Locating Secondary Sources in the Berkeley Library Using Pathfinder

Instructions for finding books at the Berkeley Library, using Pathfinder the Library's catalog (pathfinder.berkeley.edu):

Basic Pathfinder Research Sequence:

1. *Start with a title keyword search.*
2. *If you don't get anything, or not enough, try broader word/s or remove some words.*
3. *If you get too many results, ro results that are too general, add more words or more specific words and search again.*
4. *If you still don't get anything, try the same words in a subject keyword search*
5. *When you get a citation that looks relevant, check the exact subject headings, and try searching them.*

Start with a *title keyword search*, using the the most significant words from your thesis statement or question

- ♦ If you find some titles that seem relevant clicking on the title itself and look at the long version of the citation in order to:
- ♦ note the subject headings that seem relevant
- ♦ search again, using one or more of the subject headings.

Example: What were the motivating factors for school desegregation in New Orleans?

1. Search title keywords school desegregation new orleans = 0 results.
2. Remove the word desegregation and redo the title keyword search: school* new orleans (the * tells the computer to find both school and schools). = 13 results.
3. Look at this citation The second battle of New Orleans : the hundred-year struggle to integrate the schools / <1996>   Author: Baker, Liva.
4. Notice the subject headings:
   School integration -- Louisiana -- New Orleans -- History -- 20th century.
   African Americans -- Education -- Louisiana -- New Orleans -- History -- 20th century.
5. Do a subject keyword search using some or all of the terms in either line.

Modify your search in order to narrow down your results
- ♦ choose *modify* in the left column
- ♦ add a new subject keyword search term

Special subheadings you can add after any subject heading in a subject keyword search. Guaranteed to find **primary sources**:
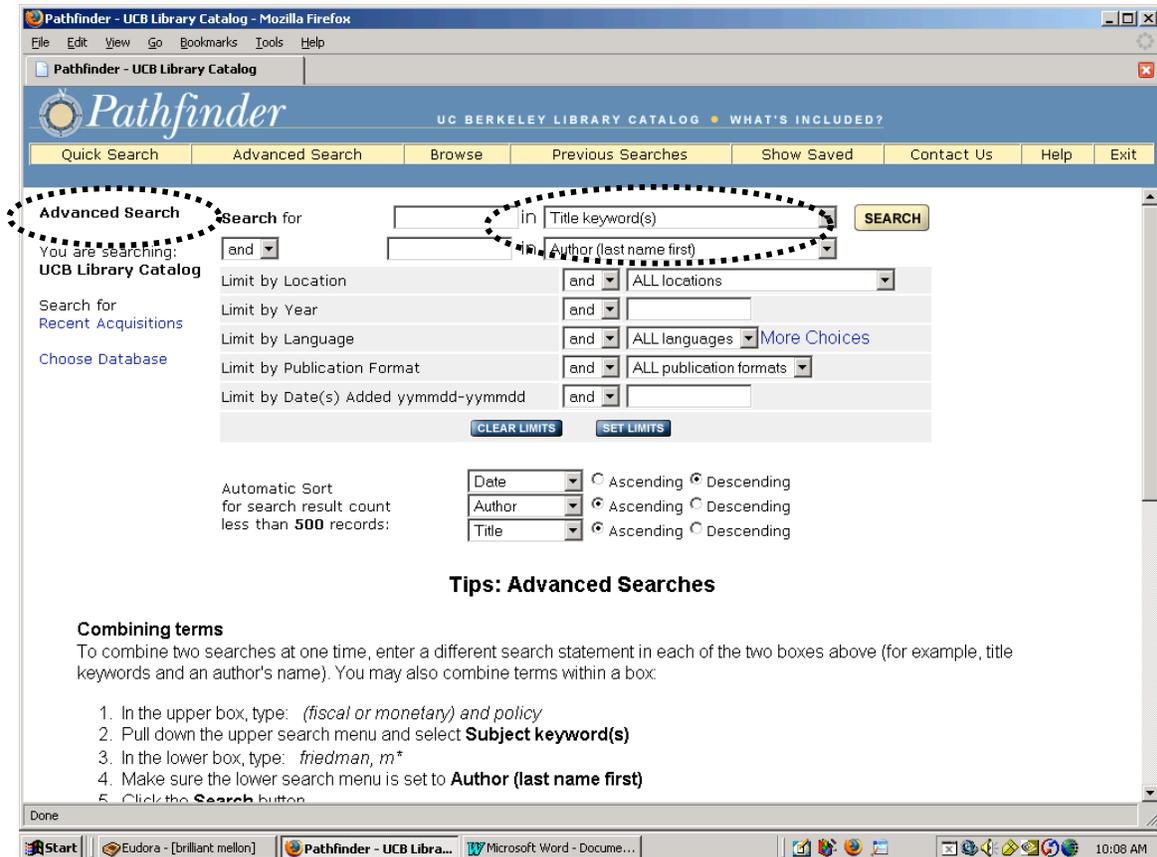> sources
> personal narratives
> correspondence
> pamphlets
> journals

Format subheadings in Pathfinder can often pull up primary sources:

Manuscripts
Pictures and graphics
Sound recordings

Find newspapers
- Do an advanced search
- Type the name of the city or country in the search box, e.g., New Orleans
- Choose ng: newspaper geographical index from the pull-down menu

Other Pathfinder features

Sort your search results (by date of publication, library location, call number, title, author…)
- click on *sort*
- select **location; ascending**
- select **call number; ascending**