

Blurb

So you're ready to settle down with a Harker Library database but don't know which one is right for you? Not sure if you want the short term sizzle of a daily news source or the long-term stability of citation management software? Join me, plus Amy Pelman, and Qi Huang, Harker's Electronic Resources Librarian and Match-maker, to find the database that's right for you! There will be personality tests and pickup lines (made by you) to scientifically match you with your soul-database.

Materials

- [Affinity Groups of Databases / Library.harker.org](#)
- [Exit Ticket](#)
- [Personality quiz](#)

On the Board

Questions to Ask Your Database:

- *What types of resources can you offer me?*
- *Is there a way to browse your content?*
- *Are there any special features for instructors that I should know about?*
- *How often are you updated?*
- *Can I request new resources to be added to you?*

Questions to Ask Yourself When Looking for Love with a Database:

- *Am I ready to commit?*
- *What types of resources am I looking for?*
- *Are there any holes in my instruction or curriculum that resources from a database might fill?*
- *What does this button do?*

Session Outline: December 8th from 3:15 - 4:15

- 1) Personality Quiz (5 minutes)
 - a) Establish affinity groups for vision day
 - b) Tabulate results on the board?
- 2) Speed-Dating (30 minutes)
 - a) Librarians do quick demo of each affinity group
 - b) Teachers get 5 minutes with each database grouping
 - c) Re-evaluate quiz results?
- 3) Group Date (10 minutes)
 - a) Participants pick an affinity grouping for an extended visit
 - b) Create pickup lines
- 4) Goodbyes (5 minutes)
 - a) Questions?

- b) Share pickup lines

“Personality Quiz” to establish affinity groups for vision day

1. What brings you here this evening?
 - a. I had to sign up for something
 - b. I'm ready to live life (through my databases) in living color!
 - c. I'm looking for a deeper connection to my practice
 - d. I need something to give the sub tomorrow
2. If you had to pick one of the following as your spirit animal, which would you choose?
 - a. A crow! They see all, know all.
 - b. Sid the Sloth from *Ice Age*
 - c. An axolotl, obviously
 - d. A mule--they get things done in style.
3. What is your favorite way to spend a Saturday afternoon?
 - a. Reading *The New Yorker*
 - b. Watching *Die Hard*
 - c. Working on my 8th Master's Degree
 - d. Researching my next curricular unit and lessons
4. If you had to be a flavor of ice cream, which one would you be?
 - a. Vanilla--nothing beats a classic
 - b. Funfetti cake
 - c. Ube-Matcha Swirl
 - d. Ben & Jerry's Pecan Resist
5. Do you prefer quantity or quality?
 - a. Quality all the way
 - b. It depends...I can't decide.
 - c. I prefer not to be limited by false binaries.
 - d. It's all about the numbers, baby
6. What does #relationshipgoals mean to you vis-a-vis your databases?
 - a. I'm looking for a database that helps me become my best self.
 - b. I'd love to find a database that makes me laugh...and cry...and think...and has a great soundtrack.
 - c. I'm looking for a database that feeds my beautiful mind.
 - d. I'm looking for a teaching partner.
7. What has been missing in your past library database relationships?

- a. Acceptance for my love of current events (sorry JSTOR)
 - b. Excitement (sorry JSTOR)
 - c. Support for my professional career (sorry JSTOR)
 - d. Shared values--and data and graphs (sorry JSTOR)
8. From which of these celebrities would you take dating advice?
- a. Michelle Obama
 - b. Quentin Tarantino
 - c. Benjamin Bloom (he of the Taxonomy)
 - d. Nate Silver
9. What is your database love language?
- a. Receiving gifts (like ebooks)
 - b. Words (and videos) of affirmation
 - c. Quality time (with the Chronicle of Higher Education)
 - d. Physical touch (and graphs)
10. Where would you like to be taken on a first date with your database?
- a. A reading of a just-published novel
 - b. The movies
 - c. An education conference
 - d. I'd love to stay home and grade essays together.
11. Where do you usually like to meet databases?
- a. On my phone
 - b. At parties
 - c. At grad school
 - d. At work
12. Which of these surprises would you like most from your database?
- a. *Beloved* read to you by Toni Morrisson
 - b. 690+ full-length feature films, award-winning documentaries and teaching guides for Shakespeare's plays
 - c. It will cite any source ever published for you in the citation style of your choice
 - d. A complete statistical dossier on the topic of your choice

Results/Groupings

Mostly As - personal growth (MC)

You are a busy teacher who needs a little time for yourself..

- Newsbank
 - SF Chronicle Image Edition
- Subject specific
- Ejournal portal
- Sora
- NYTimes

Mostly Bs - videos (QH)

You love to make learning come to life for your students..

- AVON - Academic Video Online. This is our largest video collection. It covers many subject areas like history, social science, and business. It also has dramatic audios from the L.A. Theater and documents on performance design and theater education.
- Unlike AVON which is considered a college level database, we have Classroom Video on Demand, which is a curriculum-focused video collection at secondary school level. It includes videos from renowned publishers such as PBS, BBC, History Channel.
- Feature Films for Education has nearly 700 full-length feature films including many Academy Award® winners.
- Swank has more than 200 feature films including documentaries and foreign films. You can suggest interesting titles that are not in our collection, and we can purchase them for you.
- Drama Online includes 30 plays from Shakespeare's Globe on Screen. On top of that, it also includes over 1,800 playtexts and eBooks on the study of theater and performance. Also a bonus if you are interested in acting - it includes 60 videos called Physical Actor Training.

Mostly Cs - professional education (AP)

You are a lifelong learner who never stops asking questions..

- NoodleTools - great way to keep track of sources and excellent note taking
- PowerOn - search across so many of our databases at one time!
- ERIC - Education Resources Information Center: online digital library of education research and information
- Ebook Central - high quality academic books on every possible subject
- Professional Development Collection EBSCO - this is where you can get access to periodicals like The Chronicle of Higher Education, Change, and tons of other professional resources

Mostly Ds - lesson plans (AP/MC)

You are a goal-oriented teacher looking for concrete tools to enrich your teaching...

- Lesson Plans Libguide (MC)
- Statista (MC)
- Subject-specific databases / narrow by Type (AP)

Exit Ticket

Please create a pickup line for your favorite database. These pickup lines will be posted on the US Teachers' Schoology group so everyone can share in your love.

Example: *"Is your name JSTOR? Because honey, you're archival and scholarly in all the right places! I'd LOVE to experiment in the digital humanities with you sometime..."*