

Advanced Searching Techniques

General Keyword Searching Synonyms

Add a synonym after a string to search only in a specific field.

{au} = author fields

Example: **harlan coben{au}**

Records with 'harlan coben' in the main entry or additional creator fields

{ti} = title fields

Example: **fool me once{ti}**

Records where 'fool me once' is in the title, varying title, added titles, or uniform title fields

{su} = subject/genre

Example: **suspense fiction{su}**

Records with a subject or genre of 'suspense fiction'

{lexile} = Lexile reading level

Examples: **650{lexile}** ; **6??{lexile}**

Records with a Lexile of 650 ; Records with a Lexile between 600 and 690

{readprog} = Accelerated Reading level

Examples: **3.5{readprog}** ; **3.?.{readprog}**

Records with an AR level of 3.5 ; Records with an AR level between 3.0 and 3.9

{pbyr} = publication year *goes before search string with operators (=, <>, >, <, >=, <=)

Example: **{pbyr}>2020**

Boolean Operators

Add Boolean operators to refine search (case insensitive)

AND

Example: **fool me once{ti} AND harlan coben{au}**

Titles of fool me once with an author of Harlan Coben

OR

Example: **horses{su} OR ponies{su}**

Example: **(horses OR ponies){su}**

Records with the subject of Horses or Ponies.

NOT

Example: **horses{su} NOT fiction NOT juvenile**

Records about horses that don't have fiction or juvenile in the record.

*If a title includes a Boolean operator, enclose in quotes to include the operator as a word:

Examples: "maybe not", "cats or hats"

Quotes

Use quotes to search for a string exactly as typed.

Example: "Four to Score"