SNACSchool 3.2
Searching in SNAC
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Basic searching starts from the "Search for" box on either Dashboard.

Please note the link to **Advanced Search** immediately below the "Search for" box. This moves you to a separate searching screen where you can develop more complex search strategies.
Search strategies: Keyword searching

SNAC allows for keyword searching with any order of elements. For example: Harper Lee or Lee Harper.
Basic searching from the SNAC Editor’s Dashboard: Corporate body name

Editor's Dashboard

Welcome, Jerry, to the Editor's dashboard. From here, you can see where you left off on your current in-progress edits, and upload your work for review. If you have submitted a Constellation for review, but the reviewer has not started, you can check on the status of your submission.

Create New Constellation

Quick Search Results

Freer Gallery

Freer Gallery of Art.

Freer Gallery

Freer Gallery of Art / Sackler Gallery

The Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery Archives

Freer Gallery of Art Archaeological Expedition to China (1923-1927)


In Progress Edits

Continue where you left off on one of the following Constellations.

No Constellations Available
Basic searching from the SNAC Dashboard:

A single-click of a heading will retrieve and open the SNAC record.
Advanced searching from the SNAC Dashboard:

Click on **Advanced Search**

From the Advanced Search screen, select a specific search criteria … **Person**, **Corporate Body**, or **Family**.
Advanced searching from the SNAC Dashboard: On / Off options

The following commands may be used for advanced searching:

* Prefix search. Ex: Wash* will match anything starting with Wash including Washington.

+ Search must include the following term (AND operation). Ex: Washington +George will find George Washingtons.

| Search may include either of the terms (OR operation). Ex: Washington |George will find either Georges OR Washingtons.

" " Wrap a phrase with quotes to search the exact phrase.

( ) Add preferred clauses with parentheses. Ex: (Washington + George) | (Jefferson + Thomas) will find either George Washingtons or Thomas Jeffersons, but not George Jeffersons.

- Search must not include the connected term. Ex: Washington -George will find Washingtons not named George.

~N Edit distance search. Finds names similar to the one typed. A larger number N will produce "fuzzier" results. Ex: Wash~1 will find Wash, Hash, Wast, Mash, etc.

Use the On/Off switches to discover more advanced search commands. SNAC will default to “Off”.

Advanced searching from the SNAC Dashboard: Example

Here’s an example of exact phrase searching using quote marks to find the exact phrase of “Baffin Island” in headings.

Clicking a search result will take you to that record.

N.B.: At this time, exact phrase searching only pulls from headings in SNAC identity constellations.
Notice the difference in results when we search “Baffin Island” in Biographies versus just advanced search: 59 results versus just 2.
Advanced searching from the SNAC Dashboard: Faceted Search

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- Search must not include.
- ~N Edit distance search.

Use the following boxes to narrow results returned:

### Subjects
- Explorers
- Explorers--19th century
- Explorers--19th century--British Columbia
- Explorers--19th century--Southwestern states
- Explorers--19th century--West (U.S.)
- Explorers--Antarctic regions

### Occupations
- explo|
Searching with all advanced options allows you to really find what you want. Searching for those with occupations “explorers” and “Baffin Island” will bring you 5 results: more than 2 in “Baffin Island” and fewer than 59 in biographies.

You can also refine the search further with “Refine Results”
Corporate Body Searching

Using the Advanced Search we can search for corporate bodies as well.
Corporate Body Searching

Search

Library of Congress

The Library of Congress was established by an act of Congress in 1800 when President John Adams signed a bill providing for the transfer of the seat of government from Philadelphia to the new capital city of Washington. The legislation described a reference library for Congress only, containing "such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress - and for putting up a suitable apartment for containing them therein..." The original library was housed in the Washington, DC until August 1814,...

Library of Congress. Manuscript Division.

Library of Congress. Law Library


And more...
For this search, we want to find the North Carolina State University. Department of Chemical Engineering. Using Advanced Search we put in North Carolina State University + Chemical Engineering
Browse search starts with a click from the top menu bar

Once at the Browse search screen, select an entity type, then enter the heading in order ... last name, first name, etc. In this example, the Entity Type is person and the search strategy is “Henry VIII”.
Browse search results will display: **Resource** link totals and **Internal CPF Relation** link totals. These are helpful clues when searching for the fuller, “master” record for an entity.

All others appear to be duplicates or near duplicates.
Click on the heading to display the record.

Henry VIII, King of England, 1491-1547

Thomas Grey, 2nd Marquess of Dorset, stood high among Henry VIII's friends, courtiers, and jousting companions. For part of the 1520s, however, he was in some disfavor, partly due to a long-standing rivalry with the Hastings family for preeminence in the Midlands and partly due to his having insulted the King of France. This exchange of lands with the Crown, giving Dorset two manors in Hastings territory, was not uncommon within the Tudor peerage, but may be a sign of his return to royal favor.

From the description of An indenture of covenant of assurance for the grant under a Privy Seal by Henry VIII to Thomas Grey, 2nd Marquess of Dorset and Margaret his wife of the manors of Loughborough and Sheepshead, Leicestershire, in exchange for a grant to the King by the Marquess of the manors of Graffam and Heron in Northamptonshire. Signed by the King, by Cardinal and Archbishop of York Thomas Wolsey and by Sir Thomas More, June 29, 1527. (Huntington Library, Art Collections & Botanical Gardens). WorldCat record id: 776995700

Henry VIII, King of England, 1509-1547

Sir Andrew Windsor, 1467-1543, keeper of Henry VIII's wardrobe and other properties of the King.
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...And more results, many of which are for individuals departments (Pharmacy, Medical School, University Archives, etc.). Notice entries follow RDA rules with Name & Subdivision name(s). If they don’t go ahead and edit!

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