



I: Introduction to Libraries and the CSDE Library and website resources

The CSDE library is an academic library with materials to support research in population studies. You can access the CSDE library catalog online from the library webpage: <http://csde.washington.edu/library/>

Let's do some simple searches in the CSDE library to find out more about the catalog and the resources.

From the welcome webpage, click on the Search tab.



1. Search for work by **Plotnick** in the library catalog.

How many records did the catalog find? _____

*Bob Plotnick is a CSDE affiliate, so he is listed by both author and keyword. Other non-affiliate authors are only listed by author. (Try Harris, M. by author and by keyword)

2. Search for materials on the **Philippines**.

a. What category will you use? _____

b. How many records did the catalog find? _____

3. Search for materials on **fertility**.

a. How many records do you get if you search by keyword? _____

b. How many records do you get if you search by subject? _____

4. What is the difference between a subject search and a keyword search? _____

Let's try some "expert" searches in the CSDE library catalog.

Click on the Expert tab.

Expert searching allows you to combine search terms with "AND" "OR" "NOT". These are called *Boolean operators*.



5. Search for **Plotnick** (Authname) AND **Fertility** (Keyword).

How many records did the catalog find? _____

6. Search for **Plotnick** (Authname) NOT **Fertility** (Keyword)

How many records did the catalog find? _____

7. Search for **Plotnick** (Authname) OR **Fertility** (Keyword)

How many records did the catalog find? _____

Hint: This should equal the answer for #3a. plus the answer for #6.



Let's look at some of the results of our search.

Click on the record:

[Death, sex, and fertility : population regulation in preindustrial and developing societies / Marvin Harris and Eric B. Ross.](#)

8. What year was this book published? _____

9. Where is it in the CSDE library? _____

10. Is it available for you to check out? _____

Let's choose a couple of items to check out of the library.

You can browse the list by clicking on **Next Record** or **Return to list**.



Click on one of the records and add it to your briefcase.



The screen should say:

This record has been copied to the Briefcase.

Add another item and then click on the Briefcase tab.

Both items should be listed on the Briefcase page. If you wanted to check these out, you could now print out this page and take it with you to the library. You can also empty your briefcase to start over.

11. Before we go to the CSDE library and archive, I'd like everyone to search the catalog and find one or two things they might like to check out. Add them to your briefcase and print them out. We'll try to find them when we get to the library.

What are your search terms? _____