SUBJECT DISCOVERY IN LIBRARY CATALOGUES – WORKSHEET

UTL catalogue = http://onesearch.library.utoronto.ca
Toronto Public Library = http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/ – USE ADVANCED SEARCH

Exercise 1: Look at some subject headings for books & journals:

UTL: Title = “Accidental health sciences librarian”

TPL: Title = “Journal of environmental health”

TPL: All fields = knitting

UTL: Anywhere = slavery museum exhibitions

Exercise 2: Your take vs. LCSH

Pick a book from the Inforum collection. Briefly examine the book (blurb, table of contents, etc.). Create some subject headings of your own to describe the main topic(s) of the book. Then, search for the book in the U of T catalogue and write down the subjects that were actually used.

Title of your example book:

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YOUR ‘TAGS’: CATALOGUE SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Exercise 3: Some subject searching techniques

Broad searching then probing for subject headings

UTL catalogue
Topic: archival description and arrangement (UTL)
ANYWHERE = archival description arrangement

Then, do a subject search based on your results from the above search
SUBJECT = cataloging of archival materials
**Subject browsing: Looking at the subject list in the catalogue (BROWSE SEARCH mode)**

**UTL catalogue**
- SUBJECT = Movies
- SUBJECT = Motion pictures
- SUBJECT = Film
- SUBJECT = Feature films

Do you see a difference in the material depending on which term you use?

**TPL catalogue** – Go to the old catalogue from the ADVANCED SEARCH page
- SUBJECT = Book clubs

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**Exercise 6: Finding subject headings for topics of interest**

**Cat behaviour (TPL)**

**History of alcohol in Canada (UTL)**

**Social media use in school libraries (UTL)**

**Fiction with a time travel theme (TPL)**

**What is knowledge? (UTL)**