Authority Control meets Faceted Browse: Vanderbilt and Primo

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Primo Implementation

• Library catalog (Acorn, Sirsi software 2-3 million bibliographic records, over a million authority records)

• TV NEWS (non-MARC database, 750,000 records, of TV News segments since 1968. Rights to the video is owned by the networks)
So in Primo we are attempting to combine two very different sources of metadata, with various and stringent ‘rights’ situations. Faceting from MARC data is mostly limited by our ability to ‘think outside the box’ and the number of facets that will display well on a screen. It is rewarding for me to see the results of all the MARC coding showing up in facets in Primo. Searches show facets for authors/creators, dates, topics, languages, collections, resource type and LC classification. For TV News we currently only have two facets showing up: date and author/creator. The author/creator facet is not always useful since the major networks and the major news reporters have hundreds, even thousands of entries.

If you choose to search our full implementation, the result of an initial search retrieves items from both the catalog and from TV News but the facets do not ‘drill down’ as well as I would like, into the TV News records.
Another major challenge for an authorities person (me) is understanding the ‘new catalog’. Because I prefer precision and ‘control’ should be part of my name, I like the browse search. I think the organized display of subjects and names usually provided by the browse search is one of the best things that catalogers have routinely provided. HOWEVER, browsing is not an option with TVNEWS. When we are dealing with large keyword result sets, faceted retrieval can be a big help to the user.

To attempt to open my mind to “New catalog” options and ideas I have experimented—and sometimes I really like the results. For this talk I searched a few of the major presenters at this ALA. I’ll begin with Julie Andrews.
Vanderbilt Television News Archive 1970-01-17

Online access is restricted (Gell)

Available in your library (Gell)

Check library holdings (Gell)

PDF version in 31 languages published between 1960-2005

Add to e-Shelf

Richard Burton and Julie Andrews in Camelot (View details)


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Brigadoon: My fair lady: Camelot (View details)


Add to e-Shelf
Facets for Search: Julie Andrews

Refine My Results

Narrow my results by limiting the search to:

Topic:

- **Musicals** (12)
- **Motion picture music** (6)
- **Popular music** (3)
- **Musical films** (3)
- **Feature films** (2)

Show 15 more
Creator:
- CBS (7)
- Rather, Dan (6)
- Andrews, Wyatt (6)
- ABC (5)
- Loewe, Frederick, 1901-1988. (3)

Collection:
- Television News Archive (17)
- Music Library (14)
- Central Library (8)
- Annex (5)
- Peabody Library (2)

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**Camelot original Broadway cast** (View details)
New York, NY: Columbia 1985?

Add to e-Shelf Available in your library

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**The Boy friend an original cast recording [Boy friend]** (View details)
Sandy Wilson 1924- Julie Andrews; Anton Coppola; Paul McGrane and his bearcats.

Add to e-Shelf 2 versions in English published between 1955-1989

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**Taylor and Andrews** (View details)
CNN Judy Woodruff
CNN Evening News for Tuesday, May 16, 2000
Vanderbilt Television News Archive 2000-05-16

Add to e-Shelf Online access is restricted
The first item is a commercial for the Julie Andrews Hour, a TV Show in 1973. If you are in the library you can click to get to the TVNEWS database and click to view the segment. If you are not in the library, you will be directed to TVNEWS and the options that are available for a fee. Another item in the list shows “The awarding of the title of the Dame of the Order of the British Empire to actress Elizabeth Taylor and singer/actress Julie Andrews reported; scenes shown of the pair.”
Search

Search for Julie Andrews

Look for my query:
- All items that contain my query words anywhere in the record

In Entire Local Repository

Details

(Commercial: Hartford Insurance; ABC's Julie Andrews Hour.)

Author: ABC
ABC Evening News for Wednesday, Jan 17, 1973
Publisher: Vanderbilt Television News Archive
Creation Date: 1973-01-17
Format: mpeg. Extent: 17:26:00-17:27:00
Language: English

This item in Television News Archive
Headline: (Commercial: Hartford Insurance; ABC's Julie Andrews Hour.)

Broadcast Type: Evening News Segment Type: Commercial
Record Number: 22899
ValidatIP: 129.59.1.178,33,active,CNN,guest,15023 [no]
Begin Time: 05:26:00 pm
End Time: 05:27:00 pm
Duration: 01:00
What I did see was video showing her in 1973, 1995 and again in 2000. If you agree with ‘a picture is worth a thousand words’ you will understand that I was delighted with what I found. The last item’s abstract is interesting:

**Description:** (Studio) ABC says in IRS' zeal to list extremists and radicals during Nixon admin. such names were incld. as Julie Andrews, Tony Randall, Elizabeth Taylor, Mrs. Burt Lancaster, Connie Stevens, Kareem-Abdul Jabbar. REPORTER: Tom Brokaw

**Publisher:** Vanderbilt Television News Archive

**Creation Date:** 1975-03-21

**Viewing TVNEWS is fascinating and it is a valuable source of information for the last 40 years. PRIMO will allow much better access to this resource for our patrons. As is usual with keyword searching items were retrieved that I couldn’t understand. One of these is The last of the really great whangdoodles**
The last of the really great whangdoodles,

Author: Julie Edwards 1935;
Subjects: Fantasy;
Description: Summary: With help from an eccentric professor in giving their imaginations special intensive training, three children succeed in locating the last of the great Whangdoodles and granting his heart's desire.
Publisher: New York, Harper & Row
Creation Date: 1974
Format: 209 p. 24 cm.
Language: English

Available in your library (Get it)
Authority Record for Julie Andrews shows:

1001 |a Andrews, Julie
4001 |a Wells, Julia Elizabeth
5001 |a Edwards, Julie, |d 1935-
670 |a Contemporary authors on CD, Nov. 1997 |b (Julie Andrews, b. Julia Elizabeth Wells, Oct. 1, 1935; actress; has written two children’s novels as Julie Edwards)
• So Julie Andrews, the actress, is writing under another name and one of the reasons this record was found is that the cross references, including the see also references for personal names are included in Primo.

• Was I happy with what I found—ABSOLUTELY! Would I have the same experience off campus—NO, but the presence of the TVNEWS abstracts would still make it useful.
If you limit to TVNEWS and choose to show 15 more under Creator:

Creator:
- CBS (252)
- NBC (154)
- ABC (139)
- Rather, Dan (95)
- Brokaw, Tom (85)
- Jennings, Peter (63)
- Roberts, John (44)
- CNN (29)
- Bradley, Bill (24)
- Simpson, Carole (22)
- Jones, Phil (21)
- Seigenthaler, John (15)
- Williams, Brian (15)
- Zahn, Paula (14)
- Hall, Andria (13)
- Thompson, Anne (12)
- Chancellor, John (11)
- Brown, Aaron (9)
- Woodruff, Judy (5)
- Mitchell, Russ (4)

One of the entries is for: **Seigenthaler, John (15)**
• At the bottom of the PRIMO screen, there is an option of beginning a new search for John Seigenthaler. If you do that and select the entire repository, you retrieve 7,611 results. If you change and search only our local catalog, only 6 items are returned.

• The TVNEWS form of heading is simply: Seigenthaler, John. In our library catalog we have works for both the father and for the son.
You’re Looking For?

Correctly.

Limit the search and narrow my results.

Click selections in the Look for boxes (in the Search area at the top of the page).

Check details to expand or narrow your search (to see the details, click the item’s title).

Search for books.

Suggested New Searches

Ignore my query and look for everything by this author:

> NBC
> Seligenthaler, John
> Shipman, Claire
> Myers, Lisa
> Aller, Jonathan
John Seigenthaler: Authority challenge

Limiting to the Library Catalog

The creator facet now shows:

Creator:

Seigenthaler, John, 1927- (3)
Committee to Protect Journalists. (1)
Seigenthaler, John M., 1955- (1)
Nashville : city of note
Seigenthaler, John M., 1955-

Author: Seigenthaler, John M., 1955-
Title: Nashville : city of note / by John M. Seigenthaler and Curtis Allen ; Groppe and Jonathan Postal.
Physical details: 351 p. : ill. (some col.) ; 32 cm.
Series: Urban tapestry series
• The father is well known for his challenge to Wikipedia and is the founder of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt. So as an authorities person, this presents a challenge for me. The form used by TVNEWS for the ‘son’ is not the NACO heading. The NACO heading is not the form the son used as a news commentator. As a NACO participant, can I 'cite' all the TVNEWS entries and change his heading? Under current rules I can’t add a ref. for 'jr' and 'sr', but I think it would make things clearer. This is one thing for ‘us’ to consider as we combine resources from ‘non-traditional’ library resources.

• Back to Bill Bradley. That is a very common name. There are lots of entries for ‘Bill’ and plenty of 'Bradley'. Not all the retrievals here are for the Bill Bradley speaking at ALA. In fact, not all the retrievals are for Bill Bradley... some are for other 'Bill' and other 'Bradley.' When I choose the earliest dates for the search, I can eliminate the person I'm interested in and end up titles from the 1800's from loaded sets of records. In the new catalog, this is not supposed to bother me. I am told it will not bother our users. Someday maybe I’ll 'get over it.'
Search Judy Blume (28 results)

**Topic:**
- Humorous stories (5)
- Family life (5)
- Children (3)
- Blume, Judy (3)
- Brothers (3)
- Show 15 more

**Collection:**
- Peabody Library (21)
- Youth (17)
- Central Library (4)
- Curriculum Materials Center (4)
- Television News Archive (3)
- Show 2 more

**Creator:**
- Blume, Judy. (15)
- Weidt, Maryann N. (1)
- Shepherd-Hayes, Deborah. (1)
- Nault, Jennifer. (1)
- Teacher Created Materials, Inc. (1)
- Show 15 more
• You see that most of the 28 are in the Peabody library, our education library, and 17 of those are in the Youth collection there. The Collection facet is one of those ‘things’ where we can think outside the box. We have included all our libraries, but we have also attempted to ‘group’ materials like we do in our buildings, ‘Youth’ is an example of this. In addition, we have grouped our ‘theses’ here. I hope we can eventually do more with this ‘facet’.
1. **Judy Blume** (View details)
   Jennifer Nault
   - Add to e-Shelf
   - Available in your library (Gett)

2. **Superfudge by Judy Blume : study guide** (View details)
   Gloria Levine Anne Troy; Phyllis Green
   - Add to e-Shelf
   - Available in your library (Gett)

3. **Tales of a fourth grade nothing, by Judy Blume : study guide** (View details)
   Anne Troy Phyllis Green
   - Add to e-Shelf
   - Available in your library (Gett)

4. **Person of The Week (Judy Blume)** (View details)
   ABC Peter Jennings
   ABC Evening News for Friday, Dec 03, 1993
   Vanderbilt Television News Archive 1993-12-03
   - Add to e-Shelf
   - Online access is restricted (Gett)
• The fourth entry is for “Person of the Week” available via TV News. This is a wonderful ‘life’ summary. If you choose to view the details, the abstract will show up:

• Description: (Studio: Peter Jennings) Children's author Judy Blume profiled; the messages of her work outlined. BLUME - talks about what is important for children and about her writing. American Library Association Judith KRUG, five young GIRLS, MAN - praises Blume. Blume's background reviewed; photos shown

• So by just looking at the TV News segment and/or the abstract of the segment. I found out what I wanted to know about Judy Blume. Another of the TV NEWS abstracts is:
CBS Evening News for Tuesday, Nov 13, 1984

Description: (Studio) Report introduced REPORTER: Dan Rather (Chicago, Illinois) Censorship of author Judy Blume's books for children examined; Peoria, Illinois, school libraries mentioned banning some of her works. Associate school superintendent Dennis GAINEY - won't apologize. Subjects of her banned books described.

BLUME - believes adult fear of the issues is basis for most censorship of children's books. Parent Martha FOSTER - supports ban. BLUME - notes life deals with making wise decisions.
Judy Blume remote search facets

**Topic:**
- BLUME, Judy (10)
- UNITED States (7)
- BEST sellers (7)
- DOUBLE Fudge (Book) (6)
- BOOKS -- Reviews (5)
- Show 113 more

**Creator:**
- Holt, Karen (2)
- Baker, John F. (2)
- Lodge, Sally (2)
- MacCall, Melinda A. (2)
- Spielvogel, Cindy (2)
- Show 19 more
The first facet may bother you. It shows font inconsistencies that catalogers are not used to seeing. In fact if you look back now at earlier examples of the facets you may see the benefits of authority control and file maintenance. I have begun making changes to our catalog so that these ‘facets’ present consistently. I think the consistency will make us look more professional. I don’t have it perfect as shown by the following ‘facet’ which I didn’t have to look for, just stumbled upon.
Authority Control/Maintenance issues
Creator facet

1. NetLibrary, Inc. (3)
2. Altman, George Tilden, 1897- (2)
3. netLibrary, Inc. (2)
4. Cannon Films. (1)
5. Wood, Robin, 1931- (1)
6. Hargittai, István. (1)
7. Studwell, William E. (William Emmett), 1936- (1)
8. Altman, George, 1884- (1)
9. Shepard, Sam, 1943- (1)
10. Cameron, Kenneth M., 1931- (1)
11. Hoover Institution on War, Revolution, and Peace. (1)
12. Conference on Regulatory Reform (1)
13. MGM/UA Home Video (Firm) (1)
14. Altman, George, 1884-1962. (1)
15. Conference on Regulatory Reform, (1)
16. Altman, Daniel. (1)
17. American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. (1)
• The facets look and work better if your headings are ‘clean’ and your cataloging/metadata practices have been consistent. In the above list we have 2 versions of 3 entries.

• Consistency of cataloging practice is important when working on this type of project. One of my biggest struggles this year as a cataloger has been with uniform titles because the treatment has varied over the years and by communities. AACR2 uses uniform titles to organize specific collections. The application varies based on need of the institution, and on the type of material (i.e. music vs. literature). This inconsistency has made uniform titles much less useful than they could be with this project. Communicating and justifying the inconsistency and the reasons for it has challenged me.
• **Back to our Judy Blume remote retrieval.** *The second item is:* Judy Blume Wins NBF Lifetime Achievement Prize.

• **Description:** Features the 2004 Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters awarded by the National Book Foundation to Judy Blume, an author for children and young adult books in the U.S. Number of books written by Blume; Views of NBF executive director Harold Augenbraum on the award honorees; Information on the writing style of Blume

• It indicates that full text is available—with a click.

• Now I have full text available immediately-- this is much easier than our current situation. I did one search. I didn’t have to know that information was available in TV NEWS or in journal databases. I didn’t have to know how to get to those resources to search for Judy Blume.
So far I have searched people, what about subjects? I traveled to the Mobile Alabama area earlier this month... so again trying to be the ‘user’ appropriate for PRIMO, I tried Mobile ALABAMA and travel. At first I didn’t find what I wanted so I tried ALABAMA TRAVEL. When I chose Netlibrary as the Creator I found;
Alabama travel—remote

1. **The WPA guide to 1930s Alabama** (View details)
   - NetLibrary, Inc.; Writers' Program (Ala.)
   - Book
   - Add to e-Shelf
   - Online access is restricted (GetIt)

2. **Letters from Alabama. (U.S.) chiefly relating to natural history** (View details)
   - Book
   - Add to e-Shelf
   - Online access is restricted (GetIt)

3. **Stars fell on Alabama** (View details)
   - Book
   - 2 versions in English published between 1934-1985
   - Add to e-Shelf
   - Check library holdings (GetIt)

4. **Country roads of Alabama** (View details)
   - Carol Thallmer Dan Thallmer, netLibrary, Inc.
   - Book
   - Add to e-Shelf
   - Online access is restricted (GetIt)
Chapter 5 — The Coastal Circle Trail

Alabama's Gulf Coast is a relatively undiscovered Eden of unspoiled beaches, picturesque small towns and fishing villages, glamorous historic Mobile, Civil War sites, copious blooming flowers and canopied avenues of live oaks, not to mention excellent fishing and fantastic seafood. Stretched in a huge horseshoe around Mobile Bay, this 155-mile trail can be explored by starting with Mobile at the top of the horseshoe. Whether you take the western...
Does PRIMO take care of all user needs? I don’t think so. In fact, according to Ex Libris, it is not supposed to replace the library’s catalog. I believe we still need the browse search for our ‘researchers.’ PRIMO does not have the precision that I use to quickly find known items and make changes to our catalog each day. The continued need for a browse search showed when I attempted a search on another ALA speaker, Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Most of the retrievals were not about or by him but were about his father and his uncle. By using the facets, I was able to limit it to TV News and remote and get some appropriate results. His authority entry is:

- **10010 |a** Kennedy, Robert Francis, |d 1954-
- **670__ |a** His Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., 1978: |b t.p. (Robert Francis Kennedy, Jr.)
• According to the ALA program announcement he is using Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. as his name. We have two works by him in our library catalog using that form.
• Everything is not ‘perfect’ with the system, but I think our students are going to be happier than with the current situation. I also think our behind the scenes work with the system including authority control will make it work better.
Authority Control Issues

• Uniform title practices—inconsistency, even for collection management and organization is a problem

• NACO practices for ‘usage’ need to be reconsidered

• Authority control, Maintenance and consistency are important