DISCOVER @ Georgia Southern: Step-By-Step

What is DISCOVER @ Georgia Southern?
A way to search the Georgia Southern Libraries’ online catalog and most of the GALILEO databases, all with a single search!  
http://library.georgiasouthern.edu

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. society or culture) 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 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. Remember: you’re ‘fishing’ for the best “matches” so you need to use the right ‘bait’!

▲ 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:
  ○ on the left-hand side of the screen, uncheck the box ‘scholarly/peer-reviewed’ [notice what happens to the number of results...];
  ○ scroll down and put a check in the box marked: Books (under RESOURCE TYPE)
  ○ after the auto-update, how many items do you see? [TIP: if you know the name of a specific book, the most direct way is to search in GIL-Find (the Libraries’ online catalog) on our homepage, http://library.georgiasouthern.edu ]

▲ 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; or when looking at a set of results, use the Share button (upper right) for saving or exporting groups of results (Be sure to log in first!)

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