Welcome to

Destiny

Your window into the Xavier LMC.

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What is Destiny?

- Destiny is our library management system.
- It is available online from any computer at school or home.
- This is where you can find the “card catalog” or listing of all the books and videos available at the Xavier library.

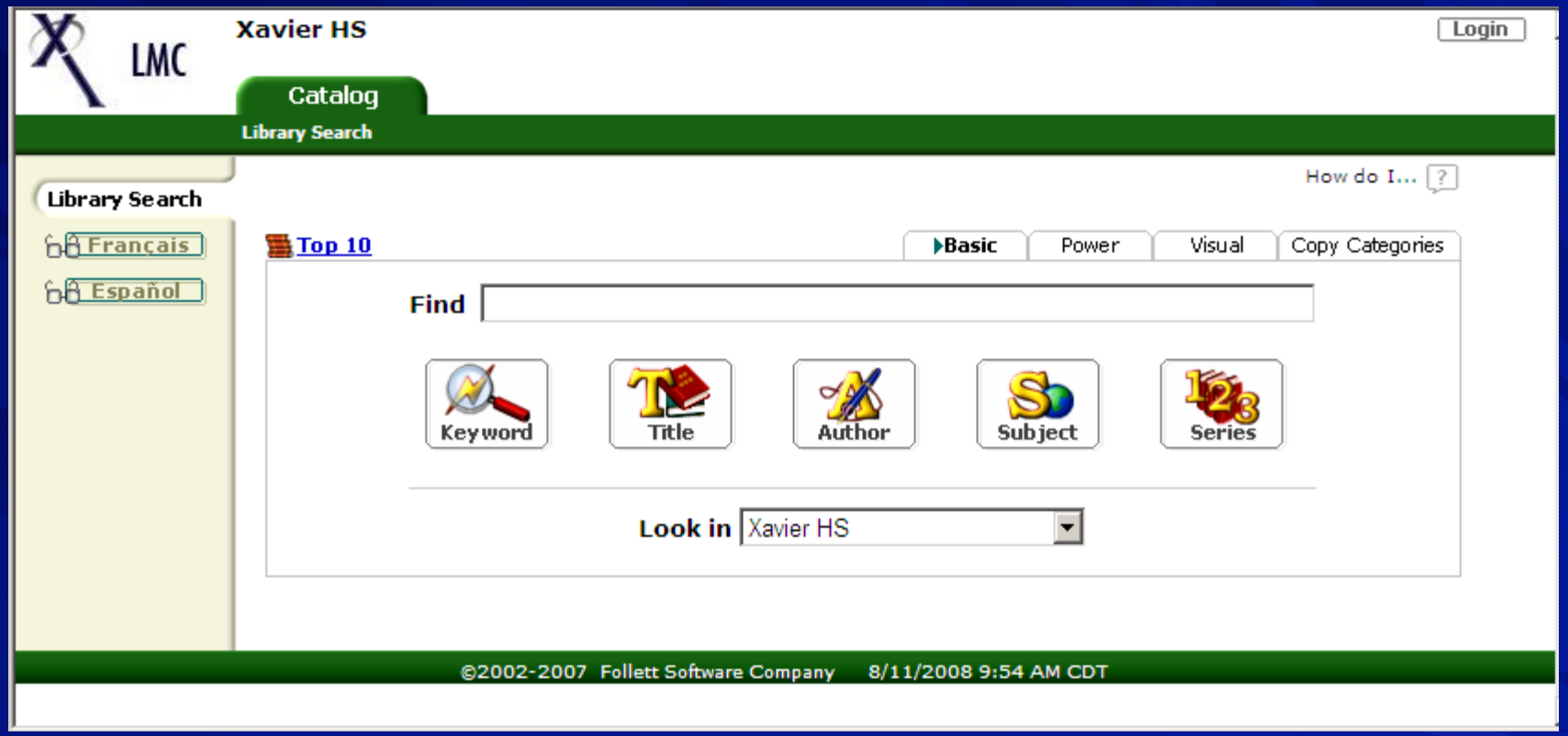
Where do I find it?

Destiny can be accessed at the following address:

http://lmc.xaviersaints.org

OR follow the link provided on the Xavier HS website.

Searching the catalog:



You can search the catalog by:

Keyword, Title, Author, Subject or Series.

Keyword Search:

Key Words search every field. It tells the program to search subject, title, author and series fields. As a general rule, this is probably the category used most often.

Author Search:

When doing a search by the author's name, you do not need to put the last name first.

Example:

Shakespeare, William

OR

William Shakespeare

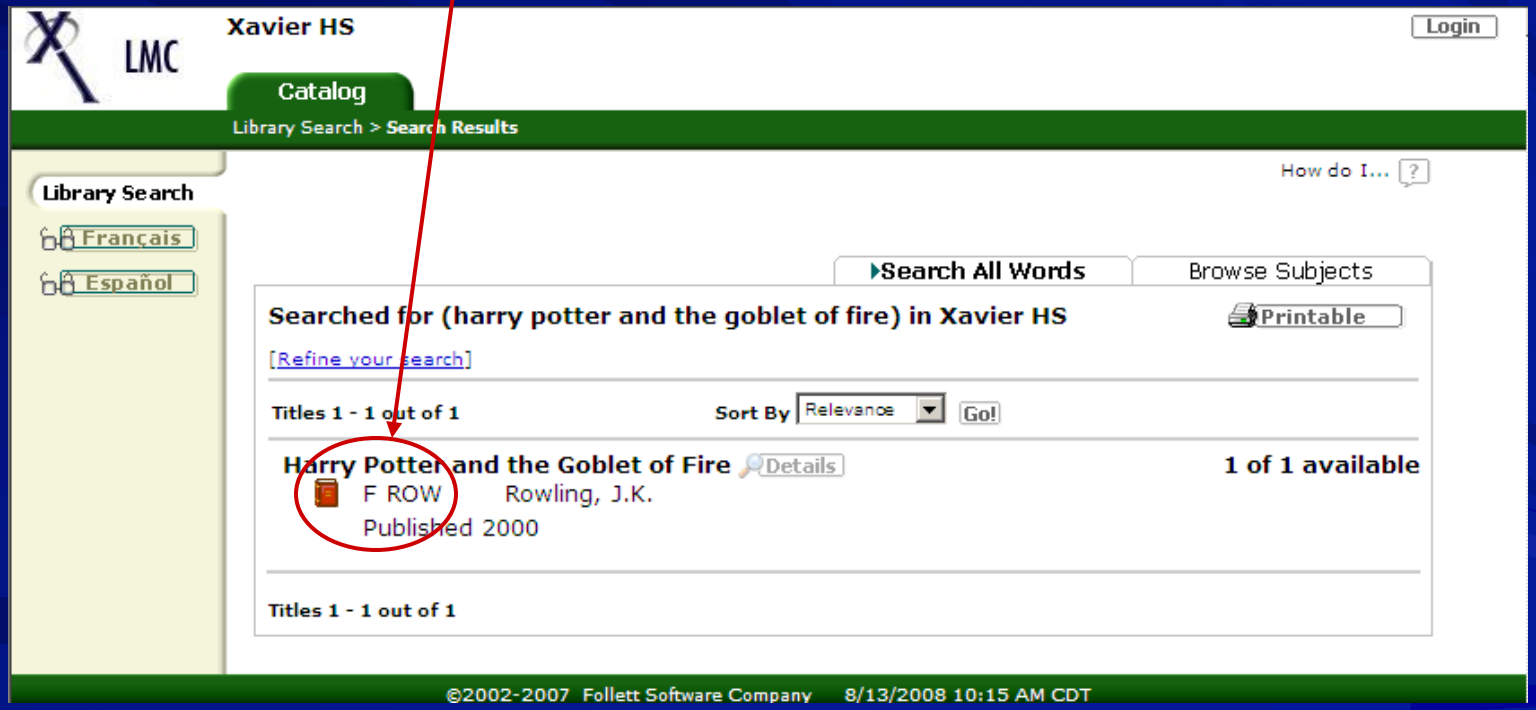
Subject Search:

When searching by subject, use the plural form instead of the singular for better results.

Example: flies instead of fly
lions instead of lion

Finding a Book:

After you do a search and find a title that you are interested in, the call number can be under the title next to the book icon. This is how you will find the book on the shelf.



Write down the entire number and then find the book on the shelf.

Where do I look for a book?

- Non fiction books are located in the upright shelves.
- Fiction books are found along the wall.

Book Sections cont.

- All Reference books are located in the short shelves in the middle of the library.
- All Biographies & Short Story Collections are found along the left hand wall.

Tips for successful searches:

Use Wildcards!

- If you don't know how to spell it, use an asterisk (*) at the end of what you do know. (Polyn* could be used for Polynesian).
- You can also use a question mark (?) to replace any letter. (all?gators for alligators)

Punctuation

- Don't worry about punctuation. Destiny ignores punctuation in a search.

Tips cont.:

Power Search

- Use Boolean operators. These operators - AND, OR, & NOT – between words or phrases will help narrow your search. (found under "Power" tab)

Spelling

- Don't be too concerned about spelling. If Destiny cannot find you word, it may ask you "Did you mean_____?" If it's the word that you want, click on their spelling to see the search.

Why should I log in?

Logging in will give several advantages that can be very helpful:

- You will be able to see books you currently have checked out & their due dates.
- You will see any fines you owe
- You can read book reviews posted by others.
- You can post book reviews.
- You can save book lists for later reference.

Book Reviews:

After you search for a book and open the information page, you will find a “Review” tab at the top. This is where you will find reviews written by other students about this book.

You can also add you own reviews by:

- Search for a book
- Open “title details”
- Open “reviews” tab at top
- Add review

Book Lists:

Another great feature of Destiny is the “My List” feature. You can mark books as you search by clicking the “Add to My List” button next to the title as you find books that may be of interest to you. You can later edit your list and remove any books that you have already read.

You can also click “Add Page to My List” at the top of a page to add a whole list of searched items.

How to Access My Book Lists:

- You must log in
- Open the “My Info” tab at top
- Click “Resource Lists” tab at Left
- Here you will find any lists you have saved

And Never Hesitate to Ask!

That's what we're here for…

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