Stumped? Let’s Jump...

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Agility Training... building some Resource Hunting Muscle

- Why so many stumps/What stumps you up?
- Sizing up your stump/Assessing Knowns
- On your MARC...
- Examine all angles
  - Tips and tricks for making the leap
- Helpful Resources
- Triumph over the stump
- What are some of your favorite resources?
Why so many stumps?

- Streamlined Queues/Workflow
- Automated processes
- Patrons leave out information (only the most important parts).

What stumps you up?

- Dissertations? (U.S./Foreign)
- Older materials?
- Incomplete Citations?
- Scores? Librettos? Plays? (Oh, My!)
- Serials/Journals?
- Foreign Language Titles?
- Conference Proceedings?
What do you do when you come across a stumper?

Is this a STUMP or what?

Is this request taking me more than 5 minutes to resolve?

Add notes about what you have done already.

Route it to Primary Extensive Search
Sizing up the stump/Assessing Knowns

- Stumpers come in all different shapes and sizes
- After a while you can lump similar stumpers together and apply similar strategies
- Identify what you know & what you need to know. Develop a searching strategy
- Employ MARC
- Have some go-to resources
On Your MARC... Get set... JUMP!

Knowing some MARC (Machine Readable Cataloging) can be helpful.

- **Fixed Fields I find most useful:**
  - **Type:** Item being described
  - **BLvl:** Bibliographic Level
  - **Form:** Physical Form of Item
  - **SrTp:** type of continuing resource
  - **Lang:** Language
  - **Dates**

- **Variable Fields I find most useful:**
  - **001:** OCLC number
  - **020 or 022:** ISBN or ISSN
  - **2XX:** Title/Main entry information
  - **5XX:** Notes (Esp. 588 to verify Volume/Date match)
  - **780:** preceding Title/Entry (Second indicators tell a lot here!)
    - E.g. 0—Continues 5—Absorbed
    - Will often give OCLC and ISSN/ISBN numbers
  - **785:** Succeeding Entry (Second indicators tell a lot here!)
    - E.g. 0 Continued By 4—Absorbed by
    - Will often give OCLC and ISSN/ISBN numbers
  - **856:** Electronic Location & Access
MARC Example...

Journal of Physical Education, Recreation & Dance

Type: a (language material)
SrTp:p (periodical)
BLvl: serial
Lang: English
Dates: 1981, 9999 (still published)

776: Online version—with OCLC #
780: Preceding Title
787: ooh, a supplement
Examine ALL Angles!
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- Sometimes things look a little different from behind, or above, or below.
- Tips:
  - Search Author instead of Title
  - Search for page numbers and Author instead of Title
  - Try going to the publisher’s site
  - For Proceedings: Try going to the organization website, or adding proceedings/conference etc. to the search terms.
  - Get ideas from a colleague or try another computer
    - (Google is SO great that it tailors its search to you)
  - Take a break; come back to it later
  - Widen or Narrow your perspective; Try to answer a different question.
Stereogram Effect:
Helpful Resources:

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HELP!
This stump is wide, I cannot get over...
Resources to help Jump...

https://sites.google.com/site/stumpjumpresources/
Success...
Or maybe not...

What can we take away from all this searching?

- Satisfaction or opportunity to provide different types of service
- Possibility of learning new resources/skillsets
- Building strategies for the future
- Share what you did find with the user; they may be equally as happy

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Thank You!

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