

## Book Search – Search Indexes

Book Search is a tool almost everyone uses. But if you're only searching on title, author, and subject, you're missing some options to find good titles for your patrons. Take a look at the indexes available to you in the combo boxes, and experiment to see what they bring up. You may find “just the thing!” Here are some relatively common search indexes, and what you can search for using them.

<b>Annotation</b>	<p>The description of the book, stored in the 520 marc tag, along with other notes about the book, including the contents note (505) and audience notes (521).</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Keyword          LOOK FOR: Character names, other nouns and situations.          EXAMPLES: trains, orphans, civil war          SPECIAL SEARCH: use quotes to keep words together, such as “civil war”</p>
<b>Author</b>	<p>Who was responsible for the book, including the 100 tag, and occasionally the 700, 710 and 711</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Begins          LOOK FOR: Author's last name</p>
<b>Book Number</b>	<p>The KLASID of the book, stored in the 001</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Begins or Equals</p>
<b>Genre-Form</b>	<p>A range of information stored in the 600, 630, 650 and 655 tags. This includes personal and corporate names, uniform title, subjects and genre.</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Keyword          LOOK FOR: genre – essays, biographies; form – diaries, journals</p>
<b>Keyword</b>	<p>A search index that includes author, title, subjects and annotations in one list.</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Keyword</p>
<b>LC Subject</b>	<p>The Library of Congress subjects. These are generally in the 650 and 655 tags, but other tags are included as well.</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Keyword          LOOK FOR: geographical areas, time periods, specific subjects that wouldn't be appropriate as a bookstore category          EXAMPLES: farm life, Indiana, serial killers,1850</p>

<b>Local subject</b>	<p>The subjects that have been applied to your titles in order to allow autoselect to choose books for your patrons. Think book store categories. Choose this if you don't want your search results to include those Library of Congress subject entries.</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Keyword</p>
<b>Narrator</b>	<p>The narrator of the work, stored in the 508 and 511 tags.</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Begins</p> <p>LOOK FOR: use the last name of the narrator, as you would search for an author.</p>
<b>Series</b>	<p>Series information stored in the 440, 490 and 800 tags.</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Keyword</p> <p>LOOK FOR: the name of the series, or potentially the author.</p> <p>EXAMPLE: [roberts garden] brings back three books by Nora Roberts in her "in the garden" trilogy</p>
<b>Subject</b>	<p>All of the subjects, including both the Library of Congress and your local subjects</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Keyword</p>
<b>Subject Code</b>	<p>Local subjects only, indexed by the subject code.</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Begins/Equals</p> <p>EXAMPLE: SCF to make sure you get "science fiction" as opposed to fictional science books</p>
<b>Title</b>	<p>Title information stored in a number of tags, including the 245, 246, 740 and 505.</p> <p>BEST SEARCH TYPE: Keyword</p> <p>EXAMPLE: The contents note (505) allows you to search for short story titles using the Title index. Try searching "brokeback mountain"</p>