

Catalog Search Analysis

For this assignment, my goal was to answer the question “Where did vampire legends originate?” I am assuming the role of someone casually interested, as opposed to someone searching for academic articles or primary sources for a paper.

To start, I will use the keywords “vampire,” and “legend.” After that, if the results are too broad, I may also add “origin.” After searching, I will add synonymous terms with the Boolean operator “or,” to expand the search.

Name of System	Draper Library	Logan Library
Link	https://catalog.slcolibrary.org/polaris/default.aspx?ctx=7.1033.0.0.1	https://lopl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/Logan/?dt=list
Search Strategy Modification	After a preliminary search, I found synonymous words to use: “lore,” “myth,” and “undead.” Utilizing these words bumped relevant results from 1 up to 5.	To narrow the results to nonfiction only, I utilized a function that filtered by location in the library, limiting it to Juvenile Nonfiction, Nonfiction, and Young Adult Nonfiction. This gave me only 5 results, with 3 being particularly relevant.
Performance Quality	Other than the first result, the other nine included a lot of fiction, with movies and books that are less relevant to the question.	The first result was the only one relevant to the question, with the rest being primarily fiction. I was able to get a list more relevant after narrowing to nonfiction results only.
Search Efficiency	It did not take me terribly long to use this system. I was able to find relevant materials once I added the additional Boolean operator keywords. However, I felt that it was inefficient. There was not much else I could do after searching different keywords. The search seemed to come to a stop.	I was able to find relevant materials fairly quickly and efficiently. The features on the side panels kept a continual flow of alternative searches that made me feel like I could keep finding more, rather than feeling like the search came to a halt and that I could not find anything more.
Search Functionality	The advanced search is somewhat difficult to use, because you have to do it in chunks. The list of tags and subjects help to find other ways to search for similar topics or to reword. The “recently viewed” feature helps for comparing and going back to previous items.	The advanced search was very difficult to use, because I had to list all the terms in one bar, making it seem the same as regularly searching. A side panel listing similar subjects allowed for including or excluding topics to narrow or expand the search. Location and subject filters narrowed and expanded results to the most relevant.
Learnability	Finding the “advanced search” page was somewhat more difficult because I had to go to a drop down menu, rather than having a button by the search bar.	The “advanced search” was easy to find because of the button by the search bar. The search itself was very different from most systems I have encountered, which made it uncomfortable to use.

These two systems are similar in a lot of ways, as might be expected, but they also differ in a variety of ways. With the initial search, both systems performed about the same; only one item was particularly relevant, and it came up as the very first result for both. After narrowing and expanding the search, they both provided more relevant sources according to the modified search. Although Draper efficiently got me to a list of fairly relevant materials right away, the search seemed to come to an abrupt stop. There was no evident way to search only within nonfiction, which would have been helpful. Logan's system had a remedy where Draper did not. Immediately available on the side panel was an option to narrow by location in the library -- not only nonfiction or fiction, but also by age group and format. Additional features allowed for narrowing or expanding according to subject, year, author, and language. These features made it feel like there were always more search options available, instead of hitting a wall right away, making it far more efficient than Draper. Both systems had some issues with search functionality. Where the Draper system's "advanced search" was more difficult to get to, the text boxes were easier to understand for using Boolean operators. However, instead of being able to add single elements at a time, if I needed additional text boxes, I had to add an entire chunk to be searched separately, which was awkward. On the upside, they had a side panel showing some of the items recently viewed, which helped for comparing items and returning to the materials for forgotten or missed information. Logan's "advanced search" was also difficult, but for different reasons. Instead of a list of boxes to fill out with Boolean operators, there was a single text box to list all the terms to be searched, which felt like a regular search and was therefore confusing. In favor of Logan, however, was the convenience of the side panel features to filter the search after the preliminary search. Coming at these systems with the intention to use an advanced search, Logan was more helpful in providing an easily visible button by the search bar. Draper, however, made me go to a drop down menu under "search" to find it. Although not exceptionally hard to find and learn, it took me longer than it did for Logan.

I would like to rank these two systems on a scale from one to ten, one being a system that is difficult to use, inefficient, and fails to produce sufficient relevant sources; and ten being a system that is easy to use, convenient, and makes it easy to find relevant sources. With this scale, Draper would likely fall at about a four, because it does provide several relevant sources with Boolean operators, and does have a nice "recently viewed" feature, but the system as a whole is not very easy to use due to an inconvenient "advanced search" and the lack of additional tools to help search, as well as the lack of filters for nonfiction or otherwise. It is slightly more inconvenient than an average five might indicate, but it does have enough good to rank higher than a three that might indicate more confusion and inefficiency. Logan would fall at about an eight on this scale, because it is not only easy to use, but has a plethora of additional features to assist in searching, both to narrow and expand the search. It has filters for just about everything, which is particularly helpful for the user, putting it on the high end of the scale, above a seven that would indicate fewer additional features. However, due to the weird "advanced search" setup, it falls below a nine or ten, which would indicate complete ease in use.

It should be clear that the Logan Library's system is by far the better of the two, due to the more convenient expanded searches with filters to narrow and expand searches. Although they perform similarly in a preliminary search, Logan immediately shows its colors with the side panel of helps. Both have their flaws, but Logan outperforms Draper in almost every way, making searches significantly easier for users.

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		32 Results Found		1/2	
				Sort By	
1		Vampire legend by Thomas Cost: Kala, Winston director. Call Number: QD 133.A23 VAMPRC Publication Date: 2016 Format: Electronic Access: View cover art: https://www.gutenberg.org/files/50000/50000-h/50000-h.htm 211199.jpg Available: 0 Holds: 0 View Full Email This Title			
2		The awakening: a vampire huntress legend Call Number: JG309 DAWKS Publication Date: 2004 Format: Available: 1 Holds: 0 View Full Email This Title			
3		Upon a burning throne by Boris, Afrik, author. Call Number: SD FIC FANTASY BAKMER Publication Date: 2019 Format: Available: 1 Holds: 0 View Full View Preview Email This Title			
4		The legend of Korra: rules of the empire by Williams, Michael David, writer, creator. Call Number: YA GRAPHIC NOVEL LEGEND VOL.1 Publication Date: 2019 Format: Available: 1 Holds: 0 View Full Google Books Email This Title			
5		Age of war by Sullivan, Michael, 1961 author. Call Number: SD FIC FANTASY SULLIVAN Publication Date: 2016 Format: Available: 1 Holds: 0 View Full Email This Title			
6		The defiant: a Valiant novel by Longmire, Lesley, author. Call Number: YA FICTION LIVINGSTON Publication Date: 2018 Format: Electronic Access: Cover image: Cover image: https://books.google.com/books?id=1730H48M54722gpg Available: 1 Holds: 0 View Full Email This Title			
7		Age of swords by Sullivan, Michael, 1961 author. Call Number: SD FIC FANTASY SULLIVAN Publication Date: 2017 Format: Available: 1 Holds: 0 View Full Email This Title			
8		Age of swords by Sullivan, Michael, 1961 author. Call Number: SD FIC FANTASY SULLIVAN Publication Date: 2017 Format: Available: 1 Holds: 0 View Full Email This Title			
9		Classic campfire stories: forty spooky tales by Forge, William W., 1942 editor. Call Number: E13.087 CLASSIC Publication Date: 2017 Format: Available: 0 Holds: 0 View Full Email This Title			
10		The valiant by Longmire, Lesley, author. Call Number: YA FICTION LIVINGSTON Publication Date: 2017 Format: Available: 0 Holds: 1 View Full Email This Title			

Logan -- Advanced Search

Find items that have:

All these words:

vampire legend

This exact phrase:

Don't show items that have:

These unwanted terms:

Additional limits:

Format type:

Any Format

Language:

Any Language

* Find ☐ Don't show

Title:

* Find ☐ Don't show

Author:

* Find ☐ Don't show

Subject:

☐ Only Show Available

Search Targets

☐ Library Search

Limits

☐ Children's Material
 ☐ Teen's Material
 ☐ Audiobooks/Music
 ☐ Book Club Kits
 ☐ Book-CD Combination
 ☐ Books
 ☐ CD-ROM/DVD-ROM
 ☐ eReaders & Tablets
 ☐ Holiday Books, Movies, & Music
 ☐ Magazines & Newspapers
 ☐ Maps
 ☐ Movies & TV Shows
 ☐ Items & On Order Items
 ☐ Realia
 ☐ Special Collections
 ☐ USB Drive
 ☐ Video Games

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Advanced Search

Logan -- Subject

Genre

- Fantasy, Dungeons, L&D (2)
- Lansing, Leidy, author (2)
- Recorded Books, Inc. (2)

+ More
View All

Subject

- Fantasy Fiction (24)
- Vampires - Fiction (20)
- Fiction (16)
- Imaginary wars and batt... (16)
- Action and adventure f... (16)
- Juvenile works (16)
- Audiobooks (16)
- Fantasy (16)
- Casts - Fiction (16)
- Imaginary wars and batt... (16)
- Magic - Fiction (16)
- Rome (Empire) (16)
- Supernatural - Fiction (16)
- Fiction / Fantasy / Epic (16)
- Mystery (16)

+ More + Fewer
View All Collapse All

Language

- English (16)
- Spanish (16)

Location

- All Titles

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4. The legend of Korra : ruins of the empire

by Oliviero, Michael Dante, writer, creator.

Call Number: YA GRAPHIC NOVEL LEGEND VOL.1

Publication Date: 2019

Format:

Available: 1

Holds: 0



Genre

- Fantasy, Sci-Fi (16)
- Imaginary wars and batt... (16)
- Magic - Fiction (16)
- Rome (Empire) (16)
- Supernatural - Fiction (16)
- Fiction / Fantasy / Epic (16)
- Mystery (16)

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Language

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- Spanish (16)

Location

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5. Age of war

by Sullivan, Michael J., 1981- author.

Call Number: SD-HC FANTASY SULLIVAN

Publication Date: 2018

Format:

Available: 1

Holds: 0



Genre

- Fantasy, Sci-Fi (16)
- Imaginary wars and batt... (16)
- Magic - Fiction (16)
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- Supernatural - Fiction (16)
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- Spanish (16)

Location

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6. The defiant : a Valiant novel

by Lansing, Leidy, author.

Call Number: YA FICTION LANSINGTON

Publication Date: 2018

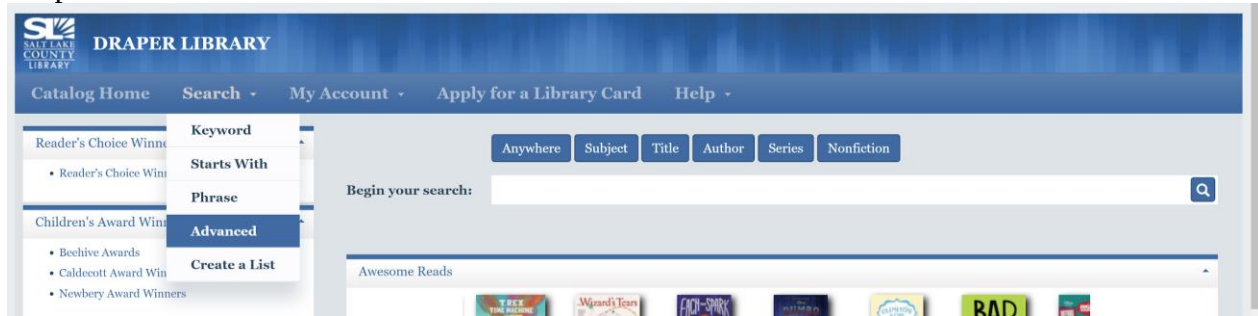


Logan -- Location

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Appendix 3 (Learnability)

Draper -- Advanced Search



Logan -- Advanced Search

