

What is Discover? When should you use it?

Slide 2: If you are looking for a Google-like search experience, use OU Libraries' Discover search box on the library's home page. It is a good place to start your research on any given topic.

Slide 3: Discover searches across many of OU Libraries resources and platforms to find journal articles, books, ebooks, newspaper articles and more all in one search box!

Slide 4: Discover's results will then display in a boxed layout by category. The first 5 results are shown with links to more items. Along with the library's catalog and select article databases, Discover will also retrieve results from OU Libraries' websites, institutional repository, and special collections. It will also match your search term with research guides and subject specialists that can help you with your research. The new Discover search may not be the right choice for an advanced search where you know exactly what you are looking for and want fewer results that are extremely relevant.

Slide 5: After you click on the link to more records, you can limit the search results in many ways by selecting the "Tweak My Results" options on the left-hand side of the page. This will make evaluating the search results much more manageable.

Slide 6: Tweaking your results by Subject will be helpful when you are brainstorming different research topics as well as narrowing down a broad research topic that has too many results.

Slide 7: For more focused results, search in article databases, which typically specialize in a subject area. While Discover can be a great place to find background information and to learn more about your topic, specialized subject databases will provide more advanced search options, deeper searching, and better results.

Slide 8: Remember, Discover is an excellent starting place for most research topics, and is a useful tool to find information on a topic that you may not know much about. The vast number of results will increase your chance of finding a book or article that sparks your interest in a particular topic.

Slide 9: Go to libraries.ou.edu for more information, tutorials, and resources!