.wordpress.com/2016/10/07/forgotten-skills-boolean-searches/



Source: The University of Sydney. 2008. "Search Smarter, Search Faster." https://youtu.be/Oa66AxTbjxA?si=j-_6sR6_LID3O89a

Other search operators

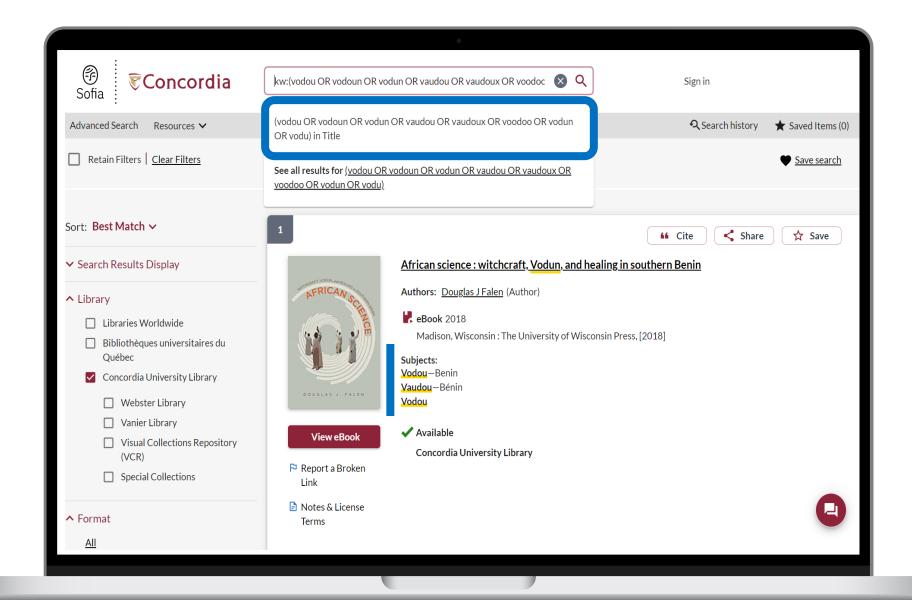
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"rite of passage", "salvation army"

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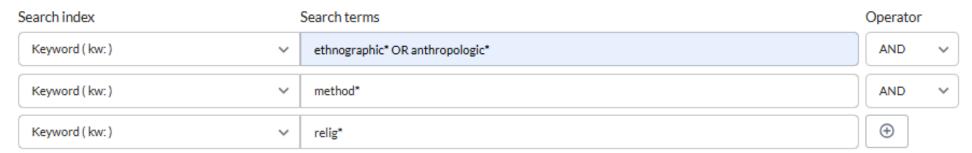
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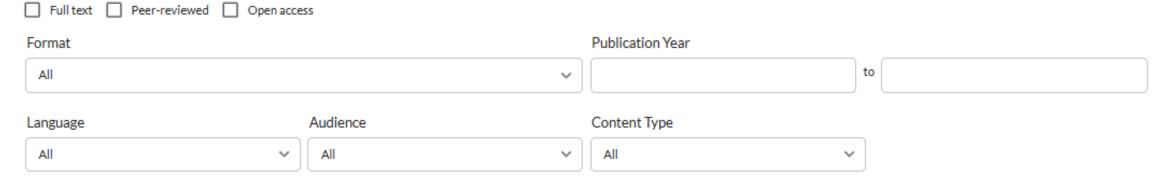


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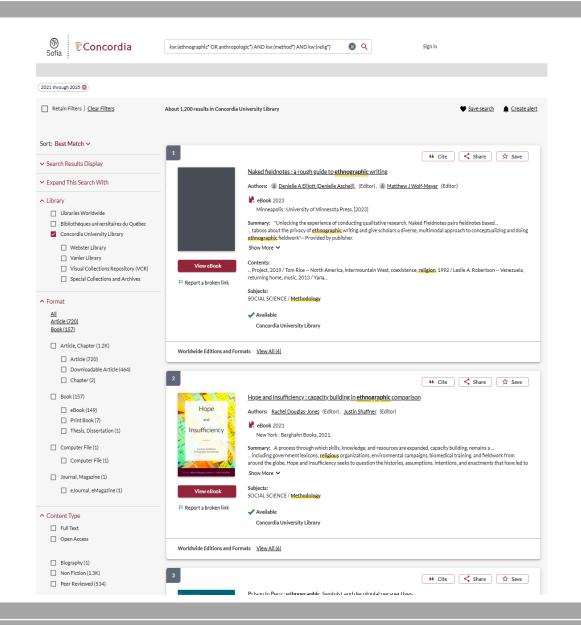
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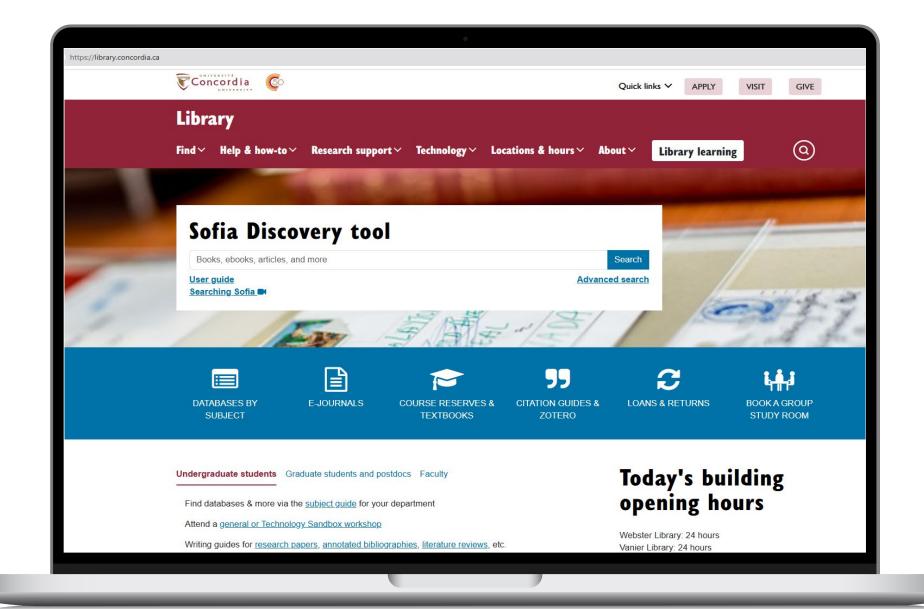
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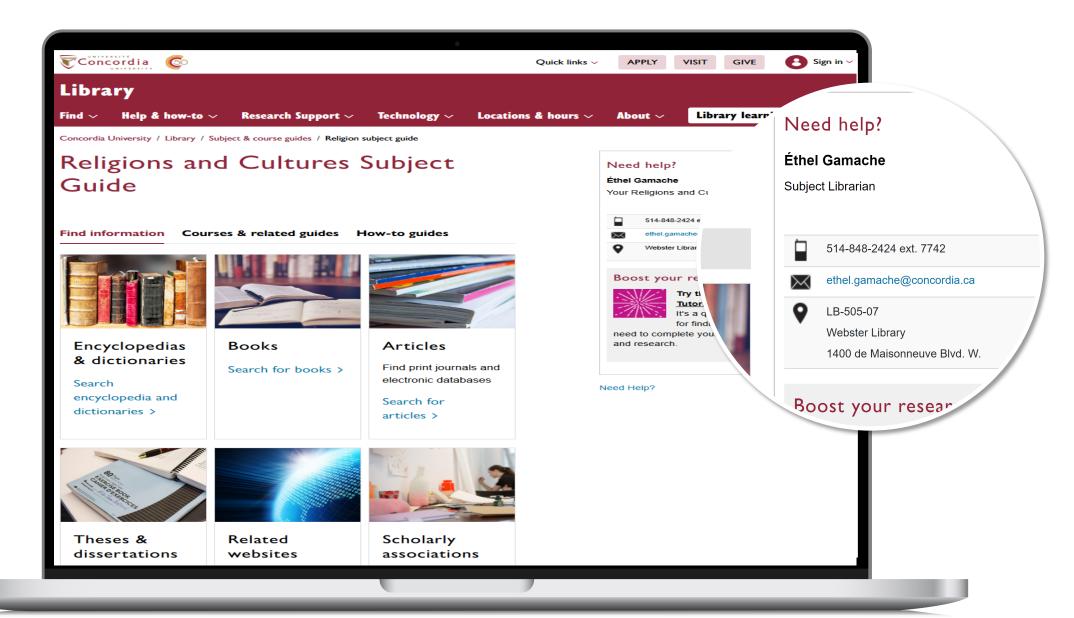
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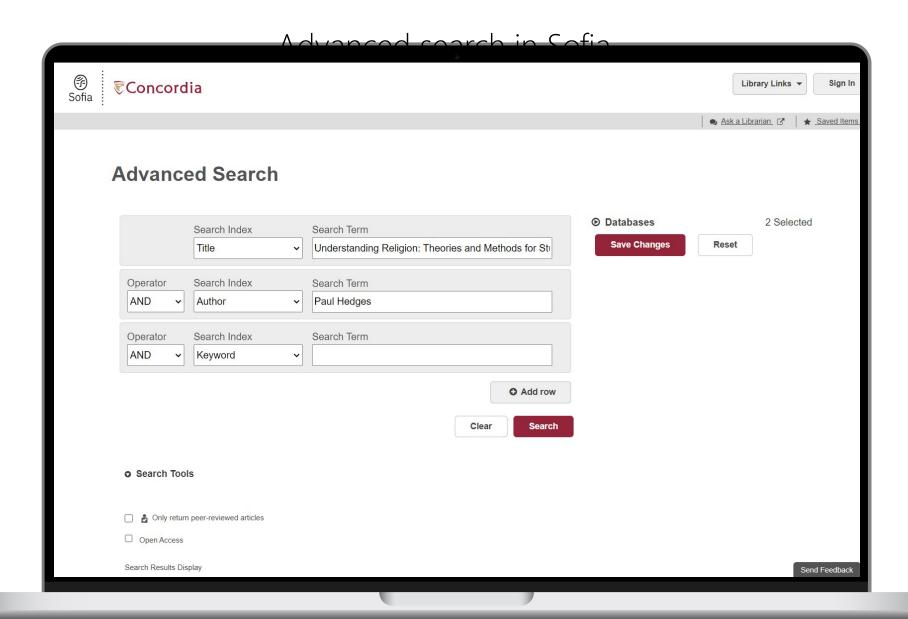


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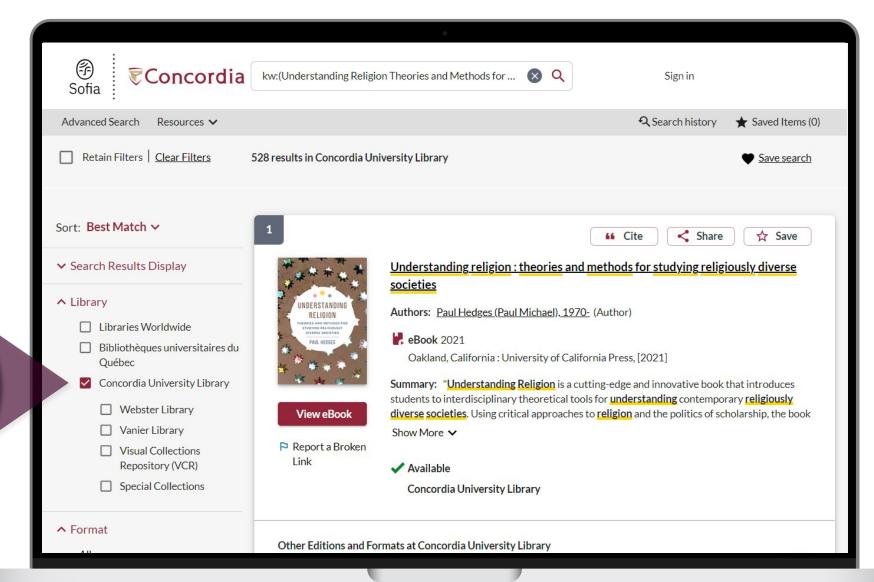


Consulting at least three academic sources, with Sofia and databases

USING SOFIA & INTERLIBRARY LOANS

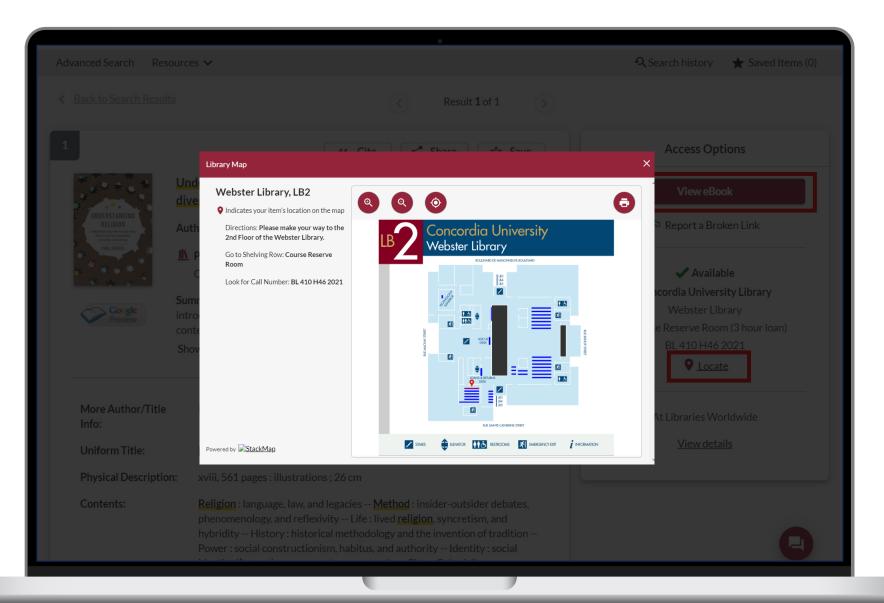


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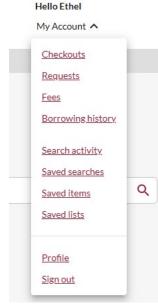
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1. "Request via Interlibrary Loan" button



1. Form available under the "Requests" tab in "My Account".



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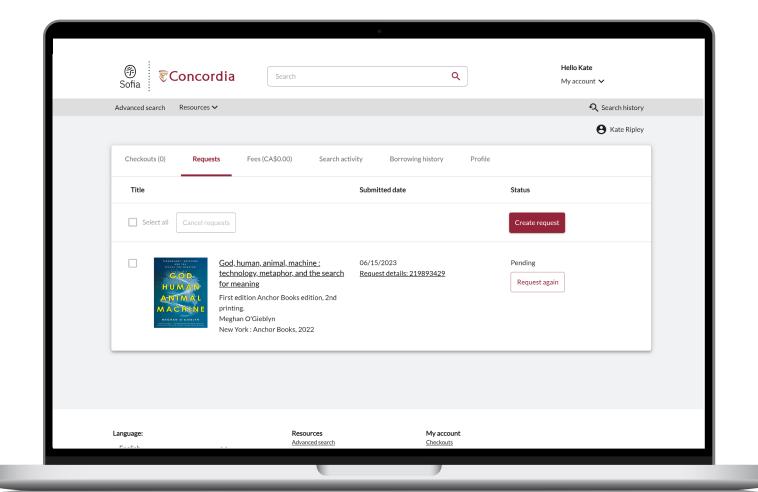
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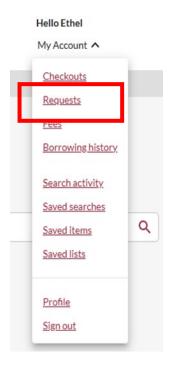
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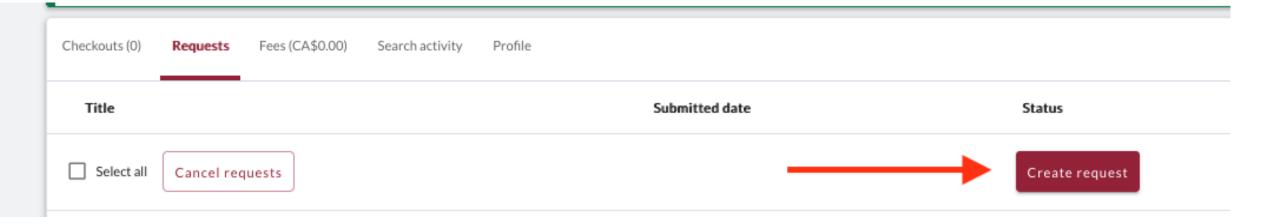
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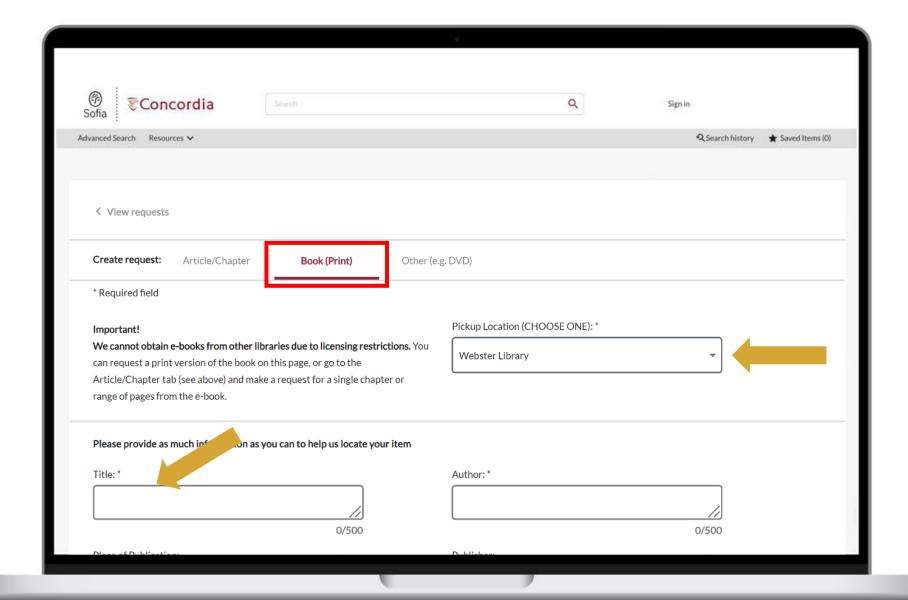
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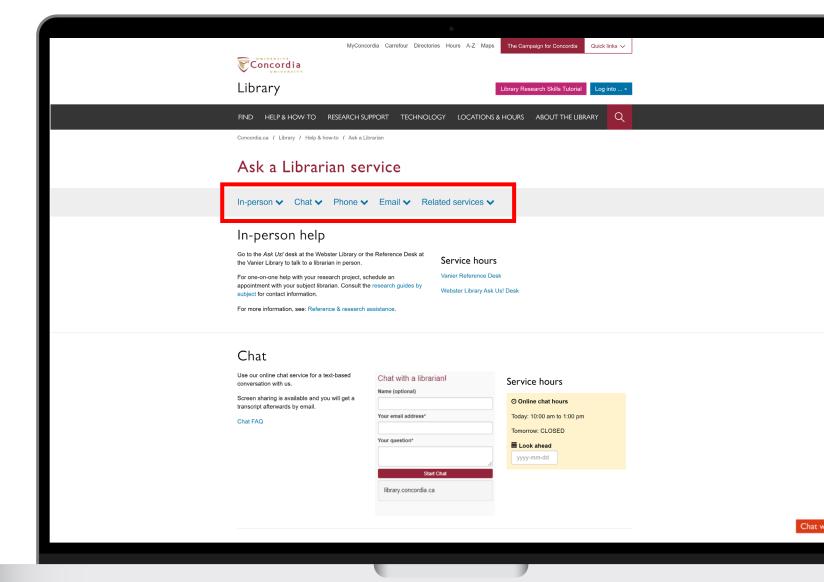
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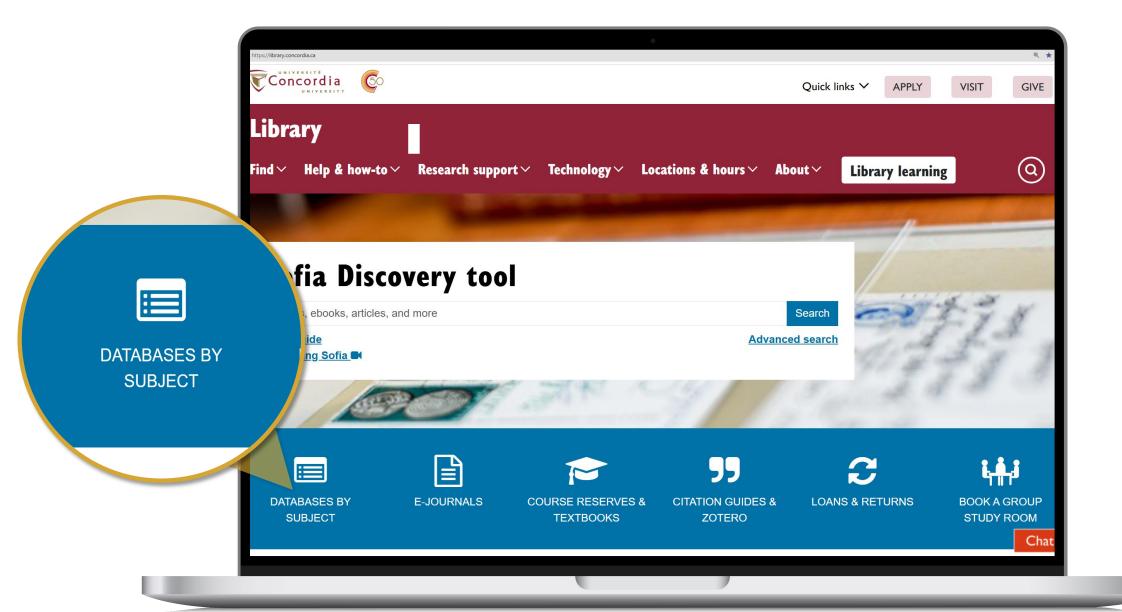
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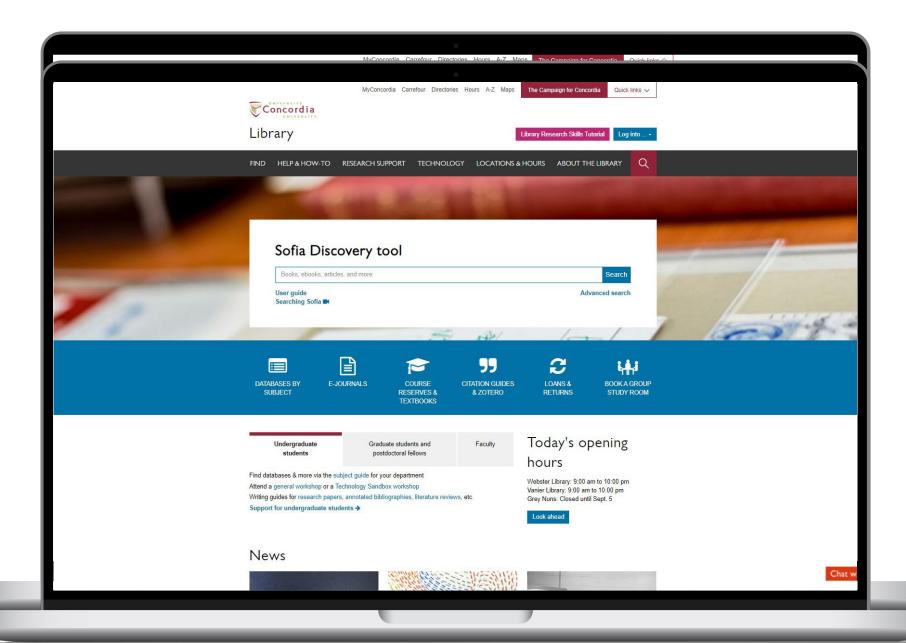
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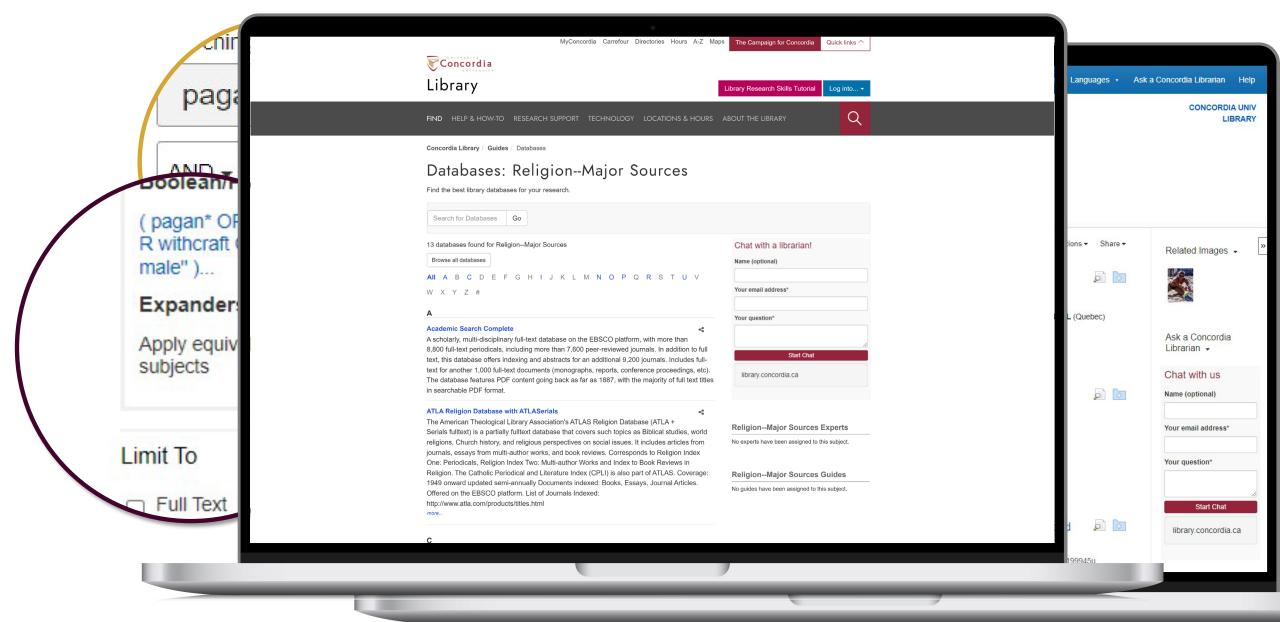


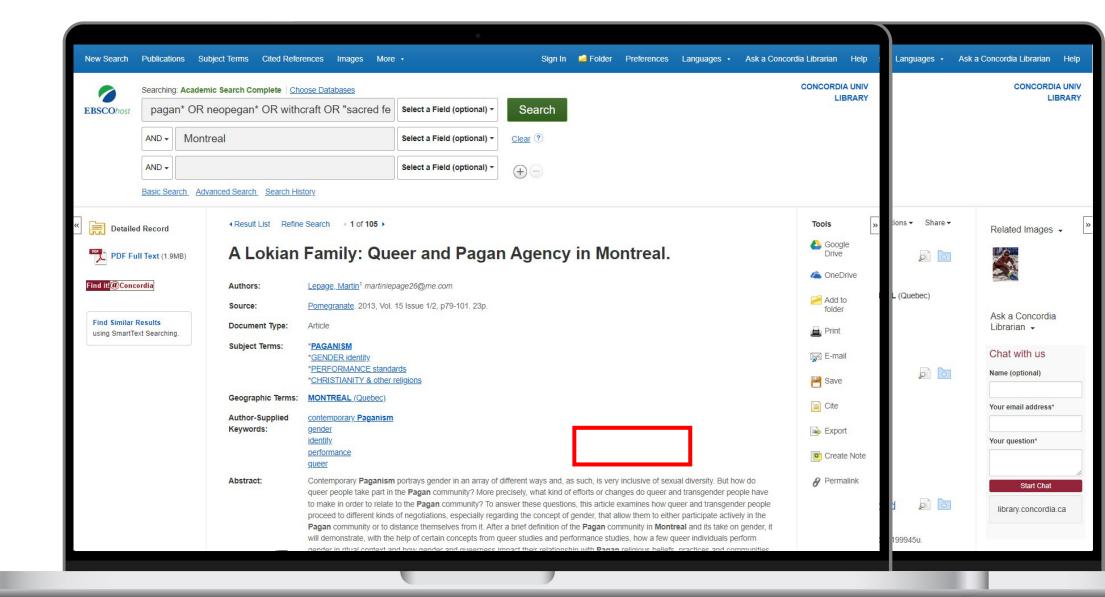


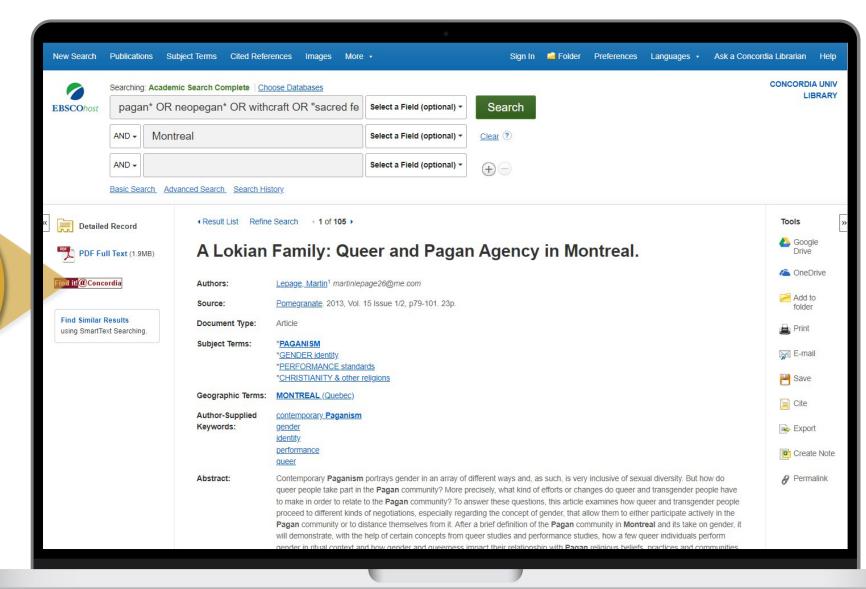


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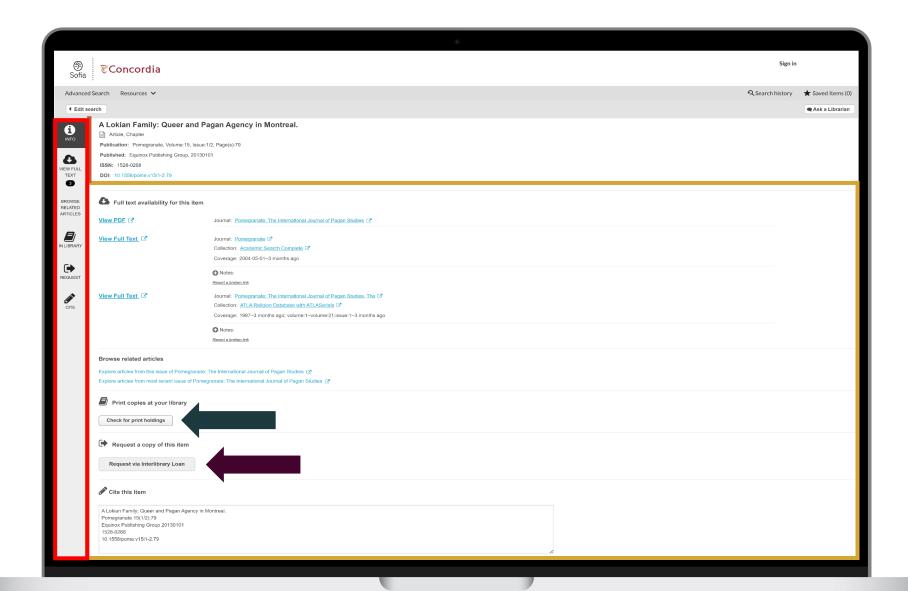
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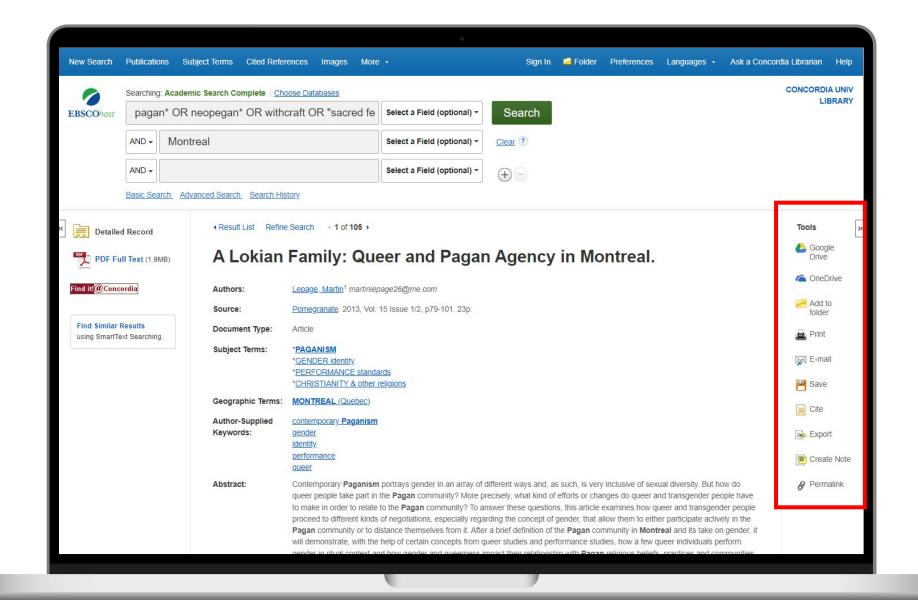












Searching for peer-reviewed articles with the database ATLA

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Searching for peer-reviewed articles with Google Scholar

What is the difference?

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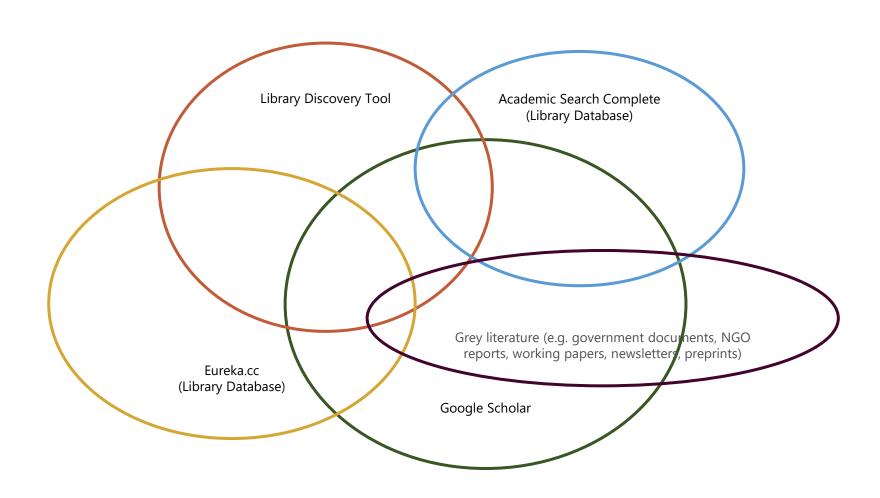
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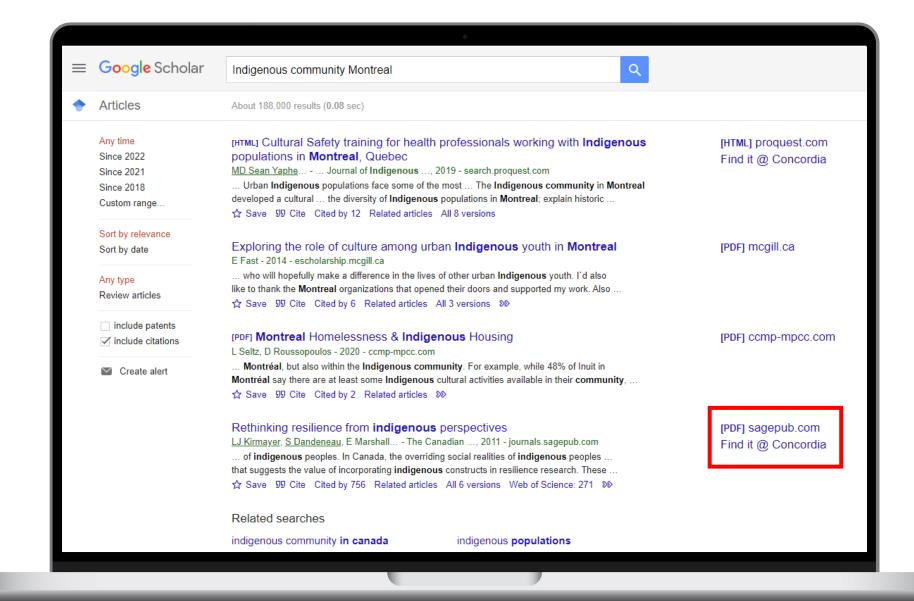
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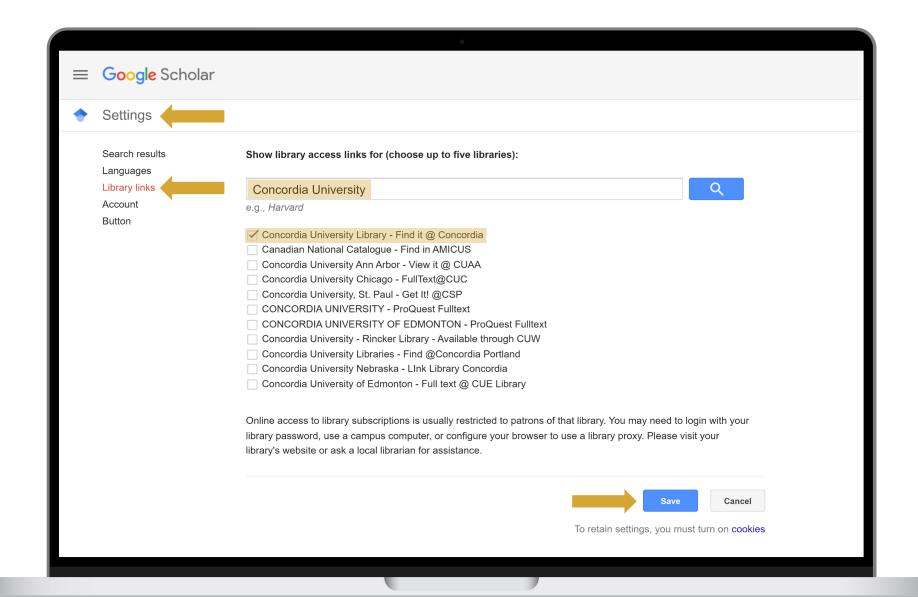


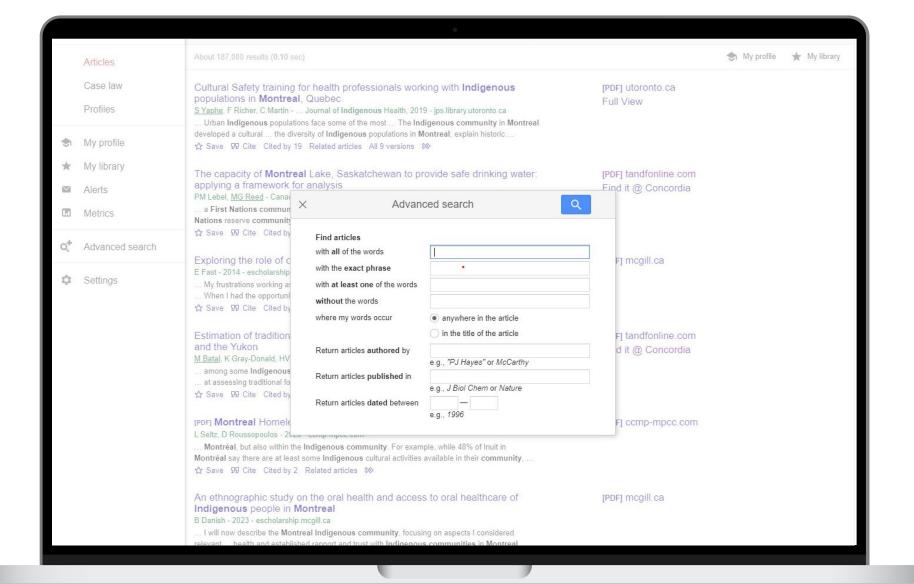
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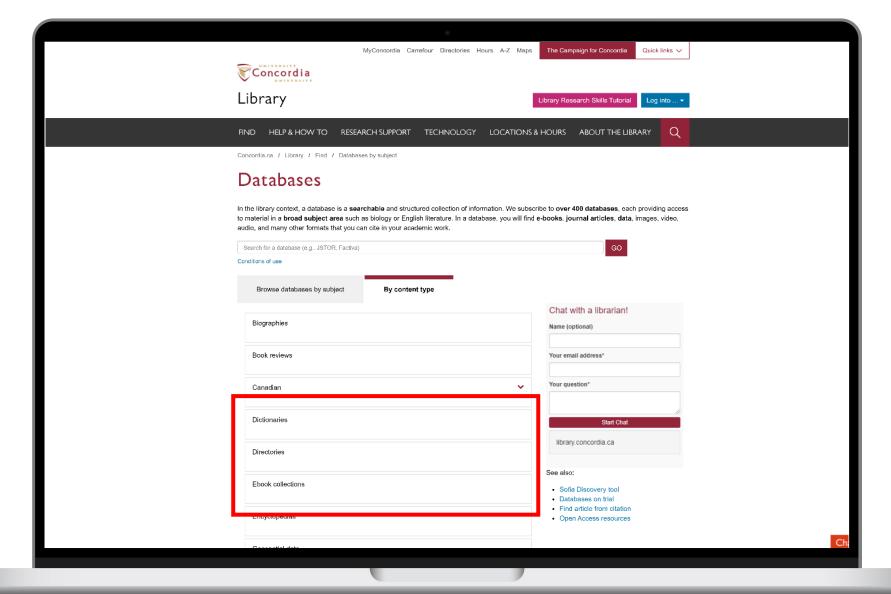


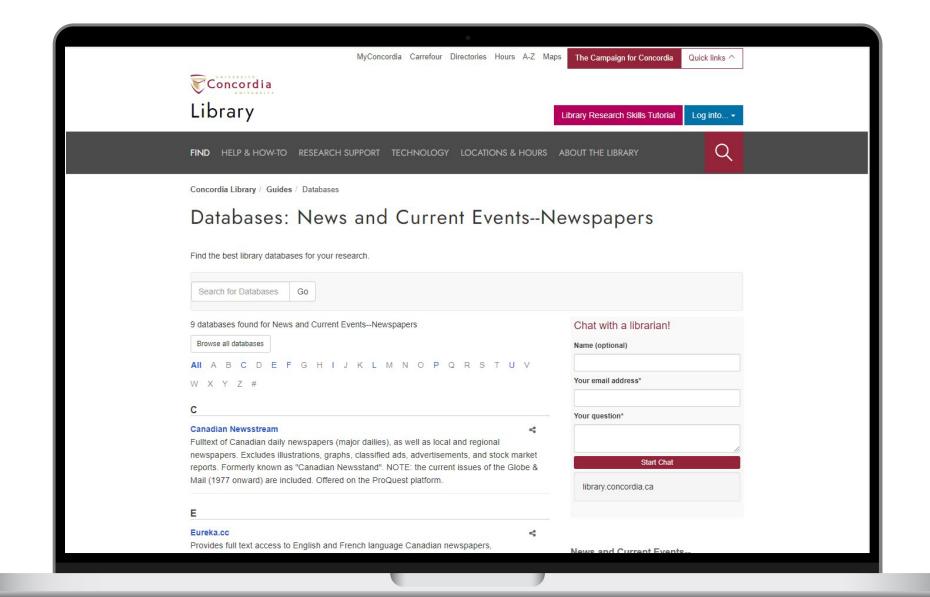
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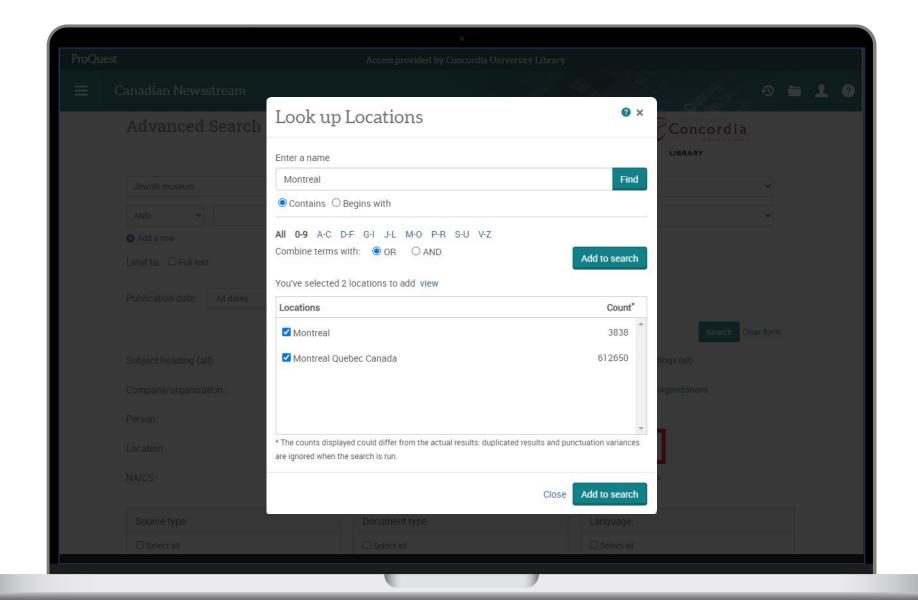
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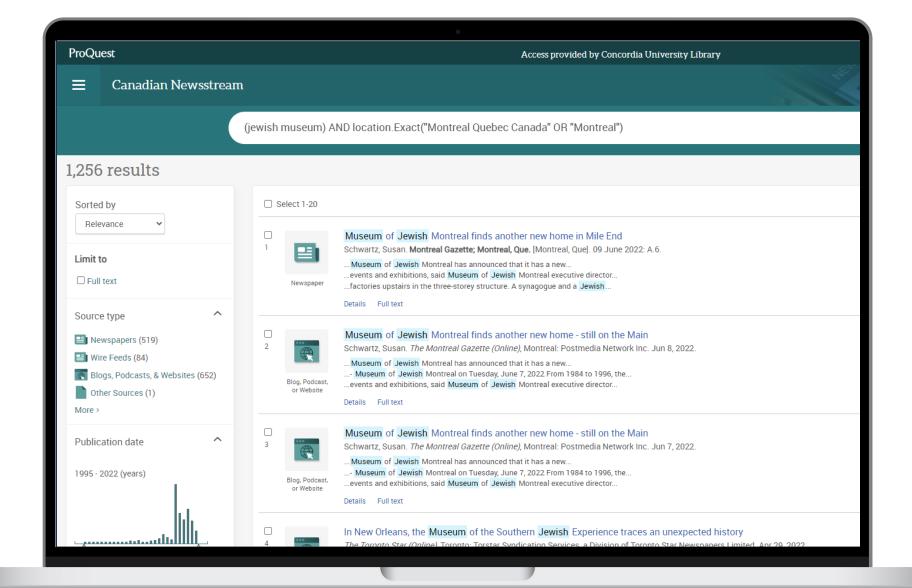
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1001 Lights offers personal look inside Sabbath candle-lighting ritual

Schwartz, Susan. The Montreal Gazette (Online), Montreal: Postmedia Network Inc. Mar 8, 2018.

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Abstract/Details

Abstract

Translate A ~

The idea for Scintillements 1001 Lights, an installation at the Museum of Jewish Montreal, came to Philip Szporer after his mother's death. The two have worked together for nearly 20 years, focusing on dance-oriented documentaries and short art films; recently they had started to think about projections for museum or gallery spaces. Millar, who is not Jewish, said she was drawn to the project initially for its dance element but, "in the course of filming the participants, often in their homes, I started recognizing something especially personal to me: the connection between mothers and daughters," she said.

Full Text

Translate >

Turn on search term navigation

The idea for Scintillements 1001 Lights, an installation at the Museum of Jewish Montreal, came to Philip Szporer after his mother's death. He was closing up her apartment when he came upon the candelabrum she had used every Friday night to light the candles ushering in the Jewish Sabbath.

"We weren't a traditionally religious family," he recalled. "We had cultural and social traditions - and this one connection with candle lighting was steadfast for my mother."

The ritual made an impression on him, even as a youngster. "There was the candle lighting, the notion of bringing light into a darkened space, but there was something else going on," he recalled. It was also "a moment of reflection, of meditation, of remembering."

He held onto the candelahrum and in time, started to light the candles himself on Eriday nights and say the



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Canada offers world of difference for Chechen refugees

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In defence of Sir John A.; Macdonald was a racist, colonizer and misogynist - much like all Canadians . Hopper, Tristin. National Post; Don Mills,

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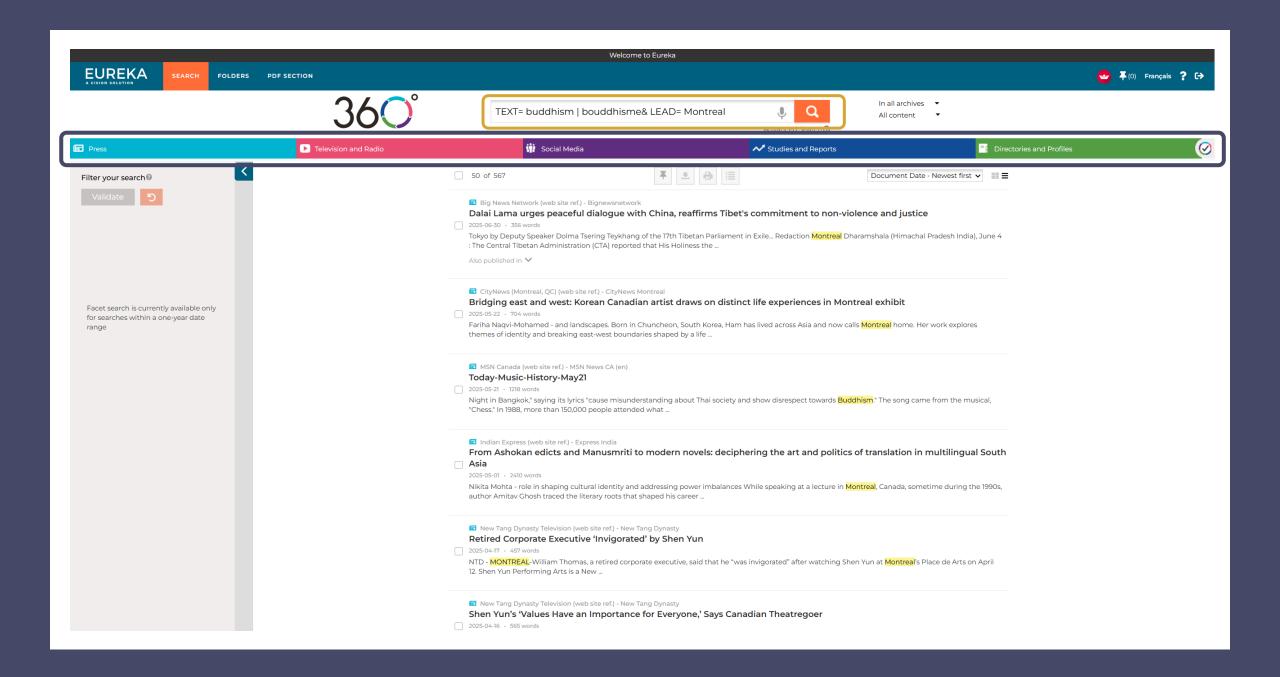
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Exploring the website of the researched religious communities, with Google advanced search

Google advanced search

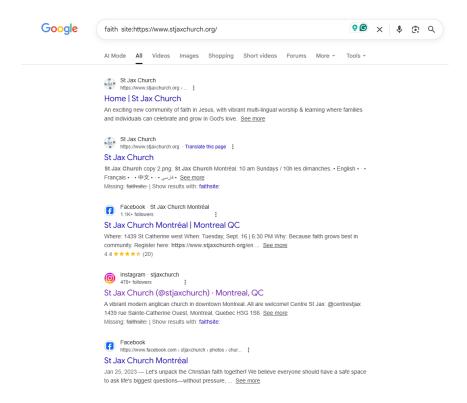
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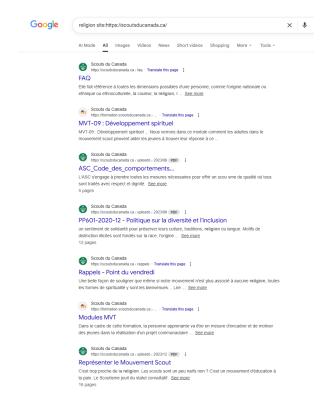
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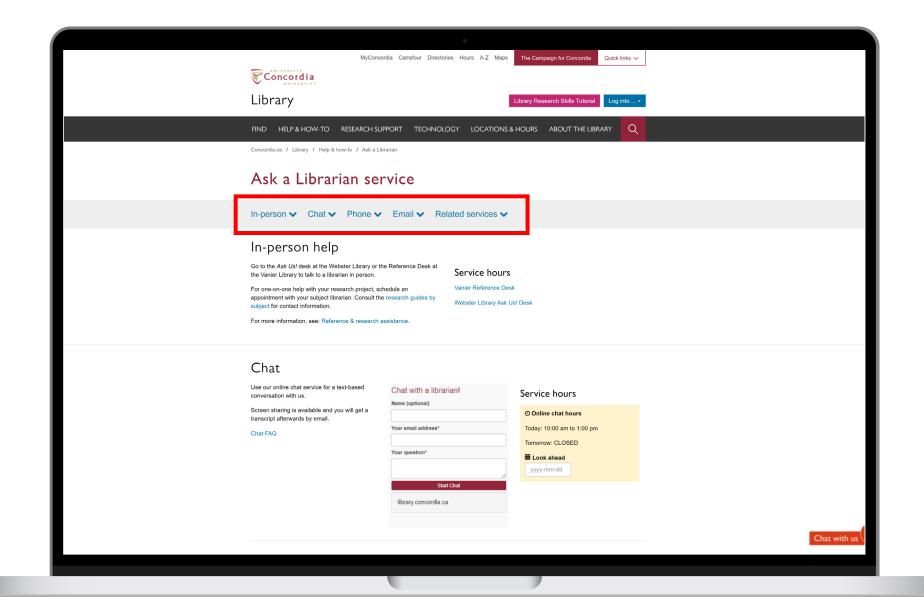
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