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## **King Library Makes Research Easier with *Cross Search***

SAN JOSE, CA — Would you like your search for information at the library to be more efficient? Are you unsure which of the databases to search? The King Library has created a new search feature that will help with these research concerns. *Cross Search* has been launched on the [www.sjlibrary.org](http://www.sjlibrary.org) web site to facilitate easy access to information across the library's databases.

*Cross Search* enables the researcher to send a search query to many databases at once, casting a wider net that can generate more results than searching in an individual database. The feature is accessible on the "SJSU Research Topics—Articles & Databases" pages of [www.sjlibrary.org](http://www.sjlibrary.org). The design of the search feature is simple and intuitive—making searching fast and easy. While the feature can be used for any search, it is especially effective to search within multiple databases when a research topic is obscure; *Cross Search* broadens search results significantly.

Within each of the "Research Topics" web pages, subject librarians have selected a list of databases that contain appropriate sources for their specific academic discipline. For example, from the "Library and Information Science" page, *Cross Search* casts a Title, Author, or Keyword search across *LISTA*, *Library Literature and Information Science Full Text*, *ABI/Inform Global*, *Emerald Full Text*, *Academic Search Premier* and *Google Scholar* simultaneously. The researcher has the option of searching within each of these sources or removing databases that they don't wish to utilize.

### **AN EXAMPLE of *Cross Search* use**

If a researcher needs information on strategic planning and academic libraries, one has several options with the *Cross Search* function. By default, *Cross Search* will query all the databases listed on the Library and Information Science *Cross Search* page. Alternatively individual databases can be excluded from the search to limit a foreseeably large set of results. Once the search is sent, the user will get a list of relevant articles that contain links to the databases. The search results provide links to full text articles when available or a "check for availability" link that points to the database in which the article is located. When articles are not available, the "check for availability" link will let the user know. Another excellent feature is the ability to "save records" and retrieve a list of saved records that one can either email or download to a text file.

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