

Directed Work N°02 – Library Catalogues and Online Literature Search

Activity 1: Definitions

Define the following terms:

1. Catalog
2. Call number
3. Bibliographic record
4. OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog)

Activity 2: Exploring WorldCat

1. Access the WorldCat online catalog: ➡ <http://www.worldcat.org/>
2. Identify the different search fields available.
3. Perform a search on a subject of your interest (e.g., *Cell Biology*).

Activity 3: Literature Search using Springer Link

<https://link.springer.com/>

Steps to follow:

1. Select the interface language → keep English.
2. Enter your keywords (e.g., *Fatty acids* or *Lipid biosynthesis*) and note the number of results.
3. Observe the different categories or document types (*Books A–Z, Journals A–Z, Videos, Librarians*).
4. Record the number of results (documents).
5. Manage access:
 - *Check Preview-only*: articles not available for download.
 - *Uncheck Preview-only*: articles available for download.
6. Use **Refine Your Search** options: discipline, sub-discipline, language, content type.
7. Sorting results: *Relevance, Newest first, Oldest first* → select *Newest first*.

Activity 4: Bejaia University Library Catalogue

<http://recherche.univ-bejaia.dz/opac/>

1. Access the OPAC of Abderrahmane Mira University of Bejaia.
2. Identify the available **search fields** (author, title, subject, keywords).
3. Perform a search (e.g., *Cellulaire*) and explore the results.
4. Click on a document title to see its **bibliographic record** (author, title, edition, year, number of pages, availability).

Additional Resource: <https://sci-hub.tw/> – Access to scientific publications.