

Subject access in online information services
for humanities: the case of LGBTQ+ fiction

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Subject searching today

From promise to reality



The promise of digital

- Everything we need is just a click away
- Talking
- Gazing



Siri does more than ever.
Even before you ask.



Reality: search results too few, too many, too fuzzy

LIBRIS HJÄLP IN ENGLISH PL-HO ANPASSA MINA BIBLIOTEK REN

Start Utökad sökning Bläddra ämnesvis Index A-Ö Boolesk Deldatabaser

tiktok and youth cultures Mina bibliotek

Menade du: [viktord and youth cultures](#) ?

Tips Booleska operatörer måste skrivas med VERSALER

Sökning: tiktok and youth cultures

Din sökning gav noll träffar

Några sök tips:

- Försök med andra sökord.
- Försök med mer allmänna sökord.
- Har du skrivit in många sökord, prova med färre. Är du t.ex. osäker på titeln, prova att skriva bara ett par ord ur titeln.
- Det räcker att fylla i ett av sökfälten (t.ex. titel eller författare).

Skicka din sökning till

OneSearch

macedonia

Alla materialtyper som innehåller mina

0 valda **SIDA 1** 1-10 av 70 263 Träffar

Subject ^

- Science & Technology (7,246)
- Life Sciences & Biomedicine (4,325)
- Macedonia (4,133)
- Technology (2,418)
- Social Sciences (2,341)
- Analysis (2,276)
- Medicine (2,219)
- Physical Sciences (2,128)
- Political Parties (1,641)
- Europe (1,595)
- Engineering (1,476)
- Elections (1,414)
- Greece (1,405)
- Humans (1,382)
- Prime Ministers (1,187)
- Ambassadors (1,078)
- Foreign Ministers (950)
- Political Aspects (950)
- Statistics (901)
- Chemistry (889)

Google

tiktok and youth cultures



[All](#) [Images](#) [Videos](#) [News](#) [Shopping](#) [More](#) [Tools](#)

About 14 000 000 results (0,51 seconds)

Scholarly articles for tiktok and youth cultures

- ... : Digital dance cultures from Dubsmash to TikTok - Boffone - Cited by 7
- Research perspectives on TikTok and its legacy apps: ... - Zeng - Cited by 3
- BookTok 101: TikTok, digital literacies, and out-of- ... - Jerasa - Cited by 4

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Online subject searching

- Common but **challenging**
 1. Formulating search queries with insufficient knowledge of the subject matter
 2. Insufficient knowledge of information searching
 3. Semantic ambiguities inherent to natural language
 - Polysemy (→ retrieval of irrelevant results, too many results to review manually)
 - Homonymy (→ false positives)
 - Synonymy (→ placing the burden on the searcher to include all possible synonyms)

→ **Need for assigned indexing from controlled vocabularies**



Controlled vocabularies help subject searching

- Subject headings systems, thesauri and classification systems to help the user:
 1. Select a **more specific concept** to increase precision
 2. Select a **broader concept or related concepts** to increase recall
 3. **Disambiguate** between homonyms
 4. Discover which term is best used to name a concept
- 5. Also, **hierarchical** browsing of classification schemes and other systems with hierarchical structures could help the user:
 - Improve their understanding of their information needs
 - Formulate their queries more accurately



Example 1: Google disambiguation

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About 293 000 000 results (0,77 seconds)

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<https://www.jaguar.com/market-selector.html>

Discover the different language sites we have to make browsing our vehicle range's easier. We have over 100 different language options available. Learn more.

[Jaguar Cars: Luxury saloons, sports cars & performance SUV](#)

<https://www.jaguar.com/index.html>

The official website of Jaguar. Discover the Art of Performance with our range of vehicles from the XF, XJ, XE, F-Type and, our luxury SUV, the F-PACE.

[Jaguar | THE ART OF PERFORMANCE | Jaguar Sverige](#)

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Jaguar har alltid ansett att en bil är det närmaste man kan komma att skapa något levande. Utforska våra lyxmödel, XF, XJ, XE, F-TYPE och nya F-PACE.

Top stories



Jaguar XF 3.0 V6 diesel – long-term test: still a viable alternative to Audi, BMW and...

Telegraph.co.uk
1 day ago



Best electric cars 2018 - Jaguar I-PACE, Hyundai Ioniq Plug-in and more

Express.co.uk
19 hours ago

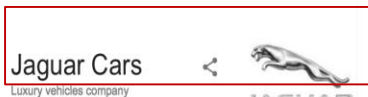


Starehe MP Jaguar revives tiff with Embakasi's Babu as House resumes

The Star, Kenya
13 hours ago

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Images for jaguar



Jaguar is the luxury vehicle brand of Jaguar Land Rover, a British multinational car manufacturer with its headquarters in Whitley, Coventry, England and owned by the Indian company Tata Motors since 2008. Wikipedia

Headquarters: Coventry, United Kingdom

CEO: Ralf Speth (Feb 18, 2010–)

Founded: September 4, 1922, Blackpool, United Kingdom

Parent organizations: Ford Motor Company, British Leyland, MORE

Founders: William Walmsley, William Lyons

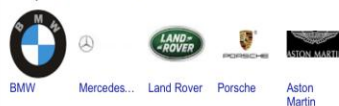
Subsidiaries: Sunbeam Commercial Vehicles, MORE

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Disambiguit

Feedback

See results about

Jaguar (Animal)

Scientific name: Panthera onca

Conservation status: Near Threatened (Population decr...)



Jaguar Cars

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Jaguar (/ˈdʒæɡjuːr/, /ˈdʒæɡwɔːr/) is the luxury vehicle brand of Jaguar Land Rover,^{[2][1]} a British multinational car manufacturer with its headquarters in Whitley, Coventry, England and owned by the Indian company Tata Motors since 2008.^[3]

Jaguar's business was founded as the Swallow Sidecar Company in 1922, originally making motorcycle sidecars before developing bodies for passenger cars. Under the ownership of S. S. Cars Limited the business extended to complete cars made in association with Standard Motor Co, many bearing *Jaguar* as a model name. The company's name was changed from S. S. Cars to Jaguar Cars in 1945. A merger with the British Motor Corporation followed in 1966,^[4] the resulting enlarged company now being renamed as British Motor Holdings (BMH), which in 1968 merged with Leyland Motor Corporation and became British Leyland, itself to be nationalised in 1975.

Jaguar (marque)

Product type: Cars
Owner: Jaguar Land Rover (since 2013)^[1]
Produced by: Jaguar Land Rover

Jaguar

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For the car manufacturer, see Jaguar Cars. For other uses, see Jaguar (disambiguation).

The **jaguar** (*Panthera onca*), also known in South America as **painted onça**, is a wild cat species and the only extant member of the genus *Panthera* native to the Americas. The jaguar's present range extends from Southwestern United States and Mexico across much of Central America and south to Paraguay and northern Argentina. Though there are single cats now living within the western United States, the species has largely been extirpated from the United States since the early 20th century. It is listed as Near Threatened on the IUCN Red List; and its numbers are declining. Threats include loss and fragmentation of habitat.^[1]

The jaguar is the largest cat species in the Americas and the third-largest after the tiger and the lion. This spotted cat closely resembles the leopard, but is usually larger and sturdier. It ranges across a variety of forested and open terrains, but its preferred habitat is tropical and subtropical moist broadleaf forest, swamps and wooded regions. The jaguar enjoys swimming and is largely a solitary, opportunistic, stalk-and-ambush predator at the top of the food chain. As a keystone species it plays an important role in stabilizing ecosystems and regulating prey populations.

The jaguar has an exceptionally powerful bite, even relative to the other big cats.^[2] This allows it to pierce the shells of armored reptiles^[3] and to employ an unusual killing method: it bites directly through the skull of prey between the ears to deliver a fatal bite to the brain.^[4]

While international trade in jaguar or its body parts is prohibited, the cat is still frequently killed, particularly in conflicts with ranchers and farmers in South America. Although reduced, its range remains large. Given its historical distribution, the jaguar has featured prominently in the mythology of numerous indigenous American cultures, including those of the Maya and Aztec.

Jaguar
Temporal range: 0.5–0 Ma

Middle Pleistocene – Recent

Male South American jaguar at Three Brothers River, São Paulo state, Brazil



Example 2: E-Bay



Shop by category

guitar

Guitars & Basses

Related: [electric guitar](#) [acoustic guitar](#) [acoustic electric guitar](#) [bass guitar](#) [guitar amp](#) [used guitar](#) [vintage guitar](#) [classical guitar](#) [guitar fender](#)

Category

All

[Musical Instruments & Gear](#)

Guitars & Basses

[Parts & Accessories](#)

[Electric Guitars](#)

[Acoustic Guitars](#)

[Guitar Building & Luthier Supplies](#)

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Accepts Offers

Auction

Buy It Now

Condition

Shipping

Best Match

810,000+ results for guitar

[Save this search](#)

Shipping to: [Sweden](#)

Price

Under 937.00 SEK

937.00 SEK to 2,959.00 SEK

Over 2,959.00 SEK

Brand

Fender

Gibson

Ibanez

Epiphone



Monoprice Indio Cali Classic Electric Guitar - Blue Burst, With Gig Bag

Brand New

★★★★★ 16 product ratings

887.75 SEK

List price: ~~1,085.05 SEK~~ 18% off

Buy It Now

+660.85 SEK shipping estimate from United States

Customs services and international tracking provided

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Discovery services

- Subject access in Swedish discovery services is way under optimal
 - In spite the fact that individual collections have been indexed with controlled vocabularies (Golub 2018)
 - Throughout the world, discovery services are criticized for
 - Lack of transparency on the processes behind the scenes
 - Lack of mappings between metadata elements and values thereof
 - Overwhelming number of results
 - Post-search facets are complex and confusing
- Providing widened search in loosely-controlled discovery services as opposed to traditional library catalogues or individual databases of journal articles is not necessarily an advantage
- May work for know-item searching, but not for subject searching



Scopus

Scopus offers the broadest, most integrated coverage of peer-reviewed literature and quality web sources across the sciences, technology, medicine (STM), as well as social sciences and arts & humanities (A&H).

- **Basic** search: keywords (Help: both author and indexed keywords)
- **Advanced** search: author keywords (“AUTHKEY”), indexed keywords (“INDEXTERMS”), or both (“KEY”); field code ‘SUBJAREA’ allows narrowing the search down based on broad fields, such as Arts and Humanities
- Scopus’ indexing policy: “team of professional indexers... **manually add index terms for 80%** of the titles included in Scopus”
 - **But no controlled vocabularies for arts and humanities**

Ei Thesaurus (Engineering Information Thesaurus), for engineering, technology, physical sciences;
Emtree medical terms (EMBASE thesaurus – Excerpta Medica dataBASE) and MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) for life sciences and health sciences;
GEOBASE Subject Index for geology, geography, earth and environmental sciences
Regional Index for geology, geography, earth and environmental sciences;
Species Index for biology and life sciences;
FLX terms and WTA terms for fluid sciences and textile sciences (ibid.).



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Searching for LGBTQ+ fiction



Queerlit project (2021-2023)

- Fiction: language that is often intentionally indirect and metaphorical, themes and concepts may be abstract rather than explicit
 - Exacerbated in lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQ+) fiction (due to stigma)
- A dedicated **database** with an **advanced search** interface and an information retrieval **thesaurus** to support the subject searching of Swedish LGBTQ+ fiction
 - <https://www.gu.se/en/research/queerlit-database>
- For the **researcher** and the **general public**



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QUEERLIT data base

Research project

Active research

Project size
6 723 000

Project period
2021 - 2023

Project owner
Department of Literature,
History of Ideas, and Religion

Research partners
Centre for Digital Humanities
(CDH) →
KvinnSam - National Resource
Library for Gender Studies →
National Library of Sweden →

Financier
Riksbankens jubileumsfond



Fiction indexing

- Usually limited to genre, complemented with facets of time and place
- Users' complex information needs often cover “a combination of different aspects, such as specific genres or plot elements, engagement or novelty” (Bogers and Petras, 2017)
 - Not addressed well by widely used controlled vocabularies
 - Need to address more subjective aspects of literary fiction known as “appeal characteristics” (Saricks and Wyatt, 2019)
 - *Pacing, characterization, storyline, frame/setting, tone, and language/style*
- Complementary approaches: social tagging (Rafferty 2018)

LibraryThing tag cloud
with 25 tags for “*Pride and
Prejudice*”

19th century 19th century literature Austen British British literature **classic**
Classic Literature **classics** **England** English English literature family historical
historical fiction humor **Jane Austen** **literature** love marriage Mr. Darcy regency
romance sisters Victorian women

Swedish LGBTQ+ fiction indexing

- LGBTQ+ literary fiction is too sparingly thematically described
 - **SAO LGBTQ+ terms are lacking in specificity**
- SAO: 40,000 terms
 - Rather few and general LGBTQ+
 - **Fiction records: 3.7 terms** per work on average
- Children's Subject Heading List
 - Also rather few and general: “asexuality,” “bisexuality,” “homosexuality,” “homosexual parents,” “non-binary,” “coming out,” “queer,” “rainbow families,” “transgender persons”



Some works don't get subject headings

Habers sista dagar : [roman] / Staffan Beckman.

☰ Beckman, Staffan, 1934– (author)

See also: [Beckman, Alice Staffan Lidforss, A.-M. 1934–, 1934–](#)

ISBN 9173840297

Published: Göteborg : Proletärkultur, 1983

Manufactured: Göteborg : HS–offset

Swedish 128 s.



▼ Subject headings

*First Swedish novel
about being transgender,
written by a transgender
author in 1983*



Alice Staffan Beckman 2018.

Classification

839.73 (DDC)

Hc.01 (kssb/5)

Hc.0 Särskilda skönlitterära genrer | ➕ 114417 träffar

Hc.01 Romaner och noveller | ➕ 76908 träffar

DDK:s huvudklasser

DDK-nummer	Rubrik	Resultat i denna klass
	DDK:s huvudklasser	
800	Litteratur	0
810-890	Litteraturer på särskilda språk och från särskilda språkfamiljer	16
830	Tyska & besläktade litteraturer	3
839	Övriga germanska litteraturer	183
839.6-839.8	Särskilda nordiska litteraturer	20712
839.7	Svensk litteratur	19025
839.73	Svenska romaner och noveller	61571

Queerlit thesaurus

- Selected terms from Homosaurus translated to Swedish
 - Of the **1186** Homosaurus terms in 2021, selected those that had been used to index at least one work of fiction in databases using Homosaurus
 - Further **adapted for** works of **fiction**
 - Further adapted to reflect the Scandinavian context
 - Adding terms for the indigenous **Sami** people
 - Adjusting judicial terms to reflect **Swedish legislation**
 - Adding terms suggested by **end-users** in the project’s workshops
 - Adding common symbolic concepts in queer fiction such as “rainbows” (in picture books)
 - **822** terms of which 67 are unique to Queerlit, while the remaining 755 have exact or close matches in the Homosaurus



Example: term “Bisexuals”

SAO: <https://id.kb.se/term/sao/Bisexuella>

Preferred label: Bisexuals

Broader: LGBTQ people – SAO

Narrower: Bisexual parents – SAO

Bisexual women – SAO

Bisexual men – SAO

Coming out process - SAO

Related: Bisexuality – SAO

Close match: Bisexuals – LCSH

QLIT:

Preferred label: Bisexuals

Broader: LGBTQ+ people

Narrower: Bisexual children, Bisexual parents, Bisexual women, Bisexual men, Bisexual couples, Newly out bisexuals, Bisexuals in prostitution, Young bisexuals, Older bisexuals

Related: Allosexuality, Persecution of bisexuals, Parents of bisexuals, Biphobia, Partners of bisexuals, Pansexuals, Bisexual communities, Bisexuality, Bisexual families

Scope note: Used for portraits of people with the ability to feel sexual and romantic attraction to people regardless of their sex or gender.

Nästan i mål : en komisk transition / Olivia Skoglund.

Skoglund, Olivia, 1994– (author, illustrator)

ISBN 9789177751106

Published: Stockholm : Galago, [2020]

Manufactured: 2020

Swedish 111 sidor



Nästan i mål

FÖRFATTARE
Olivia Skoglund

TYP

UTGIVNINGÅR
2020

ÄMNESORD

bröst	censur	dejtingsidor	polistrakasserier	dragqueens	bögar	homofobi
Hormonbehandling (kön)	Hårborttagning	Id-kort	Namnändring	Juridiskt namn	Komma ut	
Könsbekräftande behandling	Könsdysfori	Könsidentitet	Könsorgan	Könsroller	Misogyni	
Passera (kön)	Sexuella trakasserier	Transbarn	Transitionering	Transkvinnor		
Unga transpersoner	Homofobi					

► Abstract ▼ Subject headings

Subject headings

Transpersoner (sao)

Könskorrigering (sao)

Könsidentitet (sao)

Transgender people (LCSH)

Gender identity (LCSH)

Sex change (LCSH)

Genre

Tecknade serier (saogf)

Självbiografiska skildringar (saogf)

Humoristiska skildringar (saogf)

Index term and SAB caption

Hci Tecknade serier

Classification

741.59485 (DDC)

Hci (kssb/8)

“Breasts”, “Censorship”, “Dating websites”, “Police harassment”, “Drag queens”, “Gay men”, “Homophobia”, “Hormone therapy”, “Hair removal”, “Social security cards, ”, “Legal name change”, “Legal name”, “Coming out”, “Gender affirming surgery”, “Gender dysphoria”, “Gender identity”, “Genitals”, “Gender roles”, “Misogyny”, “Passing (Gender)”, “Sexual Harassment”, “Trans children”, “Transitioning (gender)”, “Trans women”, “Transgender youth”, “Homophobia”.

- Most of these also have equivalent English terms in Homosaurus



Involving end users

- Advisory Board
- Pride festivals around Sweden
- Web-based questionnaires
 - End users
 - Librarians



Reasons for search failures...

Too few books with LGBTQ+ keywords:

- “Books with LGBTQ+ themes *that I know of don't get retrieved*”
- “Few identified LGBTQ+ works in library catalog, *unless the main theme obvious from title or review*, it won't be classified as such”
- “*Older literature* and non-Swedish literature can be difficult to identify”

Too shallow indexing:

- “*Subtler themes or supporting characters* are not indexed”
- “I tried to find fiction about lesbian / queer divorces and did not find a good search, the same with queer literature where friendship is in focus, and about queer families with *a different type of narrative than the usual 'have children' or 'be rainbow family / star family'* [star family is a word play of the Swedish term for nuclear family, where the star family in comparison is a family with step parents, step siblings or other family members] in a heteronormative environment”.



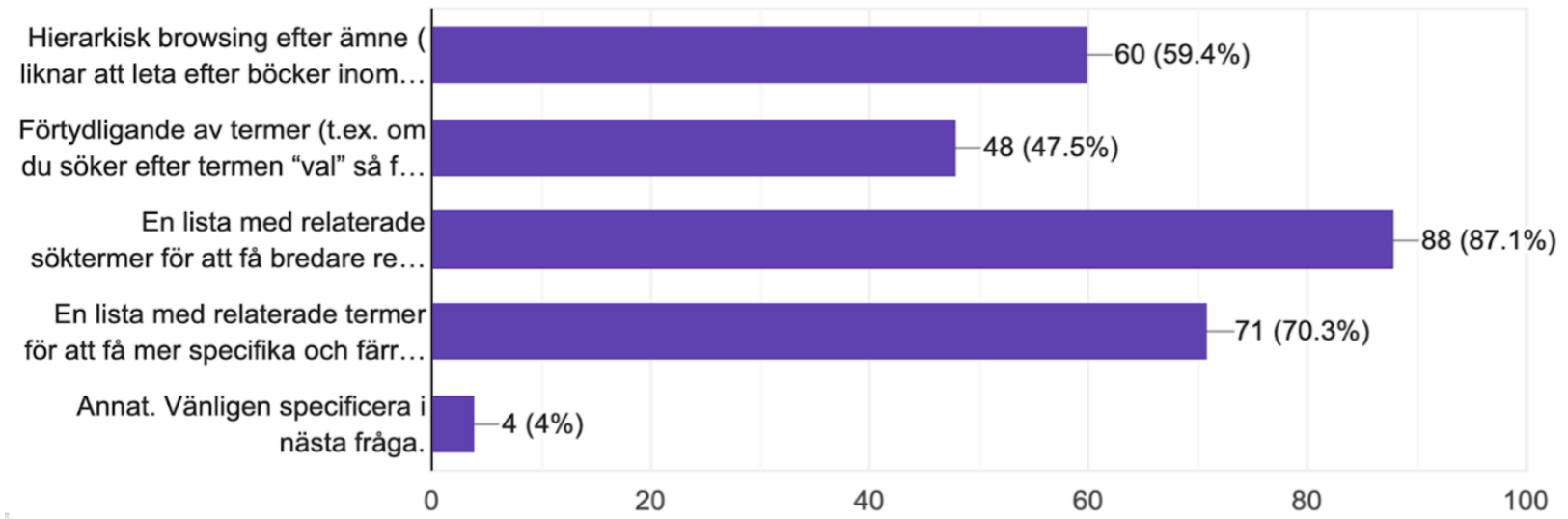
...Reasons for search failures

- **Too general LGBTQ+ index terms:**
 - “Too general subject keywords (LGBTQ+) and especially no more unusual subjects like poly, asexuality, intersex”
 - “Little help from LGBTQ+ tags – LGBTQ+ tags don't tell me anything. If I want *a romance between queer women*, a search for *LGBTQ+* or queer or romance will usually give me results with for example *gay men*”.



Desired search functionalities

- Broader / related search terms for broader results 87%
- Narrower terms for more specific results 70%
- Browsing by hierarchically arranged subjects 60%
- Word-sense disambiguation 48%



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Search functionalities

Based on literature review discussed by [Golub \(2003, 2018\)](#),
Golub et al. 2021



1. **Browsing** by subject access points (from controlled vocabularies)
 - Hierarchical and/or alphabetic
2. Browsing by **facets, aspects and individual concepts** from controlled vocabularies, such as individual terms from subject headings, as well as captions and notations representing individual concepts from synthesized classmarks (e.g, in Universal Decimal Classification)
3. **Searching** by subject access points
4. Searching by any combination of individual concepts and facets (as above)
5. Searching by **major and minor themes** represented by controlled vocabularies, if supported by the indexing policy
6. Presenting and browsing excerpts of concept hierarchies (e.g., a classification scheme, a thesaurus), matching words and phrases from search terms, to help with disambiguation, narrow, broader and related term searching



7. Auto-completing search terms once the user begins typing.
8. **Auto-suggesting of authorized controlled versions** of entered search terms, presenting all the relationships and allowing further choice on browsing or searching the controlled vocabularies.
9. Suggesting corrected versions of mistypes.

10. Searching by words from various metadata elements and full-text.
11. Combining controlled subject searching with searching by other bibliographic fields.
12. Highlighting search terms in retrieved metadata and resources.

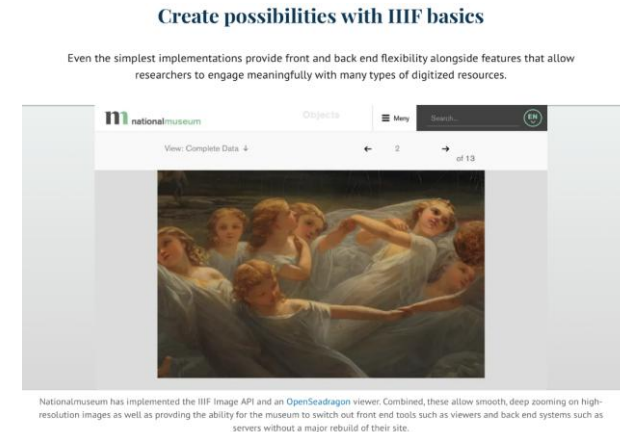
13. Advanced searching by Boolean and proximity operators, truncation, wildcard.
14. Linking each subject access point to its resources.
15. **Linking subject access points from one controlled vocabulary to corresponding concepts in others.**



16. Combining previous search formulations
17. Adding, browsing and searching end-user tags
18. Help on searching

Image-related functionalities:

19. Searching by image related features -- e.g., retrieve only records with an image or certain image size
20. Searching by Content-Based Image Retrieval (CBIR) methods (e.g., query by example image)
21. Features related to implementation of the International Image Interoperability Framework (IIIF) open standards for enhanced user experience concerned with interoperability and user experience (e.g., deep zoom viewing, comparing, manipulating and annotating images)



Ateism (HBTQI)

Varianter: Ateister (HBTQI)

Används för skildringar av HBTQI-personer som är ateister. Används även för skildringar av andra ateisters förhållningssätt till HBTQI.

Badplatser (HBTQI)

Varianter: Badställen (HBTQI), Stränder (HBTQI)

Används för skildringar av badplatser där kopplingen till HBTQI har en framträdande betydelse.

Barn

Används för skildringar av personer som beskrivs som barn - i regel personer under 15 år.

— Göm undertermer

Flickor

Varianter: Tjejer

Sök på *Flickor*

Används för skildringar av personer som beskrivs som flickor - i regel personer under 15 år.

— Göm undertermer

Bisexuella flickor

Används för skildringar av flickor som beskrivs som bisexuella.

Heterosexuella flickor

Används för skildringar av heterosexuella flickor. Ämnesordet används för skildringar där identiteten som heterosexuell är i fokus.

Lesbiska flickor



Browsing by individual concepts from controlled terms



Searching on 'bisexuell' (bisexual) offers the user to choose from subject terms that contain that term. First row (in QLIT): 'mothers to bisexuals', 'young bisexuals', 'bisexual men' with more. Second row (in SAO): 'bisexual parents', 'bisexual women', 'bisexual men' with more.

Searching by synonyms

tjej × ?

ÄMNESORD (QLIT): ×

Flickor + Flickpojkar +

ALLMÄNA ÄMNESORD (SAO):

Flickböcker + Ungdomstidningar +

Flickor

Anvisning	Används för skildringar av personer som beskrivs som flickor - i regel personer under 15 år.
Varianter	Tjejer
Identifierare	https://queerlit.dh.gu.se/qlit/v1/nf67vq64

*Searching by synonyms (top) and the corresponding thesaurus term entry (below).
The latter comprises preferred term (flickor – girls) and lists synonymous non-preferred term (tjejer – girls).*



Scope notes for indexing consistency

Andlighet (HBTQI)

Varianter: Spiritualitet (HBTQI)

Används för skildringar av HBTQI-personers erfarenheter av eller sökande efter översinnliga upplevelser.

Asexuella

Varianter: Aces

Används för skildringar av personer som beskrivs som asexuella och har förmågan att inte känna sexuell attraktion.

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QLIT: An excerpt of alphabetically listed descriptors, each accompanied by a scope note.



Major and minor themes

Sodomsäpplet

FÖRFATTARE

Författare: Bengt Martin (1933-2010)

UTGIVNINGÅR

1968

ÄMNESORD

Unga bögar

Sexuell identitet

Förälskelse (HBTQI)

Mammor till bögar

Intolerans mot HBTQI-personer

Flickpojkar

Intergenerationella relationer

Begär (HBTQI)

Psykisk ohälsa

Sexuell myndighetsålder

Spegelsymbolik (HBTQI) - perifert

Skolan (HBTQI) - perifert

Förklaringsmodeller (HBTQI) - perifert

Själv mord (HBTQI) - perifert

Sexuella övergrepp (HBTQI) - perifert

Kläder - perifert

Homosexualitet

Sverige - Stockholm

Tonåringar

Mor-sonrelationer

1940-talet

Representation of major (bigger font, dark orange) and minor themes (smaller font, light orange) for work titled “Sodomsäpplet” by Bengt Martin



Linking subject access points from one controlled vocabulary to corresponding concepts in others

MOTSVARAR

Barnämnesord: Transpersoner

Homosaurus: Transgender people

LCSH: Transgender people

SAO: Transpersoner

Mappings of QLIT descriptors to relevant controlled vocabularies for the term ‘transpersoner’ (<https://queerlit.dh.gu.se/qlit/v1/wj27lv47>). The term has an exact match (‘motsvarar’) in Swedish Children’s Subject Headings (Barnämnesord), Homosaurus, LCSH and SAO.



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Concluding remarks

Problems with controlled vocabularies

- Slow to update
- Hard to change major structures (e.g., DDC)
- Bias
 - E.g., Vietnam War introduced to LCSH only in 2006, until then Vietnamese War
 - Western bias...



The Library of Congress > [Linked Data Service](#) > [LC Subject Headings \(LCSH\)](#)

Vietnam War, 1961-1975

URI(s)

- <http://id.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh85143277>
- <info:lc/authorities/sh85143277>
- <http://id.loc.gov/authorities/sh85143277#concept>

Instance Of

- [MADS/RDF Topic](#)
- [MADS/RDF Authority](#)
- [SKOS Concept](#)

Scheme Membership(s)

- [Library of Congress Subject Headings](#)

Earlier Established Forms

- Vietnamese Conflict, 1961-1975

Sources

- found: Encyc. Britannica(Vietnam War)
- found: Encyc. Americana(Vietnam War)
- found: Academic American Encyc.(Vietnam War)
- found: World Book Encyc.(Vietnam War)
- found: LC database, Feb. 6, 2006(Vietnam War; Vietnam Conflict; Vietnam War)

LC Classification

- DS557-DS559.9

Change Notes

- 2006-02-06: new
- 2006-04-14: revised

Complementary approaches

- Collaborative tagging by end users
 - Question of motivation
 - Good to use controlled vocabularies
- Automatic methods
 - Do not work well beyond text
 - May not work as well on humanities resources
 - E.g., identifying LGBTQ themes in fiction
 - Even for text, huge evaluation problems

Concluding remarks

- Calling for a future in which **(D)H and KO research is even more interdisciplinary, cutting across KO, IR, HCI, IB** and other related fields and disciplines
- International action (IFLA, ISKO...?) with DH partnerships (ADHO, EADH, DARIAH...?)
- **The time is now – let's seize the opportunity**



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Thank you for listening!

- Questions?
- Suggestions?



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