



I-Share Cataloging & Authority Control Team Forum
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In Search of ...

Series

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Why search for series anyway?

- Library acquisitions purposes, searching collection for gaps
- Historical research on the output of a particular institution
- Nothing else from a given citation works to retrieve the desired item
- Find related items, published before or after a known item

User experience a product of many converging realities:

- Publisher practices
- Selector decisions re: acquisition and cataloging treatment
- MARC and AACR and their respective applications
- Individual catalogers' work **
- System (Voyager, version) and implementation
- Sources of citations (e.g., Google, A&I services)
- Link resolvers and other mediating tools and their implementations

Even with good cataloging, the world is not perfect...

Where the series are...

- **Quick Search**

- Start of title (also retrieves non-series)
- Start of journal title (series-level records only)
- Prolific Author/Composer
- Series title
left-anchored search of authority and bib record headings displayed in a browsable index (only UIUC has implemented)
- Any word anywhere

- **Advanced Search**

- Title words (also retrieves non-series)
- Series words
- Any words

Where the series are...

- **Series records**
 - print and online separate or together
- **Monographic records
(analyzed or cataloged separately)**
 - print and online separate
- **Vendor records and traditionally cataloged**
- **All of the above coexist in I-Share and in individual databases**

Englera cite from CAB Abstracts

1. Title: [Annotated checklist and distribution of the vascular plants of El Hierro, Canary Islands, Spain.](#)
 Author(s): Stierstorfer, C., Gaisberg, M. von
Source: **Englera** Issue: **No.27** Page(s): **221 pp.** Published: **2006**



Record 1 of 1

Accession Number: CABI:20073064958

Document Type: Bulletin

Author(s): Stierstorfer, C.; Gaisberg, M. von

Title: Annotated checklist and distribution of the vascular plants of El Hierro, Canary Islands, Spain.


Source: Englera (No.27) : 221 pp. 2006

Language: English

ISSN: 0170-4818

Converging realities...

- Selector opted to catalog separately, no series record for print in the OPAC
- CAB record and resulting openURL lack ISBN
- SFX ignores ISSNs in monograph records in UIUC's implementation
- Catalog link is series record for online, access only through 2003
- Englera* no. 27 cataloged as monograph, not retrieved from openURL, nor series record's clickable heading of Englera (Online)




Title: Annotated checklist and distribution of the vascular plants of El Hierro, Canary Islands, Spain. Author: Stierstorfer

Source: Englera year:2006 iss:No.27 ISSN:0170-4818

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Can't get there from here

Uniform Title: [Englera \(Online\)](#)

Title: Englera [electronic resource].

Published: Berlin : Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem, 1979-



Related URL: <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/results.php?resid=248387>

<http://www.library.uiuc.edu/orr/results.php?resid=248387>

Publication History: 1 (1979)-

Frequency: Annual (irregular)

Subject (LCSH): [Botany.](#)

[Plants --Germany.](#)

Other Name: [Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum \(Berlin, Germany\)](#)

[Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit.](#)

Supplement to: Willdenowia (Online)

Continues: [Willdenowia. Beiheft \(Online\)](#)

Language: Text in German and French.

Notes: Title from cover (JSTOR, viewed Mar. 14, 2007).

Publisher varies: Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem und Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit, 1984; Botanischer Garten und Botanisches Museum Berlin-Dahlem, Freie Universität Berlin, 1997; Botanic Garden and Botanical Museum Berlin-Dahlem, Free University Berlin, 2000-

Latest issue consulted: 25 (2003) (JSTOR, viewed Mar. 14, 2007).

"Veröffentlichungen aus dem Botanischen Garten und Botanischen Museum Berlin-Dahlem."

ISSN: 0170-4818

Even though we have it

Author: [Stierstorfer, Christian.](#)

Title: Annotated checklist and distribution of the vascular plants of El Hierro, Canary Islands, Spain / Christian Stierstorfer & Markus von Gaisberg.

Series: [Englera, 27](#)

Published: Berlin : Veröffentlichungen aus dem Botanischen Garten und Botanischen Museum Berlin-Dahlem, 2006.

Physical Description: 221 p. : ill., maps ; 21 cm.

Includes: Includes bibliographical references (p. 197-216) and index.

Subject (LCSH): [Plants --Canary Islands --Hierro.](#)
[Botany --Canary Islands --Hierro.](#)

Other Name: [Gaisberg, Markus von.](#)

ISBN: 3921800595
9783921800591

Institution: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library

Location: Natural History

Call Number: [581.9649 St526a](#)

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Status: Available

What does this illustrate?

- Even when the piece is owned and the rules are followed, success is not guaranteed.
- OPAC functions within increasingly complex environment.
- Not everything is within the catalogers' control.
- The future of cataloging will be ...
(supply your own adjective)
- (And knowledgeable mediators between the OPAC and the patron might still be necessary.)

The trouble with analyzed series...

- Why analyze?
 - Bibliographic access to works within
- Linking item to monographic and series record
 - multiple MFHDs on series record in Voyager
- MFHDs don't sort in sensible order, added complexity if volumes not individually bound
 - difficult for patron to see all of what is owned
- No series bibliographic record
 - no retrieval from "Start of journal"
 - maybe no retrieval via link resolver (e.g., *Englera*)
- Without link from item to series record, item statuses don't show there
- ***What's a cataloger to do?***

Without AC, series headings may appear functionally similar, but...

Conference: [Colloquium on Ecology and Taxonomy of African Small Mammals \(1977 : Carnegie Museum of Natural History\)](#)

Title: Ecology and taxonomy of African small mammals / edited by Duane A. Schlitter.

Series: Bulletin of Carnegie Museum of Natural History ; no. 6
[Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Bulletin of Carnegie Museum of Natural History ; no. 6.](#)

Published: Pittsburgh : Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 1978.

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name
index

4901_ |a Bulletin of Carnegie Museum of Natural History ; no. 6

8102_ |a [Carnegie Museum of Natural History.](#) |t Bulletin of Carnegie Museum of Natural History ; |v no. 6.

Author: [Williams, Daniel F.](#)

Title: Systematics and ecogeographic variation of the Apache pocket mouse (Rodentia, Heteromyidae) / Daniel F. Williams.

Series: Bulletin of Carnegie Museum of Natural History ; no. 10
[Bulletin of Carnegie Museum of Natural History. no. 10.](#)

Published: Pittsburgh : Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 1978.

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title list

4901_ |a Bulletin of Carnegie Museum of Natural History ; no. 10

830_0 |a Bulletin of Carnegie Museum of Natural History. |v no. 10.

Authority-challenged series in I-Share: one example

FIELD	Select a Link to View the Authority Record
Heading (1XX)	Bulletin (State Geological and Natural History Survey of Connecticut)

- 60 bibs in I-Share from series
- 32 records contain the authorized heading
- 10 records lack “clickable” series headings (i.e., series in 490 0_)
- 4 different “clickable” series statements

Series: [Connecticut. Geological and Natural History Survey. Bulletin no.20](#)

Series: [\[Connecticut\] State Geological and Natural History Survey. Bulletin no. 53](#)

Series: [State Geological and Natural History Survey of Connecticut Bulletins, no.16, 22, 34, 39](#)

Series: Bulletin ; 109

[Bulletin \(Connecticut Geological and Natural History Survey\) ; 109](#)




- Several records have authorized form of heading in 440 (“click” retrieval OK, but no access via series as on piece)

Other common retrieval challenges faced by OPAC users


- No ISSN / ISBN
- No tracing
 - no hyperlinked series in bib
- Volume in subfield \$a
 - extra index entry
 - heading click retrieves only that record
- Spelling

Some fun examples...




Wilkerson and C.W. Smith.
Series: Research series / Agricultural Experiment Station ; 356
[Research series \(Arkansas Agricultural Experiment *Stationn*\) ; 356.](#)
Published: Fayetteville, Ark. : Agricultural Experiment Station, Division of
Agriculture, 1907.

Find:  Next  Previous  Highlight all Match case

report / [authors, Larry Oliva, Janice Huttman, Jerry Powell].
Series: [Solid waste *mangement* series ; SW-192c](#)
Published: Washington, D.C. : U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of
Water & Waste Management ; Springfield, Va. : Available from
NTIS, U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 1981.

Find:  Next  Previous  Highlight all Match case

relating thereto, May 1925.
Series: Bulletin of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, no.370
Labor laws of the United States series.
Published: Washington : U.S. Govt. Print. Off., 1925.

Find:  Next  Previous  Highlight all Match case

(note that WorldCat has “mangement” problems, too...)

Doing what we can...

- Authority control and quality control matter for retrieval
- How can we do it best with the shrinking resources available to us?