

PRAIRIECAT

Training | Vega Discover

Guided Activity: Searching in Vega Discover

Questions in the activity are for library staff use only. You do not have to submit answers to PrairieCat. Try out the new catalog here: <https://prcat.na2.iivega.com/> This site is for library use only, do not share this with the public. This is a "live" site so pulling data from Sierra.

Search for a Specific Title

1. Open Vega Discover <https://prcat.na2.iivega.com/>
2. Think of the title of a book or movie to search for. Type the title into the search bar. Notice the predictive text.
3. Hit Enter on your keyboard or select the magnifying glass to launch the search.

Finding a Call Number

1. Locate the title in the search results.
2. What format(s) are listed in the resource record roll-up?
3. Select an available location from the Search Results page.
4. Note the call number and the option select **Place Hold** from the Location Drawer.

Viewing a Resource Record

1. Select the title of the resource to open the detailed record.
2. Expand the **Edition Information** for one of the formats.
3. How many different bibliographic records are listed under the edition information for that format?
4. Select the down arrow next to a specific bibliographic record to view a list of libraries who own copies.
5. Does your library own a copy?
6. Go back to the search results list.

Search for a Topic

1. Begin a new search. This time, search for a concept rather than a specific title. Example topics include: marathon running, income taxes, vegan cooking, mindfulness.
2. Hit Enter on your keyboard or Select the magnifying glass to launch the search.
3. How many results did your search retrieve?
4. Refine your results. Select a Format from the list on the left. Select **Apply** to filter your results.
5. How many results are there now?
6. Apply one more filter. Select a library from the list of locations and Select **Apply**.
7. After applying these two filters, how many results are you left with?
8. Select **Reset filters** to remove filters from your search.

Linking to Related Resources

1. Select a resource from the list of results to view the detailed record.
2. Scroll down to the **Topics** section. How many topics are linked to this resource?
3. If the resource is linked to multiple topics, Select **See all topics**.
4. Select a topic to view.
5. How many resources are linked to that topic?