The Future of the Ropeway Database
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The Arthur Lakes Library is migrating to new, state-of-the-art cataloging software (“Alma”) that will complement and enhance the performance of our Resource Discovery Search Interface (“Primo”).

As part of this migration, the Ropeway Database search interface will change. These changes will provide significant improvement over the “old” search interface.

In the next month or so the “old” search interface that many of you have used to discover materials held at the Ropeway Center will be replaced by the Primo advanced search interface.

This improved search interface has already been available for users who navigate to the Ropeway Database via the Ropeway (and other Library) Web Pages. For example the link marked below takes the patron to the new Primo search interface:
By clicking on the “Ropeway Database” link you see above, you’ll get to the Primo search interface. The Primo search interface is elegant and easy-to-use. As you see below, the link is pre-configured to search the Ropeway Database – the Ropeway Center’s materials:

Primo is fun and easy to use. There are sophisticated search features such as “did you mean?” (for possible misspellings) and faceted (aka: filtered) navigation to help users focus their searches and quickly zero-in on the most relevant search results. What follows is a search results example in Primo for the keywords “colorado” and “mining.” All the data you searched in the “old” interface are here, just as they were before. It is just the search interface that has become more modern and improved:
As you see above on the left side, you can refine your search by subject, by date, by author, by language, and more.

Primo allows you to search by keywords, by “starts with,” or by exact phrase. The default “basic” search lets you search anywhere in the record, in titles, or by author. An advanced search is also available that provides many more search options.

As with its faceting (filtering) functionality as shown above, Primo does everything our “old” search interface did and much, much more. It is sleek, efficient and modern-looking, and our users love it.

By clicking on the Details tab, you can easily see additional helpful information about the item you’re investigating. Also notice your search terms are highlighted:
By going to the item's “Actions” menu you can email the record to yourself, or print it:
Plus, from this same search interface you can quickly search the “main” Arthur Lakes Library collection by simply changing the dropdown as you see below:
Our Library patrons love Primo. They have told us they find it simpler and much more straight-forward to use. They especially like the “Refine my Results” option. We are convinced once you start using it, you will never want to go back to the “old” interface. As an added benefit, the Primo search interface is fully mobile device compatible.
An additional benefit for the Ropeway Center is that all materials will be discoverable in the Library’s “main” collection as specified by the “Mines Library” option shown in the preceding screenshot. This provides additional visibility for the Center: