DISCOVER@ Georgia Southern: Step-By-Step

What is DISCOVER@ Georgia Southern? go to http://library.georgiasouthern.edu/discover for more information

Practice using Discover to find different kinds of materials relating to your topic:

- At the Discover search screen, type a keyword or your general topic (e.g. culture or society or kinship) in the search box.

- Look at how many results (or “matches”) you got!

- To reduce the number of matches, and focus your results on a more specific subject area or sub-topic, you can use limiters on the left hand side of the screen.

- Notice the limits that you can see: put a check in the box (or enter dates) for each limit you want to apply
  - Available in Library Collection (at Henderson Library or Lane Library)
  - Online (full-text) Only
  - Scholarly/peer-reviewed
  - Date range (Publication Date)

- Another way to limit your search results even further is to enter more key words in the box at the top of the search screen or change the date range of items to be retrieved (Advanced Search makes this even easier).

- In the Advanced Search, you can separate individual concepts with AND, OR, or NOT; this may improve your search results. Note that you can also search for articles in a specific discipline and/or journal. Remember: you’re just looking for the best “matches” for the words you type in.

- Also refer to your syllabus, assignment or other readings for terminology you can use as search words.

- Now, let's see if the library has books on your topic:
  - Scroll down and put a check in the box marked: Books (under RESOURCE TYPE).
  - Note: if you know the title of a specific book, try searching in the GIL-Find catalog instead.
  - After the auto-update, how many items do you see? [TIP: if you know the name of a specific book, use the Books+ tab on the library’s home page to search the library’s catalog directly]

- When viewing a set of results, click the Share button (upper right) for saving or exporting a record or groups of records (Be sure to log in first!). Once you are viewing an individual item, notice the icons on the right-hand side of the screen that allow you to print/email/save/cite/export. Emailing articles to yourself is a great way to back them up!