CARL Conversations: April 1st, 2021

Topic: Item and Bib Searching in CALR-X and Connect

Question and Answer Session

1. Could we choose multiple locations within Modifiers to search for more than one branch so we can see who else has the title? Can we also do this for formats?

   Yes, within the Modifiers tab you can ctrl+click to select all the branches you want to search within the Branch Limits. This also works for wanting to select multiple formats as well. You would need to ctrl+click all the formats within the Format Limits.

2. Why are there titles other than "Goblet of Fire" also showing up in the search results? Are these Spanish translations or compilations?

   This search was a keyword search, so it was looking for "goblet of fire" anywhere in the bib record. Some of these results brought back titles that had an excerpt for Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire or listed Goblet of Fire as a sequel/prequel. Title word search works better in this instance; however, because titles are included in the additional titles field,results will still display if Goblet of Fire is listed as a sequel. Title searches will search for fields: 505 (contents field) and 245 (proper title), and 246 (alternate titles) and 7XX (additional titles).

3. Which search method would be the best to use to get the narrowest result from the beginning?

   If you know the title, Title Word will get you the most focused results. Also, if you have the ISBN or UPC, you can use those with Matcher will get you right to the item.

4. Is there a search for just the 245?

   No, not in CARLX. You could use Title Browse because then it will show right on top of your results. But unfortunately, with Title Browse, you can't use the modifiers.

5. How do you change the Key default in Item Information?

   You can change this by going to the Tools menu, Set Workstation Settings, Searching, Item Information: select the filed you would like to be your default. Click OK.

6. Is there a way to search by BID in CARL Connect?

   Yes! You can just type that into the BID field in Items, Item Lookup. Go to CARL Connect Staff, Items, Item Lookup, and "Enter Unique Bibliographic Identifier" field.

7. Doesn't each record in InfoSoup have the BID listed?

   Yes. The BID is at the bottom of the record and you'll want to use the piece of the number after the CARL 0000's.

8. Is there a way to search for a BID in InfoSoup?

Yes! You need to type in "bid:" followed by your BID number. No quotation marks or spaces. This should give you your item.

9. Is TLC going to add Title search functions in addition to ISBN and BID to CARL Connect or will it always switch to InfoSoup for that?

   We aren't sure but will ask TLC if they plan on adding more functionality in their roadmap. It is a little difficult to move back and forth between Connect Staff and InfoSoup, so we hope they add more functionality in Connect Staff.

10. If you must go to InfoSoup to get the BID and then take it to CARL Connect to search, what is the advantage to that? Haven't you already found the item in InfoSoup?

    Right. If you're using CARL Connect Staff, the advantage would be if it's easier for you to search in InfoSoup and get the BID it will take you right to the record and you can start adding your items. But if you're not adding items through Carl Connect Staff, it may not be helpful at all.

11. Will you show in Connect how the different format facets might not show what you are looking for? Like Audiobook will show you Book on CD but Book on CD won't show you audiobooks?

    In InfoSoup, you can see in the results, that my example Sullivan's Travels, shows a Blu-Ray copy and a Video Recording copy. The Video Recording is actually a DVD. But if you click on DVD under the Format facet, it doesn't show up. But if you remove the filters and click on Visual Materials under Format, it will show up there. That is an encoding issue in the MARC record and something OWLS is working on correcting.

12. Is there a listing somewhere that describes what each key choice in the Search means?

    There are some searching hints but it doesn't really say what they are so OWLS can put together a list of what the key choices mean and send that out.