

Exercises

Exercise #1

Navigating a web site (Newsweek)

- Go to www.newsweek.com by entering the URL into the browser.
- There are six main sub-categories of news you can pick.
 - Can you find them?
 - What are they?
 - Where are they located?
- What are some advertisements you can find?
- This web site has multiple types of media. What other types, besides text, can you find?
- Go into a news story. What are some things that stand out to you?

Exercise #2

Searching using a search engine (Google, etc.)

- Answer the following questions:
 - How many U.S. presidents are from Illinois?
 - How many were born here?
- Find a restaurant in Skokie (This can be one you already know or a new one). Explain how you found it in Google. Can you find a review of the restaurant?
- What was the magnitude of the earthquake in Haiti on the Richter scale?

Exercise #3

Searching the Skokie Public Library's Databases

hint – look under CATALOG

(Skokie Public Library Catalog ~ a.k.a., AquaBrowser)

- Go to the library catalog. Search for **Slumdog Millionaire** using the default settings.
 - How many different types can you find (dvd, book, etc.)?
 - What material types are available?
 - How many DVDs does the library have?
 - Can this title be found other languages?
 - Is the DVD available (hint, it will say CHECK SHELF if it is available)?

hint - look in Research > databases A to Z

(Skokie Review)

- Go to the Skokie Review database. Search for **festival of cultures** using the default settings.
 - How many results did you get?
- Try changing the drop down box on the left to "Lead/First Paragraph" or "Headline".
 - How did this affect your results?
- Try finding a 2009 article called **Festival ready to draw thousands to Skokie**.
 - How many cultures were represented in 2009?

(ReferenceUSA)

- Go to the ReferenceUSA database. Search for the company **Boeing** (first click on U.S. Businesses). Find Boeing's main Chicago office (100 N. Riverside Plz.).
 - What is their phone number?
 - Who is the CEO?
 - What are some of Boeing's products or brands?
 - How many people did Boeing employ in 2009?