

Exploration Through Serendipitous Discovery

Ex Libris Data-Driven Exploration Services



Discovery is not just about searching. Users have multiple needs: some may be looking for specific, known items, others require a broad selection of material, and some researchers may need the latest content on a very particular topic.

While most discovery tools stop at finding items based on a search, it is essential to provide users with smart exploration tools that enhance knowledge, provide an opportunity for fresh encounters with information, and spark new research directions.

Creating an enhanced discovery experience



Powerful research paths

Give patrons a taste of other directions for their research



Recommendations & references

Deliver relevant recommendations and information within the initial results list



Richer learning experience

Provide intuitive ways for users to discover relevant content

Big data analytics and local expertise for smart exploration tools

By consolidating, matching, and correlating data from multiple sources, we can expose relationships between resources and pinpoint relevant materials. Such data points and sources include:



Metadata and full text



Search logs



Selection & usage patterns



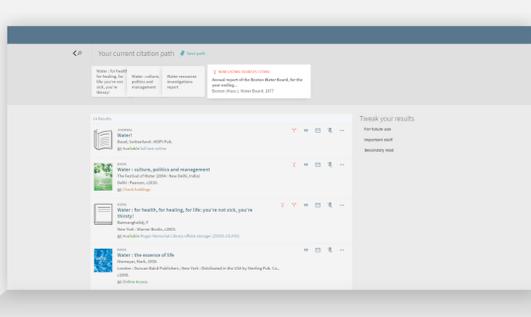
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Library expertise

Embedding Exploration into Discovery

These tools are already available for users to extend their research and discover related resources:

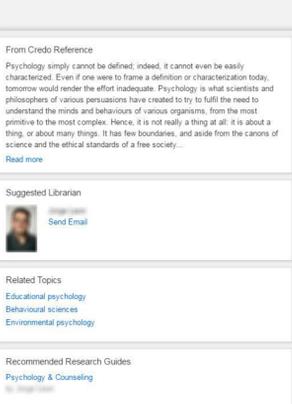
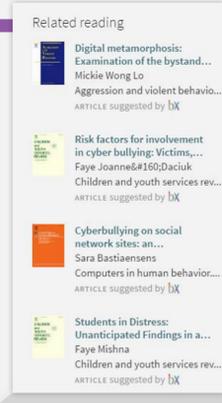


Citation Trail

Explore a topic and collect related materials by following a chain of articles that cite each other.

bX Article Recommender

View articles that are related to an article of interest and navigate onward to additional sets of related articles, based on anonymous usage data from millions of users around the world.

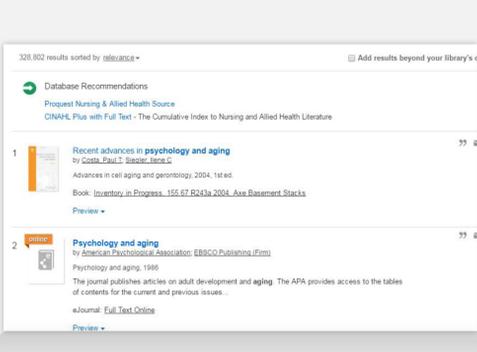
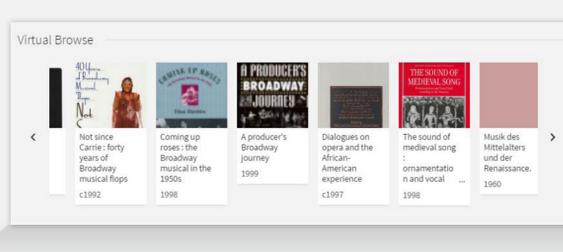


Topic Explorer

Explore topics and material about them by browsing through a topic exploration trail.

Virtual Browse

Navigate stacks, as if you are exploring the physical bookshelves themselves, starting with one item of interest and browsing its vicinity.



Database and Resource Recommender

Discover other resources, such as library topic pages, topic experts, or specialized tools and databases.

Exploration is a fundamental part of the Ex Libris discovery approach. Let your patrons enjoy the benefits of discovery without boundaries and expand their learning and research experience.

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