

WebPage Redesign General Concepts

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- ⇒ Color Scheme
 - The current color scheme is good
 - Keep strong contrast between box background colors and font colors (probably keep white background)
 - Use light-colored or white lines to delineate boxes/buttons
 - All boxes and color schemes should remain consistent throughout the MOBIUS Catalog pages
- ⇒ Fonts
 - Smaller fonts are ok.
 - Move to a sans serif font for most uses (cleaner and easier to read)
 - Continue to use a serif font for examples of what someone would type (like on the advanced keyword searching examples)
- ⇒ Quick Search
 - Include a quick search box at the top center of the page
 - Make the default search a keyword search (with other types of searches available from a drop-down)
- ⇒ Buttons
 - The buttons on Quest (and other catalogs) are preferable to the III buttons.
 - No decision about the inclusion of "MOBIUS" on the buttons was made
- ⇒ Material-type descriptors
 - Include the material type descriptors on the search results page (in a narrow column)
 - Use the icons that III provides
- ⇒ All buttons which represent functions of the catalog should be separated from the "about MOBIUS", FAQ's, and other functions of the web page
- ⇒ Search boxes (which appear below the QuickSearch box)
 - Use a hierarchy design in organizing the boxes
 - Subject search has a sub-set of boxes
 - Number search has a sub-set of boxes
 - Include necessary explanatory text, but only if needed
 - When "Number" search is chosen, an intermediary page comes up which explains the various types of number searches and links to the LC Call number page at LC and the Dewey page.
 - When "Subject" search is chosen, an intermediary page comes up but the default search is LC. Also, a link is provided to the LC Authorities page from there, the MeSH Headings page and the Children's subject headings page.

⇒ Advanced Keyword Search

- Search box at the top of the page
- Use Archway's design as a starting point
- Include another "Search" button below the "choices" box
- Change the font style, etc. for the explanatory information to be easier to read (including a gray bar like Archway has.)