This is the new Trexler Library WorldCat Discovery search. WorldCat is the world’s oldest and largest digital catalog – this brief tutorial will show you the basics of how to use it today to access resources.

A keyword search in this search bar will retrieve items from a significant number of Trexler library databases, but not all of them. We recommend that you start your research here if you need a cursory understanding of what is available. For more in-depth research you can identify what databases are best to use for your course or discipline by using the library’s Help Guides. If you already know what database or journal you would like to access, select the links here.

We have set this search to default to DeSales University’s holdings. If you are interested, you can change this to search the entire world catalog either here, at the dropbox, or by unchecking this filter on the results page. Searching global holdings will result in many more results, and is only recommended if you are doing a very extensive literature review or are trying to find a book that the library does not have in order to request it through Interlibrary loan.

In the upper right hand corner you are able to select your preference for sorting the retrieved results. The results default to prioritizing resources that fit your search query and are held by the Trexler Library. When searching for a particular book or article, change this to “Best Match” to prioritize finding a match to the resource title. “Recency” prioritizes resources that fit your query and have been published recently.

The fields on the left allow you to alter the retrieved results by many additional filters. Utilize Advanced Search if you would like to search by author, subject, ISBN, or other field, or would like to use these searches in tandem. If I know the title and the author, I can search both these terms together. This is a good way to easily locate these items. Databases are also suggested based on disciplinary content on this page. Please remember, these databases are not searched in full and so searching can and should be continued within the database itself.

Remember, if you have any questions or are not able to find what you need please contact the librarians at the Trexler Library. We are available at reference@desales.edu, x. 1443, and by chat on the library’s website, www.desales.edu/library