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What is DISCOVER?



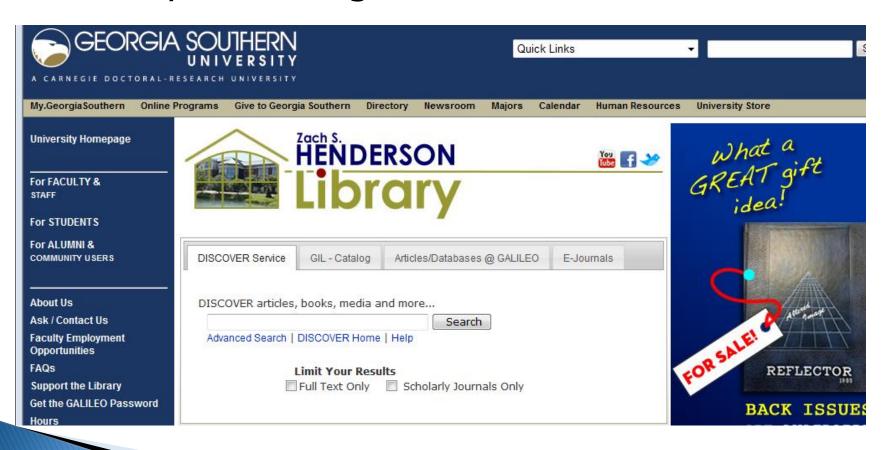
A New Way to Do Research

Transformational

Where is DISCOVER?



Library Home Page – Default Search



Where is DISCOVER?



DISCOVER HOME - More Features





Ways to Access DISCOVER



On Campus, in Your Office, at Home, or Away

- Directly from library web page
- From My.GeorgiaSouthern.edu
 - Quick Links Library
- From a mobile device
 - Instructions for set up on DISCOVER home page
- GALILEO DISCOVER is same content as library site

GALILEO DISCOVER





What is DISCOVER?



A Google-Like Search Tool

- Easy single search box
 - This is what our students expect!
- Searches most databases & library catalog simultaneously
- Searches scholarly sites including HathiTrust, Project Gutenberg, Library of Congress . . .
- Ease of Google with only premier library content and selected sources as results

More Important Facts



Important To Know . . .

- Does not replace library catalog not yet
- Focus is on DISCOVERY
 - Presents lots of library resources
 - Users Discover vast array of resources available
- Does not include 100% of databases not yet
 - Some can be Integrated
- Not just another database or updated catalog!

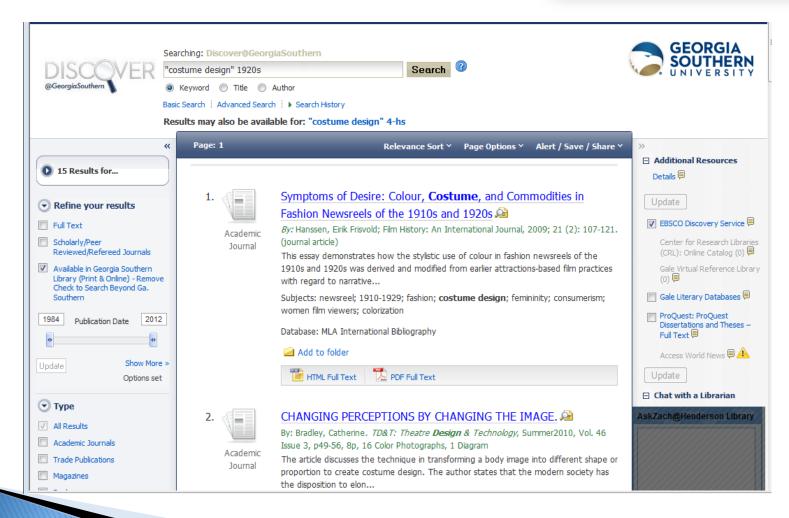
Search Results



- Journal articles, books, e-books, videos, government documents . . . (print & online)
- Many results are full text with direct links
- Default search includes resources available on campus
- Remove default check mark to search beyond Georgia Southern

Default Settings





Features of Searching



- Begin with broad search & narrow the results
- Search narrowed facets or limiters
- All searches are keyword searches
- Default search is "all words"
- Radio buttons for selecting search type: Keyword, Title, Author
- Even designated field searches are keyword searches
 - Searches by keyword within author or title field

More Features of Searching



- Traditional Boolean operators may be used but "quotation marks" are most useful tool
 - Quotation marks help limit results
 - Use even with radio buttons
- Possible to search full text of resources but must select as a option (use sparingly)
- Source of resource included in results
 - Provides information about most relevant databases in case further search is needed
- Traditional catalog & native database interfaces remain available

How Does DISCOVER Work?



- Not same as Federated Searching in past
 - Search several databases individually and get results
 - Slow due to different interfaces & other factors
- Searches a pre-harvested index
- Index hosted by EBSCO (EDS)
- Huge knowledge base or unified index of all resources

Student Evaluations



- Tested 4 Discovery Services with 10 student library workers
- Brief explanation
 - Search like Google
 - Use any functions available on screen
- All filled out search form in detail & e-mailed answers
- All found it easy to use
- EBSCO EDS was favorite

Student Comment



When asked by a librarian if DISCOVER was as easy to use as Google...

"Yes it is. Easier, really, because Google doesn't have all the ways to limit the search that are on the left side of the screen."

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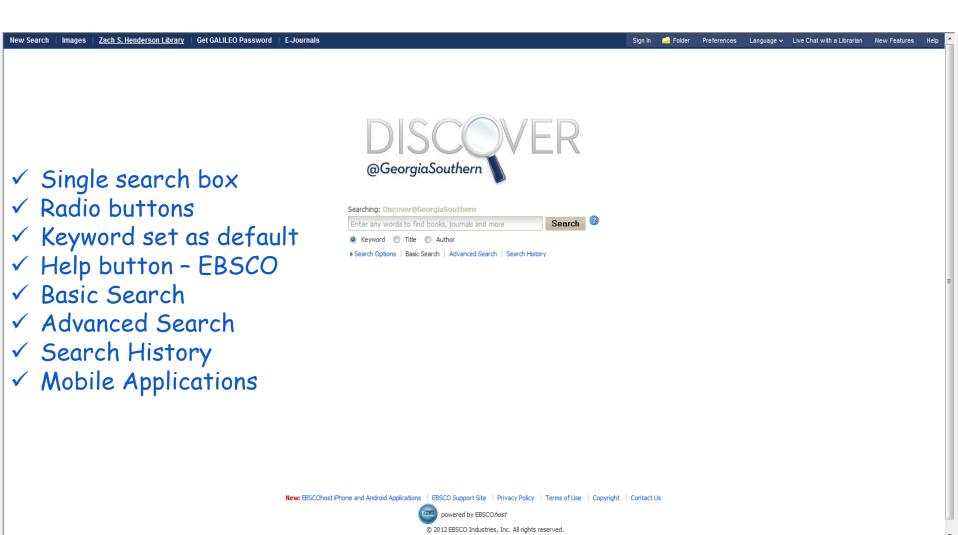
- Remains as important as ever!
- Advantage: Less important to teach how to select database to use
- Less important to teach many different interfaces
- Concentrate on narrowing search & selecting best information
- Move into specialized databases from results
- Requires cultural shift

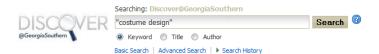
Search Screen Features



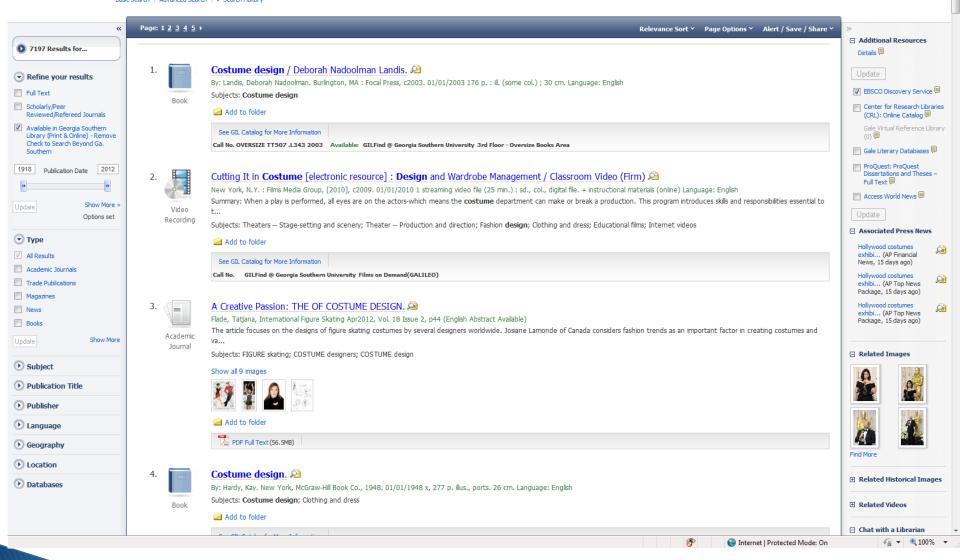
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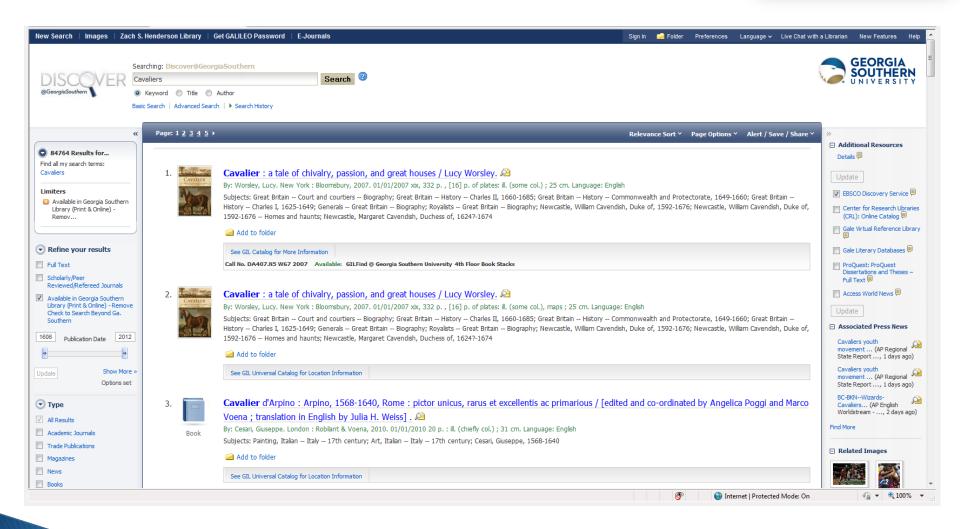






Search Example: Cavaliers





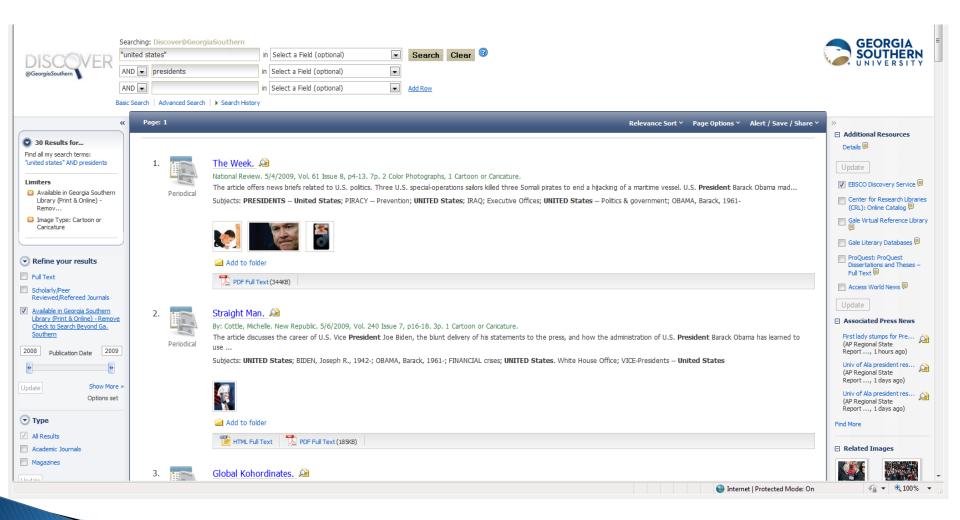
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Search Example: Advanced





Library Services



- Provide instruction to individuals or classes
 - Visit your department
 - One-on-one session
 - Instruction for a class
- Provide code for customized subject profiles
 - Use in Folio or any web page
 - Include only the resources you want
 - Customized DISCOVER search for your course or discipline