

Books, Other Items, or Search Results in the MERLIN Catalog

1. Go to the MU Libraries Gateway and select the MERLIN Catalog

The screenshot shows the MU Libraries Gateway homepage. At the top left is the MU Libraries logo with the text "University of Missouri-Columbia". To the right are links for "Site Index", "Contact Us", and "Search". Below the logo is a search box with a "Go" button. A "Find Books" section is highlighted with a yellow box, containing the text "MERLIN (search MU Libraries)", "MOBIUS, Other Catalogs, more...", "Find a Specific Book", and "Browse New Books". To the right are three main navigation columns: "Course Resources" (with links like ERes & Print Reserves, Citing Sources, etc.), "About the Libraries" (with links like Libraries and Collections, Hours | Maps, etc.), and "Resources For..." (with links like Faculty and Staff, Distance Learners, etc.). A "Give to the MU Libraries" button is at the bottom right.

2. Select: Title Search to search for a specific book.

The screenshot shows the MERLIN catalog search interface. At the top is the "merlin" logo and a breadcrumb trail: "MOBIUS > All MERLIN > MU Libraries Catalog". Below this are navigation tabs: "Library Catalog", "Course Reserves", "My Library Account", "Other Catalogs", and "Help". A search bar contains "Keyword" and "MU" with a "Search" button. Below the search bar is an "Advanced Search" section with a subtext: "sort and limit your search, e.g., word and location, author and year". There are six search options: "Author" (person, organization, composer...), "Title" (books, journals, audiovisuals...), "Journal Title" (journals, magazines, newspapers...), "Author & Title" (combined search), "Subject" (Library of Congress Headings and MeSH), and "Number" (call numbers, ISSNs, OCLC numbers...). The "Title" option is highlighted with a yellow box.

3. Type the title and then click Search.

The screenshot shows the MERLIN catalog search interface with the "Title" search option selected. The breadcrumb trail is "MOBIUS > All MERLIN > MU Libraries Catalog". Below the navigation tabs, the "Title" option is highlighted in the breadcrumb trail. The "Title Search" section is active, with the instruction "Click in the box, type the Title, then press ENTER:". A search box contains the text "freedom in the family" and a "Search" button.

- From the full record of the book, copy the persistent record link.

The screenshot shows the MERLIN library catalog interface. At the top, there are navigation links: "merlin", "MOBIUS > All MERLIN > MU Libraries Catalog", and "MU | MU Libraries". Below these are several buttons: "New Search", "Request", "Add to Bookbag", "MARC Display", "Limit/Sort Search", and "Another Search". A search bar contains the text "freedom in the family" and "MU". A "Search" button is to the right. Below the search bar, there are links for "Record: Prev Next" and a "Search MOBIUS" button. The record details are as follows:

Author Due, Tananarive, 1966-
Title Freedom in the family : a mother-daughter memoir of the fight for civil rights / Tananarive Due and Patricia Stephens Due.
Published New York : One World, c2003.
Edition 1st ed.

Persistent record link: <http://laurel.lso.missouri.edu/record=b4878400>

LOCATION	CALL #	STATUS
MU ELLIS	E185.97.D750 D84 2003	NOT CHECKED OUT

Description 389 p., [16] p. of plates : ill. ; 25 cm.
Note Includes bibliographical references (p. [375]-382) and index.
Subjects [Due, Patricia Stephens.](#)
[Due, Tananarive, 1966-](#)

- In your Blackboard course, paste the persistent record link in the External Link area (or other content area, your assignment, your syllabus, etc.).

The screenshot shows the "Add External Link" form in Blackboard. The "External Link Information" section is highlighted with a yellow box. It contains the following fields:

Name Freedom in the family : a mother-daughter memo
URL <http://laurel.lso.missouri.edu/record=b4878400>
For example, <http://www.myschool.edu/>

Below the URL field is a "Text" area with a rich text editor. The text entered is: "Please try to have the first chapter of this book read by October 15th."

II. Link to Search Results

Link to a dynamically generated up-to-date set of library materials.

Subject Search

1. Assume you want your students to find books on the subject of polymers. First, do a Subject search for polymers. If you are unsure of the formal subject heading, try a Keyword Search.

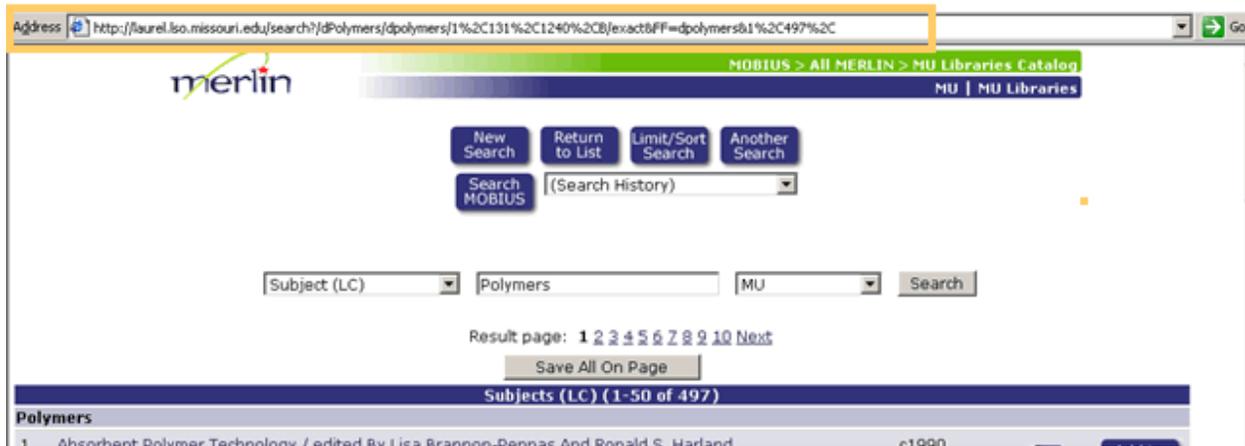
The screenshot shows the MERLIN library catalog interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the MERLIN logo and the text "MOBIUS > All MERLIN > MU Libraries Catalog*" and "MU | MU Libraries". Below this is a menu with "Library Catalog" selected, and other options like "Course Reserves", "My Library Account", "Other Catalogs", and "Help". Under "Library Catalog", there are search options: "Keyword | Title | Author | Author & Title | Journal Title | **Subject** | Number". The main heading is "Subjects (Library of Congress) Search". Below this, it says "Click in the box, type the Subject and then press ENTER:". There is a search box containing "Polymers" and a "Search" button. Below the search box, it says "Search here for items about people, topics, or events. These subject headings are established by the Library of Congress. If you are unsure of the heading for a subject, try a **KEYWORD** search." There is a link "for example" followed by a list of subject headings: "sports for women", "missouri", "missouri hist", "art, chinese", "art chinese", and "sports". At the bottom, there is a link "Return to Main Menu".

2. Click on the desired subject heading. This will display a list of all items in the library on that subject.

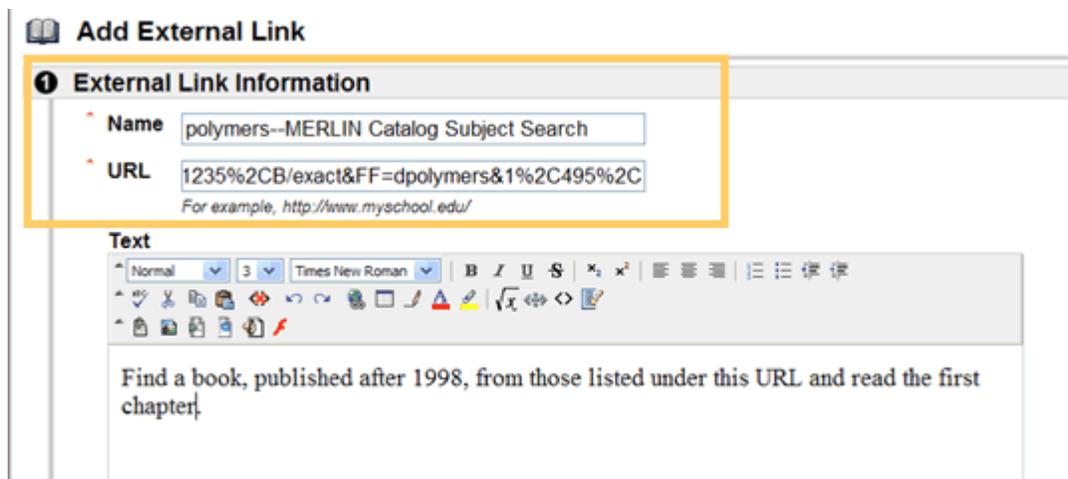
The screenshot shows the MERLIN library catalog interface displaying search results for "Polymers". At the top, there is a navigation bar with the MERLIN logo and the text "MOBIUS > All MERLIN > MU Libraries Catalog*" and "MU | MU Libraries". Below this is a menu with "New Search", "Extended Display", "Limit/Sort Search", "Search as Words", and "Another Search". There is a "Search MOBIUS" button and a "(Search History)" dropdown menu. Below this, there is a search box containing "Polymers" and a "Search" button. Below the search box, it says "Result page: 1 2 3 Next". There are two buttons: "Save Marked Records" and "Save All On Page". Below this is a table with the following data:

Number	Save	Subjects (LC) (1-50 of 131)	Year	Entries 1240 Found
1		Polymers -- 32 Related Subjects (Lc)		32
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polymers		497
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polymers Abstracting And Indexing	1990	1
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polymers Abstracts Data Bases	c1990-	1
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polymers Abstracts Periodicals		3
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polymers Additives		6
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polymers Additives Environmental Aspects	2005	1
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polymers Additives Health Aspects	2005	1

3. Copy the resulting URL from the browser address box.



4. In your Blackboard course, paste the URL in the External Link area (or other content area, your assignment, your syllabus, etc.).



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