

Want To Know More About BEARS? Let KIDS SEARCH Help!



Let's review some basic searching skills – we will use Kids Search at Badgerlinks, but the ideas presented here work in many other databases and Internet Search Tools.

1. Please take a look at www.badgerlink.net

Resources for Wisconsin Residents:

- EBSCOhost (All Databases) | Kids Search | Student Research Center | Searchasaurus
- ProQuest (All Databases) | Wisconsin Newsstand | Ethnic NewsWatch
- AABD | African American Biographical Database
- Access | NewspaperARCHIVE
- TeachingBooks | TeachingBooks
- LIFINDER | LIFINDER

Resources by type: Health & Medical | Business & Corporate | Newspapers
Resources for: Students | Educators & Librarians
Búsquedas en Español: EBSCO | ProQuest

General Resources:

- WISCAT | Search WISCAT, a free online catalog of Wisconsin library holdings
- WorldCat | Search WorldCat, a free search tool that helps users identify materials owned by libraries nationally and internationally
- Wisconsin Heritage Online
- BadgerLink Songbook Database
- Wisconsin Digital Library Collections
- Library Directories | Government Sites | Education Sites | Web Portals

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Search options: Detailed Search | Visual Search | Search Other Databases | Title Lists

2. Click on **DETAILED SEARCH** link.

Search By Topic:

- Animals
- Arts & Music
- Geography
- Health
- In the News
- Language Arts
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies
- Sports

Include when searching:

Document Types:

- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Books & Encyclopedias
- Biographies
- Radio & TV News Transcripts
- Country, State & Province Reports
- Primary Source Documents
- Photos, Maps & Flags

Limit your results:

Full Text:

Published Date from: Month: [] Year: [] to Month: [] Year: []

Lexile Reading Level:

- All
- 200 - 400
- 300 - 500
- 500 - 700

Lexile Reading Score: []

3. Now lets look for BEARS! How many results do you think we will find? Please enter our search term in the top search box

Find: Bears

Go Clear

4. Now click **GO!** How many results will we find? Will it be useful? Digital technology is fun – is this simple search going to be helpful?

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Results for **Bears AND Full Text; Published Date from: 200...**

Filter results by

All Results Magazines Newspapers Books & Encyclopedias EBSCO Animals Biographies Radio & TV Transcripts Province Reports Primary Source Documents Photos

All Results: 1-10 of 66357 Page: 1 2 3 4 5 Next Sort by: Relevance Add (1-10)

Narrow Results by Subject

1. [Name The Bear - and help save the bears](#) M2PressWIRE, 06/30/2006: (AN 16P12269425424) Add



WOW!

On day I did this, I got more than **66,000 “HITS”!** This is **FAR TOO MANY** to be useful.

5. Let’s “narrow” our search – add another term to LIMIT what we find.

Using the **PULL-DOWN** menu next to our first term, **BEARS**, Select **SU Subject Terms**

In the second line, let’s add **WISCONSIN** and next to that, **PULL-DOWN** and select **TX All Text**

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Find: Bears in SU Subject Terms
and Wisconsin in TX All Text
and in Select a Field (optional) Add Row

Go Clear

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Results for **SU Bears AND TX Wisconsin AND Full Text**

Filter results by

Magazines

Results: 1-10 of 24 Page: 1 2 3 Next Sort by: Date Add (1-10)

Narrow Results by Subject

1. [Survival Q&A](#). By: Johnson, Rich. Outdoor Life, Feb2008, Vol. 215 Issue 2, p22-64, 2p, 3c; Reading Level (Lexile): Add



HERE WE GO! This is much more useful if you wanted to know more about **BEARS** in **WISCONSIN**.

On the day I did this search, there were 24 “hits”.

Now we have found useful information that meets our needs!

YEAH!

What did we learn?

- Digital search tools are **POWERFUL** – we need to use them to control what we find
 - Keyword/Text** searches can generate too much information or information that we are not interested in.
 - Subject Headings** are terms that come from a list – they are used by librarians to bring information together. Searching with subject headings helps us find what we want.
- Refining searches with more than 1 term is helpful – it limits results.
- Think carefully about what you need to know, develop strategies to find it, and use databases like *Kids Search* or *BadgerLinks* to find what you want. It’s **EASY!**
- Don’t be afraid to ask a **LIBRARIAN** for help – we want you to find books, magazines, articles, and even great Websites! If you need to know something, a **librarian** is your best friend!