Essential Library Tools

Illinois Statewide EBSCO Database Access and Features

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KEY ACCESS METHODS

AUTHENTICATION METHODS

IP

- Allows users seamless access if they are on-site

SAML Single Sign On (SSO)

- OpenAthens

Geolocation ⌛ In progress

- Allows users in a particular geographical area to access resources seamlessly
- Use of geolocation authentication is restricted to organizations that provide access to all users in the area – for example, all users in their state

What is SWAN using?

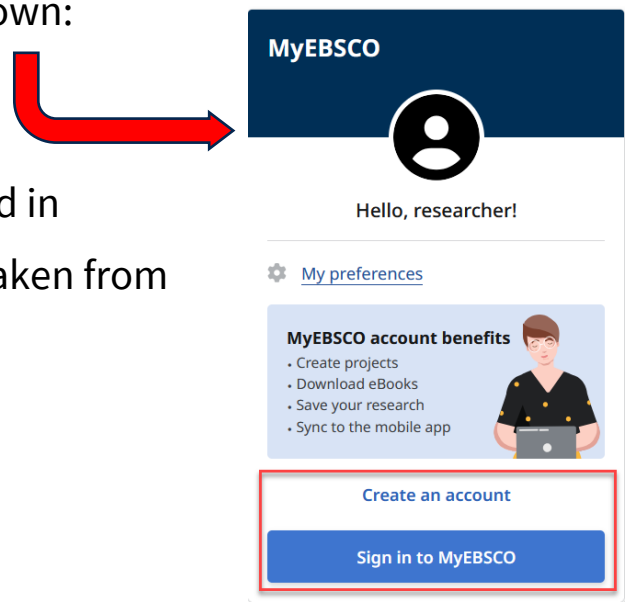
- A combination of both IP and SAML – identified by the “authtype=ip,shib” portion of a URL
  - Allows one link to identify whether the patron is inside the library (using IP address) or if the patron is remote (using OpenAthens)
- Additional methods can be added as necessary

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS

- Allows patrons to create a MyEBSCO account
- MyEBSCO accounts can be used to save and manage research
- Not required to do research, but required if patrons wishes to save anything beyond the current session
- Works across all EBSCO interfaces

How they work

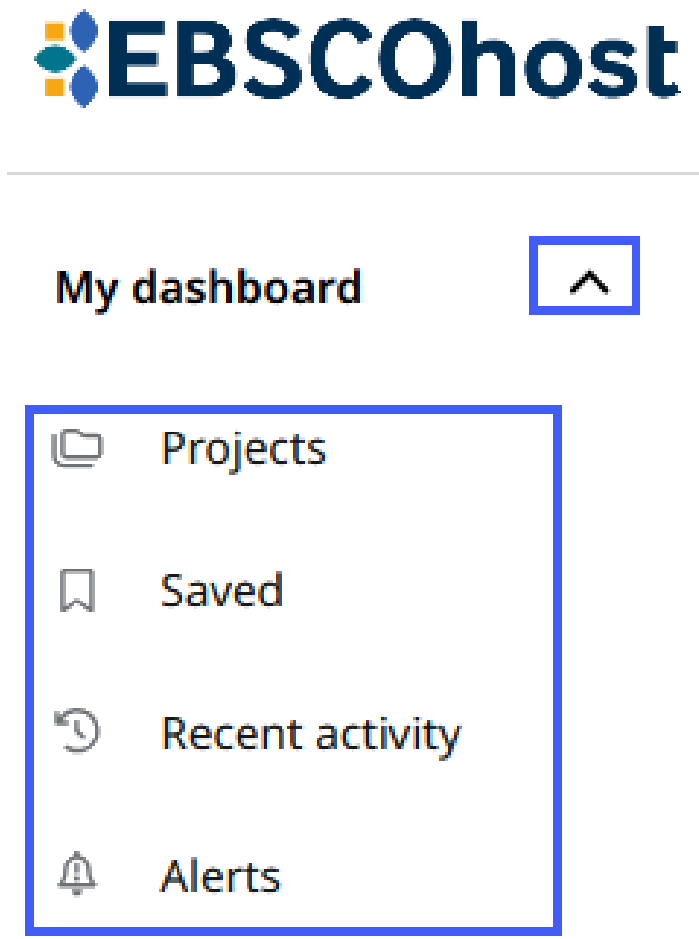
- Once a patron is granted access to the EBSCO database, there is a sign-in button in the upper right-hand corner
- Patron can click the **Sign in** button, and the following options will be shown:
  - **Create an account**
  - **Sign in to MyEBSCO**
- Create an account will go through OpenAthens to ensure patron is signed in
- Patron can further customize by adding their full name, but barcode is taken from the OpenAthens login
  - Same instructions for both on-site and remote access



ESSENTIAL FEATURES

NEW USER INTERFACE – MY DASHBOARD

- Available in EBSCOhost, EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS), and Explora profiles
- Located in the left column or the left-hand navigation menu
- Projects, Saved Items, Searches, items you've viewed, and alerts
- Dashboard is collapsible
- Unless the patron has signed into their MyEBSCO account, anything in this dashboard will be lost once they end the session



NEW USER INTERFACE – RESEARCH TOOLS

Removeable

Publication Finder

- Primarily for finding and accessing specific e-journals and e-books
- Allows patrons to search publications by title, browse alphabetically, and filter by database or subject
- Helps patrons identify if a particular publication is available online through their institution's subscriptions

Additional settings available

Removeable

Publications Authority

- Establishes and manages authorized headings for publications within a database
- Creates and maintains authoritative records for publications, including preferred titles, authorized access points, and subject headings
- Ensures consistency and accuracy in how publications are referenced and indexed within the database
- Managing bibliographic data and ensuring proper identification and organization of publications

Removeable

Subjects Authority

- Helps patrons discover the specific subject terms used in EBSCO databases. Useful because it allows users to find the most relevant terms for their research and ensures they are using the correct vocabulary when searching.
- Patrons can browse, search, and refine subject terms within the Subjects Authority interface. Includes options to view broader, narrower, and related terms for each subject.
- If a patron is researching "business ethics", they can use the Subjects Authority to confirm that "business ethics" is a valid subject term in EBSCO and then use that term to refine their search.

Explora

Searching: All databases (32)

MyEBSCO

Sign in

What are you looking for?

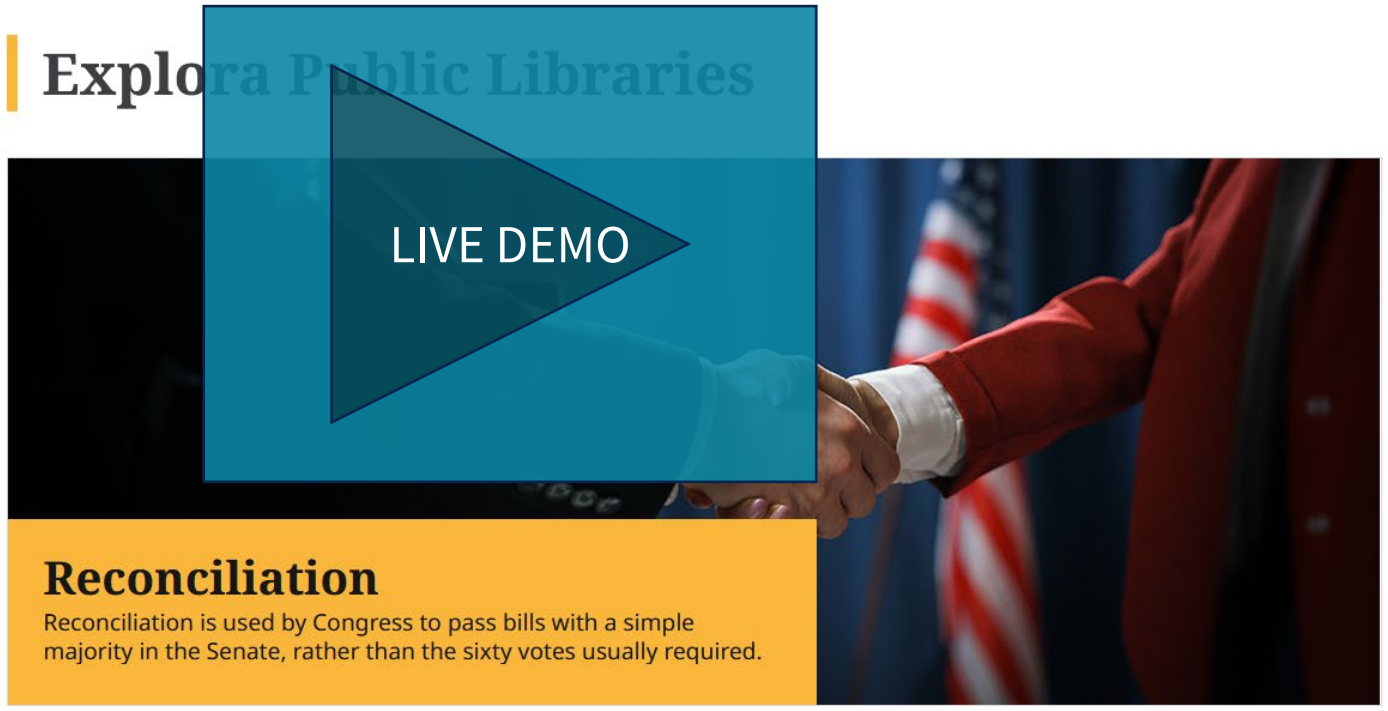
Full Text | Peer Reviewed | All time | Advanced search

Public Library

My dashboard

Research tools

- New search
- Publication Finder
- Citation help
- Research guide
- Help
- EBSCO products
- Publications authority
- Subjects authority



EXPLORA PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS – CURRICULUM STANDARDS MODULE

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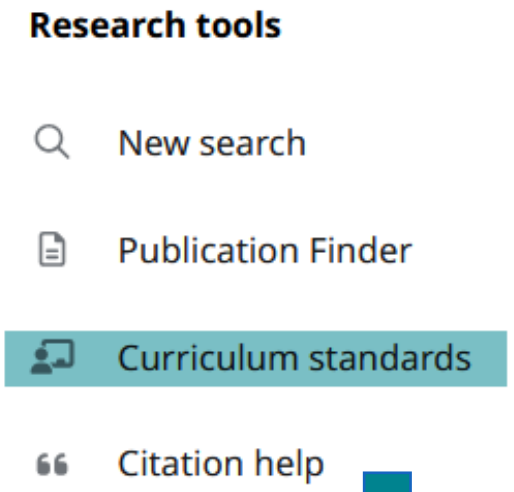
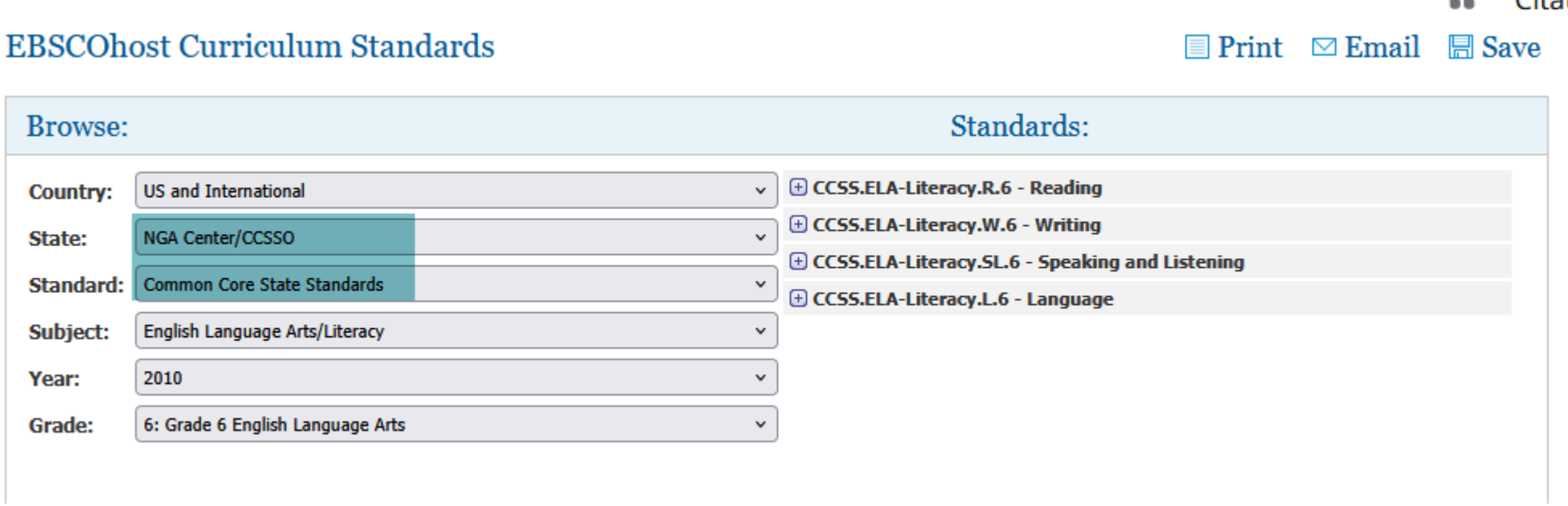
- Powered by Academic Benchmarks™ from Certica Solutions, Inc.
  - Data service for K-12 academic standards
- Accessible via http://absite.ebscohost.com/ or through the interface





NoveList

MyEBSCO

Sign in

Search for a book, author, or series

Natural language search Natural language search enhances ease of use and is continuously improving to deliver more contextual results.

Advanced search

Discover NoveList

Curated Lists

Quick Links

How do I?

My Dashboard

Projects

Saved Items

Recent Activity

Alerts

Subscribe to Read What You Like!

Sign up to receive monthly book recs, read-alikes, tips for readers, and more from NoveList.

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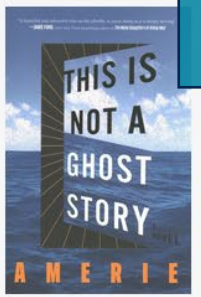
BOOKS WITH BUZZ

See all



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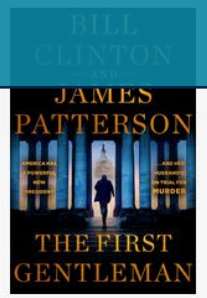
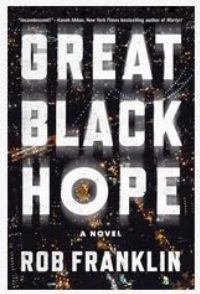
Amerie
Syndication: Tamron Hall

Flashlight
Choi, Susan, 1969-
Book Club: TeaTime

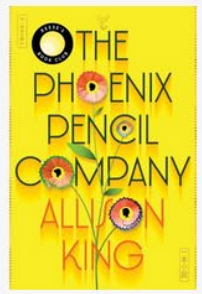


The first gentleman
Clinton, Bill, 1946-
ABC: The View

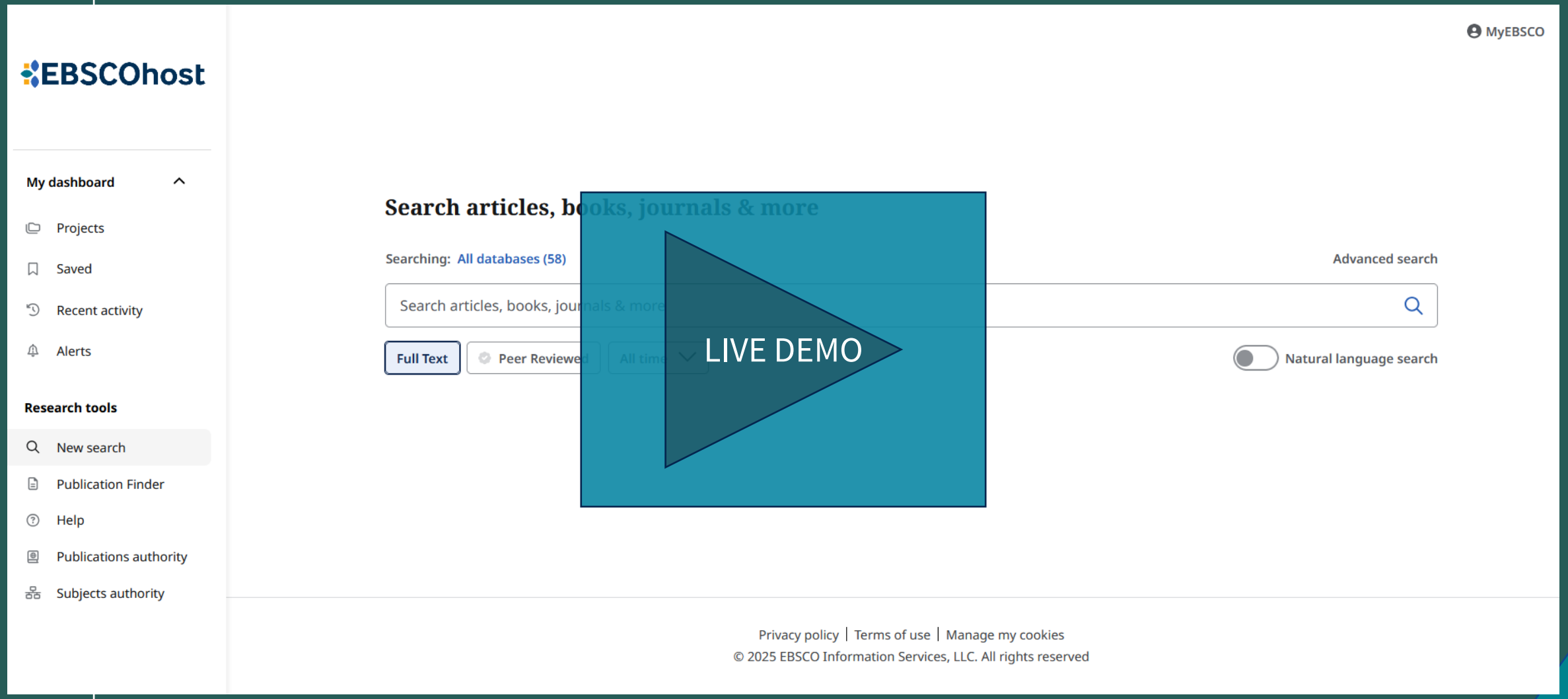
King of ashes
Cosby, S. A.
NPR: Fresh Air



Great Black hope
Franklin, Rob
Book Club: Audacious



The Phoenix Pencil Company
King, Allison
Book Club: Reese Witherspoon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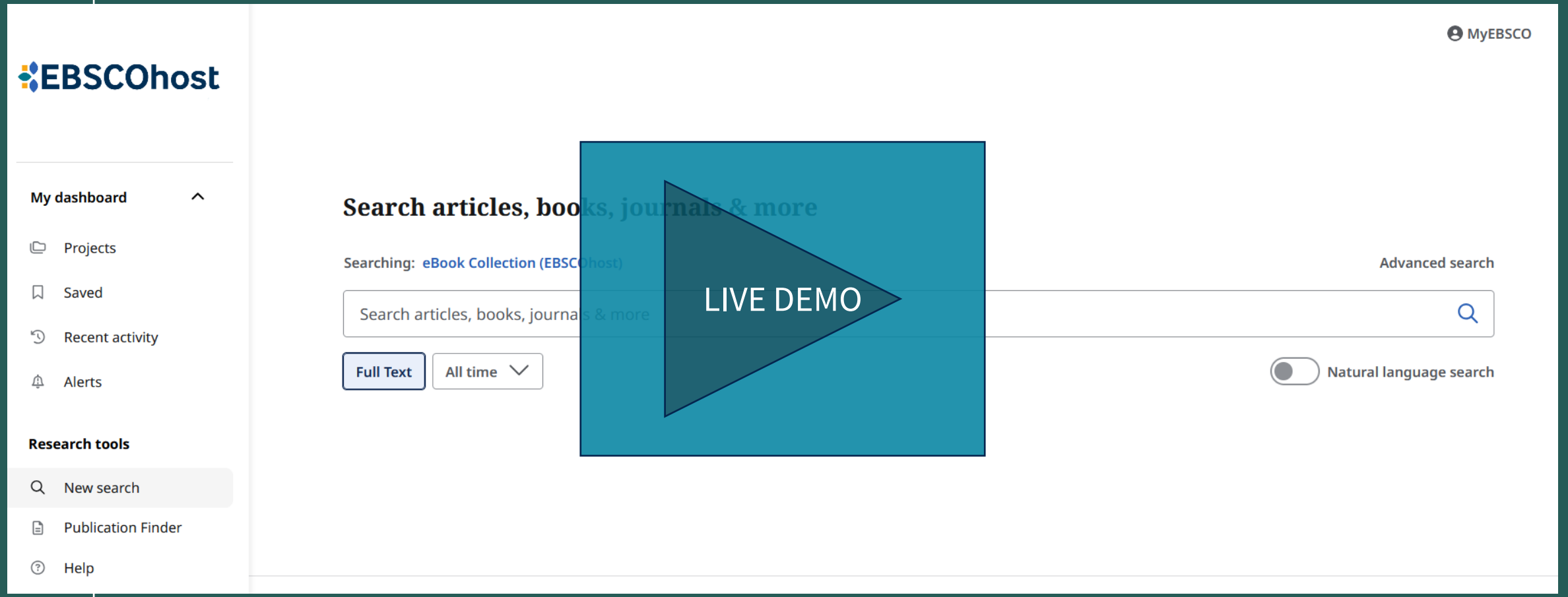
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Search articles, books, journals & more
Searching: eBook Collection (EBSCOhost)
Advanced search
Search articles, books, journals & more
Full Text
All time
Natural language search
LIVE DEMO

COMMON ISSUES

OVERVIEW

SWAN Support Site

DATABASE ACCESS

For issues relating to access EBSCO databases or databases purchased through EBSCO. Also includes, updating IP ranges, and OpenAthens support.

INTERFACE & CONFIGURATION

Creating and/or modifying profiles in EBSCO. Includes Explora and EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS). Updating library logos and Publication Finder issues.

SUBSCRIPTION & PURCHASES

For current subscription inquiries, the best contact is EBSCO Connect. For questions relating to the annual EBSCO renewal for supplemental databases, best to contact RAILS.

EBSCO Connect

RAILS
REACHING ACROSS ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEM

REPORTS & ADMINISTRATION

Access to EBSCOadmin and assistance with running reports for EBSCO databases.

TRAINING & RESOURCES

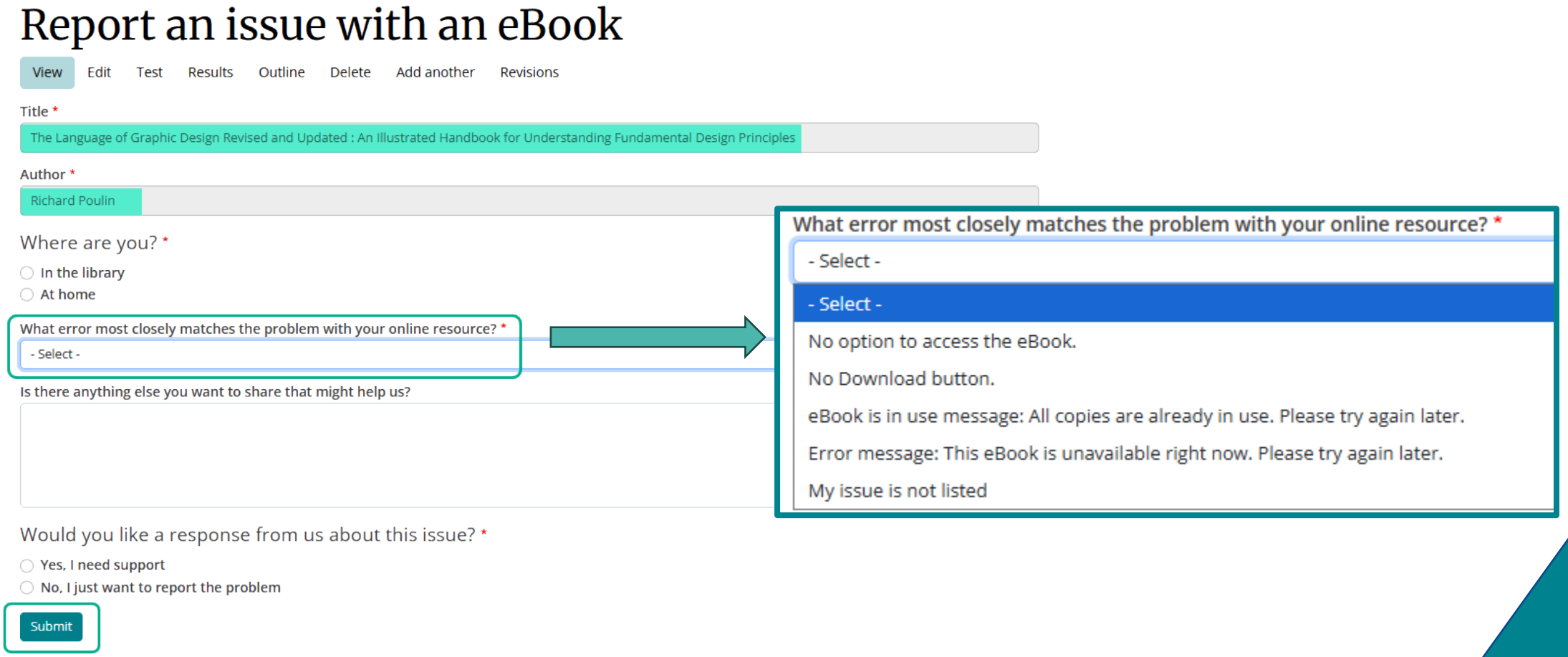
EBSCO Connect

EBSCO Connect offers a robust series of online training and tutorials. There is also the ability to review documentation and common FAQs.

OPENATHENS

Getting set up as an administrator with OpenAthens, reviewing reports, and/or scheduling OpenAthens reports. Getting a new resource set up with remote access using OpenAthens.

REPORT AN ISSUE WITH AN EBOOK



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LINKS TO EBSCO CONNECT

Novelist

Explora

LINK TO ILLINOIS STATEWIDE DATABASE PACKAGE

https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=geo,ip,uid&custid=s8856103&geocustid=s8856103&groupid=main

- The databases provided by the Illinois State Library are all listed at the URL above
- The above URL is utilizing geolocation as it's main authentication method, all Illinoisans can access the statewide databases without being affiliated to any library
- Good to list the above URL on its own, separate from paid, library subscriptions
- Patrons can create a personal **MyEBSCO** account with an email address instead of a library card