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.
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