SFU Library - Catalogue Search Tips

Search for a known book, a journal, or a film
- Click on: “Catalogue Search” / Catalogue / Advanced Search /
- Sign in with SFU Computing ID & password
- Enter: book title, journal name, or film title.
- Limit Material Type” to: “Books”, “Journals”, or “Audio Visual”

Search syntax for Library Catalogue Search:
- To combine synonyms (same or similar meaning), use a capital “OR”
- To combine different concepts, use a “capital AND”

- When two words are placed next to each other, Catalogue Search automatically searches them using an “AND”
- Same results would be obtained with both of the following:
  human traffick*
  … human AND traffick*

Wrong Syntax: (human traffick* or forced labour)

Note: The above results list is very small. If capital “OR” is not used, then the engine brings back results for:
  human and traffick* and force and labour

Right Syntax: (human traffick* OR forced labour)
Note: The results list brings back items which have either of the above two concepts.

Right Syntax When Searching for Two or More Concepts

(human traffick* OR forced labour) AND (women OR child*)

Browse the Library Catalogue

For Access to Electronic

Sign in with SFU Computing ID/Password for access to SFU’s electronic resources.

- View your Library record (to renew books online)
- Place a hold on a book that is signed out
- Transfer a book from another branch
- Request an Inter-Library Loan
- Create an E-Shelf of favorite books
- Set up email alerts of your searches

Links

2. Obtain books and articles from other Libraries (use Inter-Library Loans” (ILL) Request Form):
   http://www.lib.sfu.ca/borrow/request-materials/ill/request-form
3. Writing help -> Student Learning Commons: http://www.lib.sfu.ca/about/branches-depts/slc
4. Services for you: http://www.lib.sfu.ca/about/overview/services-you
5. Subject Guides by Discipline: http://www.lib.sfu.ca/help/research-assistance/subject

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