

Searching UNB WorldCat Using Subject Headings

In this video, you will learn how to:

- search in UNB WorldCat using subject headings.

To get the best results from your search, we recommend that you use both keywords and subject headings. More specifically, start with a keyword search that will typically lead to a few relevant sources. Then, use the subject headings assigned to those sources to get more precise search results.

Subject headings are words or phrases used by a database to describe a given topic and to group together relevant sources. Similar to hashtags in social media, subject headings enable you to retrieve more precise search results on a specific topic.

As an example, here is a keyword search for **transgender mental health**. This resource looks relevant and therefore this is a perfect scenario where subject headings can improve your search results.

Go into the record for the book by clicking on the title: *A clinician's guide to gender-affirming care*. Scroll down to **Subjects**, where you can select any of the hyperlinked subjects. I'm going to click on the top one.

Our new subject search, **su:Transgender people Mental health**, leads to more precise results.

Subject headings are useful search tools in many of the Libraries' databases.

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