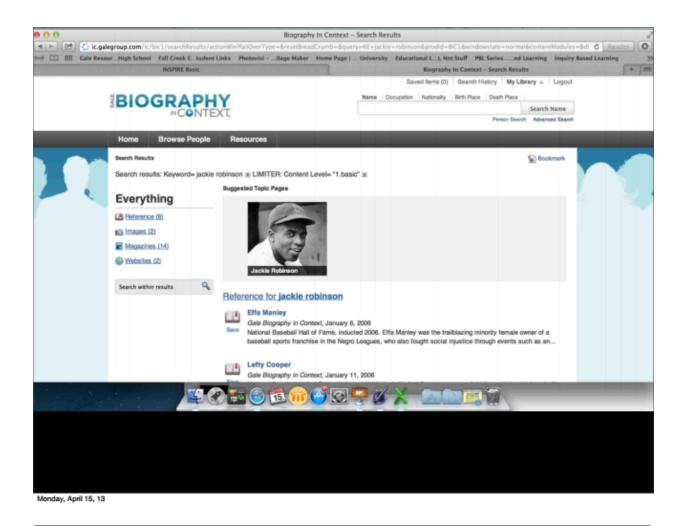INSPIRE.

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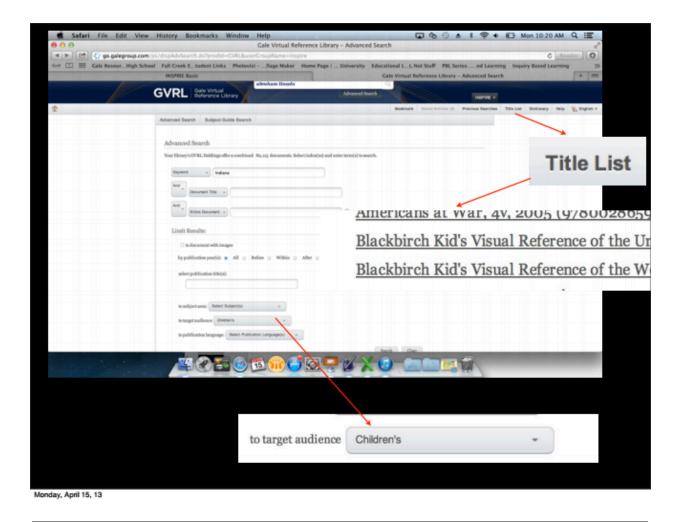variety of subject areas. This databa

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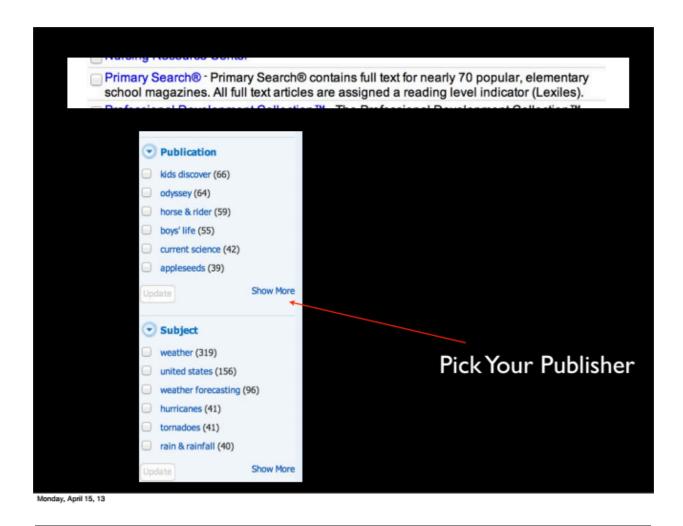
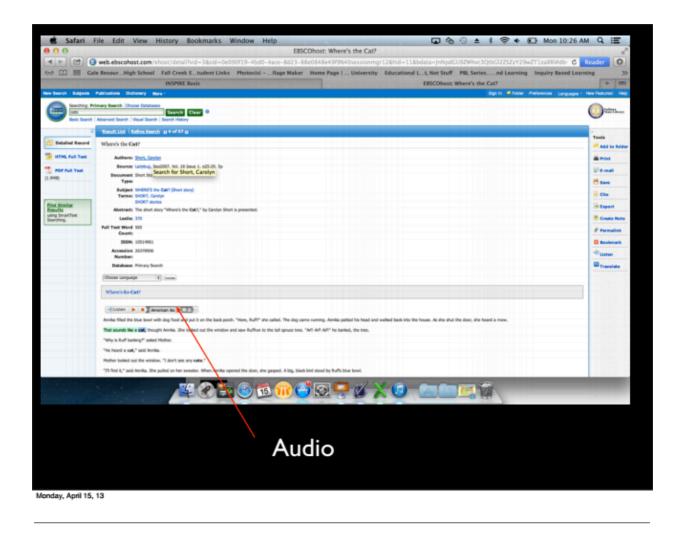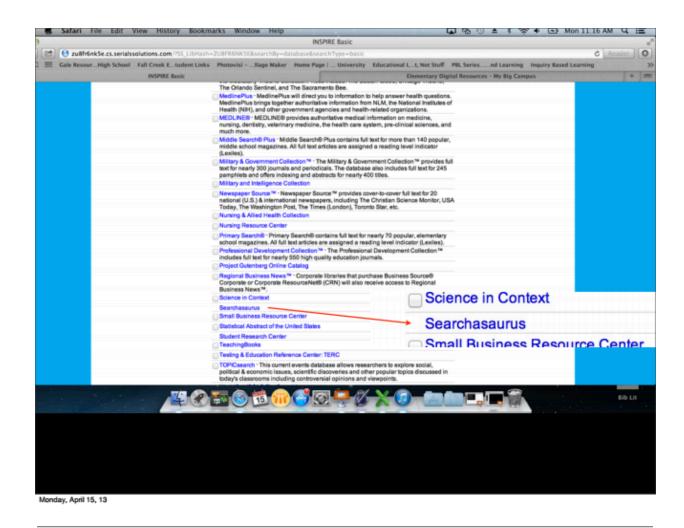☐ Professional Development Collection™ · The...

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