

***The Sum* FAQs**

What does *The Sum* do?

The Sum allows you to search most of the library's books and articles **all at once**. It includes all the materials in our library catalog and many journal article databases.

Does *The Sum* include everything the library has?

No, but it is a perfect place to start a search because it includes so much of what the library has.

I already know how to use the databases. Why should I use *The Sum*?

Because *The Sum* has broad coverage, it may locate relevant materials published somewhere you may not search.

Why would I want to choose a specific database anymore—can I just use *The Sum* instead?

The Sum is not a replacement for our databases. Databases have their own advanced searching capabilities.

When and what would I use instead of *The Sum*?

If you're interested in finding only books, or a specific book title, then our library catalog might be a more appropriate place to begin.

If you're looking specifically for statistical data, or encyclopedia/dictionary entries, or images, then individual databases devoted to those specific types of information might be better resources.