

Using the OCLC Authority File Webinar

EXERCISES

- 1) A. Find the authority record for the musical group Union Station.

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B. Now try searching it various ways, e.g. command line, guided keyword, browse. Do you prefer one way over the others? Do you find one way more efficient?

Search Strategies:

- 2) You are cataloging a general book on the Great Plains. How would you search the authority file to find the appropriate subject heading?

Search Strategy:

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- 3) Who is James Butler Hickok? What is the authorized form of his name?

Answer:

- 4) Which Botticelli painted “The Birth of Venus?” What is the authorized form of his name?

Answer:

- 5) Find the authority record that will give you the uniform title to use for Luigi Boccherini’s string quartet in C minor. What is the quickest way to find it?

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Search Strategy:

6) Is “Kittens” an authorized LC subject heading for children’s literature?

Answer:

7) What pseudonyms does the author Anne Rice use?

Answer:

8) Search for Jenny Lind as an LC Name. Note the results.

a. Find the record for the ship.

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b. What would be a more efficient way to search for Jenny Lind, the 19th century singer?

Search Strategy:

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9) In what years were the Olympic Games held in London, England?

Answer:

10) Find the record for Halley’s Comet. What kind of record is this? Can Halley’s Comet be used as a main entry?

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Rest of answer:

11) Find the record for Nancy Drew, the fictional character.

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12) Find the record for the Titanic, the ship.

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13) Find a subject heading to use for a work about the War of 1812 as it affected Wisconsin.

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14) Search for the European Union as a corporate name. Try at least two different ways of searching it (e.g. keyword, browse). Which method do you prefer? Is one way quicker than the other(s) at getting you to the record for the European Union?

Answer:

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