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My system of choice is the Milwaukee County Federated Library System, (aka MCFLS) catalog of public libraries in Milwaukee County: https://countycat.mcfls.org/

The purpose of this system is defined in the MCFLS **mission statement**: MCFLS provides collaborative leadership, advocacy, and support for high-quality resources and services to empower the capabilities and capacities of member libraries to deliver and innovative library services to all residents of Milwaukee County.

MCFLS **vision statement** also offers the purpose of the system: MCFLS and member libraries envision themselves as indispensable resources and vital partners providing access to a coordinated network of information, exceptional library experiences, and life-inspiring opportunities. Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) (2024, February 11). *Milwaukee County Federated Library System -Mission-Services*. Retrieved February 11, 2024, from https://www.mcfls.org/mission-services/

MCFLS offers DVDs, music, audio books, Young Adult Collection, Adult Collection, videos, kid's collection, large print for consortium libraries.

Resource descriptions: I searched for Simply Red (band), Maltese Falcon (DVD) and Emplumada (book) in the search field. The common metadata elements are call numbers, imprint, publisher, creation date, and icons listed under the title (a book for book, and a disc icon for the DVD and music CD).

MCFLS' Information System has an OPAC (online public access catalog) and uses a consortium of libraries which patrons can retrieve materials from through MCFLS. The information system also provides library patrons access to services such as Gale, Learning Express library, online classes, and a language learning app.

A course concept present in the MCFLS system is the Function of library catalogs. The simple UI design that is easy to navigate and uncluttered, subject headings, and responsive search engine, makes it easy for library patrons to access materials information. The login function is great for retrieving patron account information.

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