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Customizing Your WebOPAC

*Learn how easy it is to
customize your WebOPAC from
beginning to end!*

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Step One: Set Goals

1. Improve the look of the site
2. Add functionality—new menu options, drop-down boxes
3. Make the site usable

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Step Two: Find Examples

1. Look at other sites:

http://www.iii.com/html/customers/c_type.php

2. View the III example WebOPAC

www.iii.com:81

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Step Three: Define criteria

1. *Useful, Consistent, Efficient, Understandable, Options, Control
2. Consider the look of the main library website

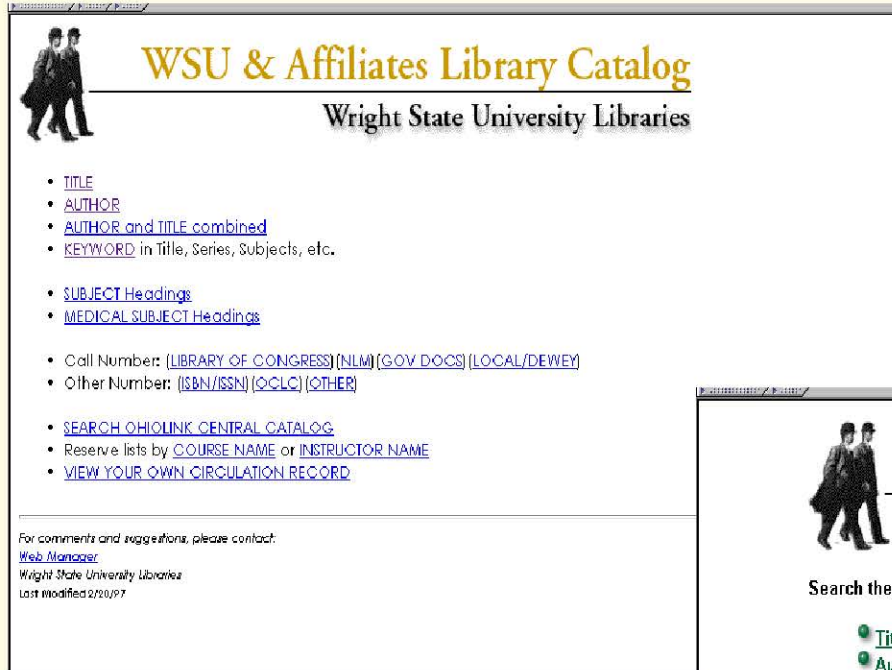
*Tennant, Roy. "User Design Interface: Some Guiding Principles." *Library Journal*; New York, Oct 15, 1999.


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Step Four: Create Sample Pages

1. Incorporate criteria
2. Use different design ideas
3. Get opinions from varying groups:
students, faculty, other librarians
4. Conduct usability tests

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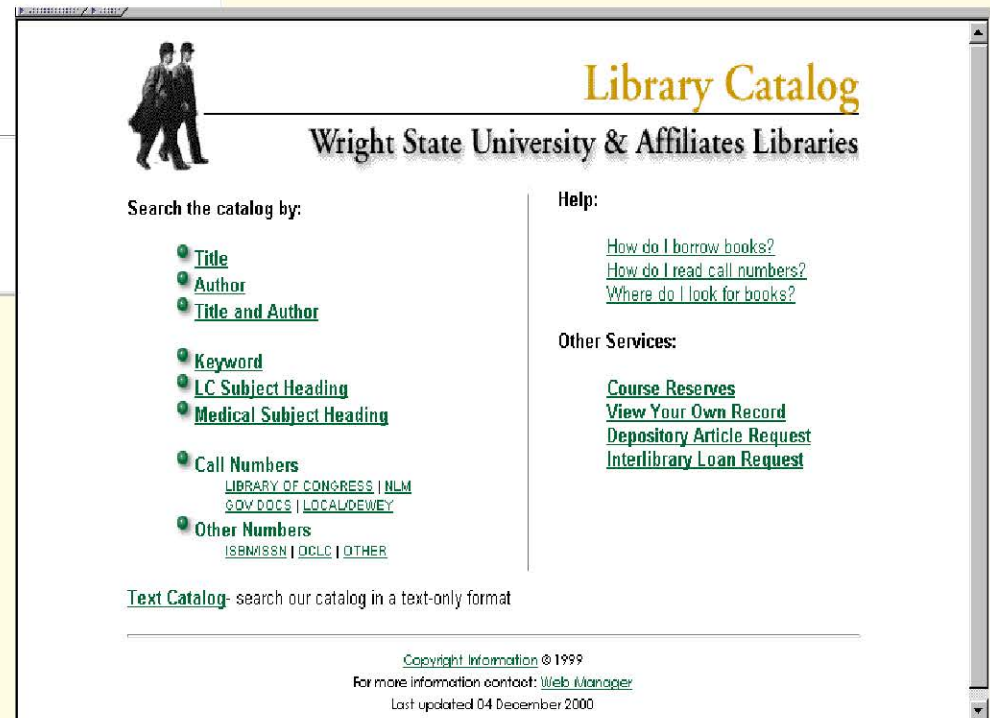
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Text only version of the WSU catalog



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for:


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Step Five: Select Final Design



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the Wright State University Library Catalog. The page features a header with a logo of two people walking, the title "Library Catalog", and the subtitle "Wright State University & Affiliates Libraries". A blue button labeled "Ask a Librarian" is positioned to the right. Below the header, there is a link for a "Text only version of the WSU Catalog". The main search area includes a dropdown menu set to "Keywords", a "for:" label, a text input field, and an "in:" dropdown menu set to "Entire Collection" with a "Search" button. The page is divided into two columns: "Search Tips" and "Other Services".

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for:

in:

Search Tips:

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- Call Numbers: [LC](#) | [NLM](#) | [GOV DOCS](#) | [LOCAL](#)
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- [OhioLINK Central Catalog](#)
- [A-Z List of e-Journals](#)
- [Text Catalog](#)
- [Depository Article Request Form](#)
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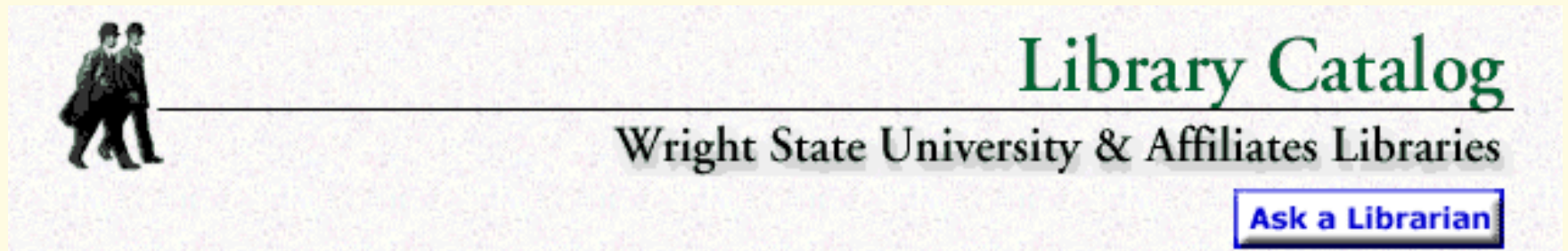
[About the Catalog](#)

[Return to Libraries' web site](#)

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Inserting an Image Map

(Banner includes hyperlink)



Linked to another page
on the library's website

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Inserting an Image Map

1. Create map code in an html page; upload that page in the screens directory on your Innopac server
2. Paste map code into the static srchhelp pages
3. Reference the html page in your wwwoptions file using `TOPLOGO=@screens/filename.html`

Our code:

```
<MAP NAME="banner">
<AREA SHAPE="rect" COORDS="0,0,600,64" HREF="/screens/opacmenu.html">
<AREA SHAPE="rect" COORDS="481,69,593,92"
HREF="http://www.libraries.wright.edu/libnet/referen/virtual/">
</MAP>
<CENTER><IMG SRC="/screens/ban_catalog2.gif" BORDER=0 ALT="Library Catalog"
USEMAP="#banner" WIDTH="600" HEIGHT="96"></CENTER>
```

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Adding Drop-down Boxes

The image shows a screenshot of a library catalog search interface. The interface includes a search box, a drop-down menu for the search index, a text input field for the search term, a drop-down menu for the search scope, and a search button. Annotations with arrows point to these elements:

- Search Box**: Points to the text input field.
- Index box**: Points to the drop-down menu showing "Keywords".
- Scoping box**: Points to the drop-down menu showing "Entire Collection".
- Search button**: Points to the "Search" button.

Search the library catalog by

for:

in:

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Index box javascript:

```
<TR><TD COLSPAN="2" ALIGN="center">
<P><FORM METHOD="GET"
ACTION="/search/~">
<B>Search the library catalog by</B>&nbsp;<SELECT
NAME="searchtype">
<OPTION VALUE="X">Keywords</OPTION>
<OPTION VALUE="t">Title&nbsp;</OPTION>
<OPTION VALUE="a">Author&nbsp;</OPTION>
<OPTION VALUE="d">L.C. Subject Heading</OPTION>
<OPTION VALUE="j">Medical Subject Heading</OPTION>
</SELECT>&nbsp;<P>
```

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Search box javascript:

```
<B>for:</B>
```

```
<INPUT TYPE="TEXT" NAME="searcharg" SIZE="40"  
MAXLENGTH="75">
```

Search button javascript:

```
<INPUT TYPE="hidden" NAME="SORT" VALUE="D">  
<INPUT TYPE="SUBMIT" VALUE="Search"><BR>  
</FORM>
```

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Scoping box javascript:

```
<P><FORM METHOD="GET"  
ACTION="/search/~">  
<B>in:</B> &nbsp;<SELECT  
NAME="searchscope">  
<OPTION VALUE="6">Entire Collection</OPTION>  
<OPTION VALUE="1">Journals&nbsp;</OPTION>  
<OPTION VALUE="2">Reference&nbsp;</OPTION>  
<OPTION VALUE="3">Media</OPTION>  
<OPTION VALUE="4">Music</OPTION>  
<OPTION VALUE="5">Online Resources</OPTION>  
</SELECT>&nbsp;</pre>
```

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Example wwwoptions:

```
BODYPARAM=BACKGROUND="/screens/1603.gif"  
TOPLOGO=@screens/header.html  
RESET_SCOPE=true  
XSTARTOVER=/screens/opacmenu.html  
DROP_DOWN=atdX
```

Example graphic buttons:

```
BUT_ANOTHER=/screens/another.gif  
BUT_BIBEXPORT=/screens/bibexport.gif  
BUT_BOOKING=/screens/bookitem.gif  
BUT_BRIEF=/screens/brief.gif
```


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Add maps to your catalog:

In the wwwoptions file, add the following code:

```
LOC_03000=http://www.libraries.wright.edu/services/maps/dunbar/2.gif  
(LOC_[branch location code]=[link to server where image is stored])
```

NOTE: These images can be stored in your Innopac /screens/ directory or on another server

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Step Six: Implement Design

1. Create html and javascripting as needed within the opacmenu.html screen
2. Add to wwwoptions file as needed

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Help options:

1. CSDirect

<http://csdirect.iii.com/tutorials/wpac/>

<http://csdirect.iii.com/faq/>

http://csdirect.iii.com/faq/webpac_graphics.shtml

2. Proceedings from past IUG Conferences

<http://www.innopacusers.org/about/conference.htm#past>

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Questions? Comments?

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