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**Keyword Search:** Search the entire catalog using keyword when you are unsure of the exact title, author, or subject heading. Keyword searching also allows you to combine concepts, words, and phrases.

- **Finds all material whose records have this phrase in any part of the record:** title, author, publisher, notes.

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- **AND:** Finds all material records containing all words/phrases entered in Search.
**Title Search:** Highlight the Title radio button. Enter title words, omit **A, An, The** if they begin the title.

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