

Title: Too many, too few, or not relevant results. Now what?

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Pile of Books	Have you found yourself in this situation before? You've got a great idea for a topic, but once you start looking for books, you just aren't satisfied with your results.
Catalog search screen – too many	You may find too many titles
Catalog search screen – too few	not enough titles
Catalog search screen – not relevant	or titles that just aren't relevant
Catalog search box	No matter which of these scenarios you encounter, the solution is always the same. You need to locate the correct subject heading. More than likely, you started your search by typing a word or string of words in the catalog search box. When searching for items on a topic, you have the option to search by keyword or subject. If you aren't sure of the correct subject heading, use a keyword search initially.
Results w/ highlighted keyword	A keyword search looks for your search terms anywhere they appear in the text of the entry. Keyword searches are useful for searching on new terminology and jargon. They are also good for identifying portions of information which are relevant, but are not the focus of the whole work.
Search results	This search returned 52 results. Assess your results for quantity, quality, and relevance.
Specific title	Let's look at one of the results that looks relevant.
Catalog Record tab	Select the Catalog Record tab and scroll down to the bottom of the record to see the subject terms that have been assigned to the book. Clicking on the link performs a subject search for that term.
New Results screen	Subject searches are useful because they find information relevant to a topic, regardless of the terminology used in the entry.