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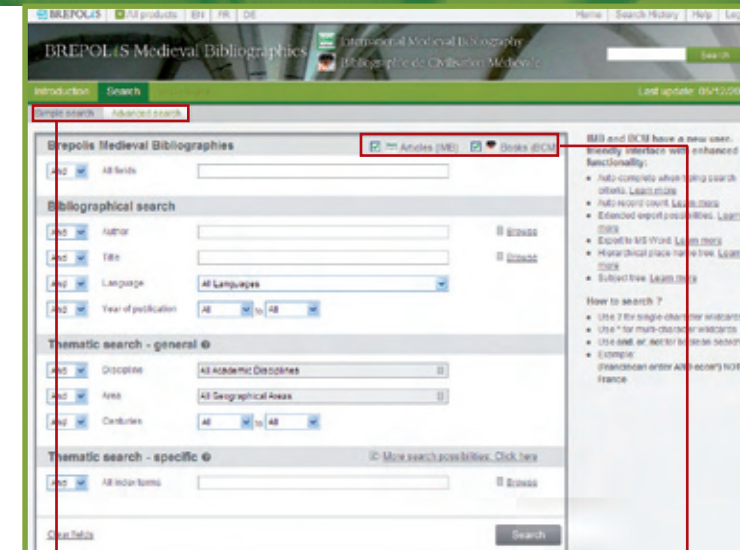
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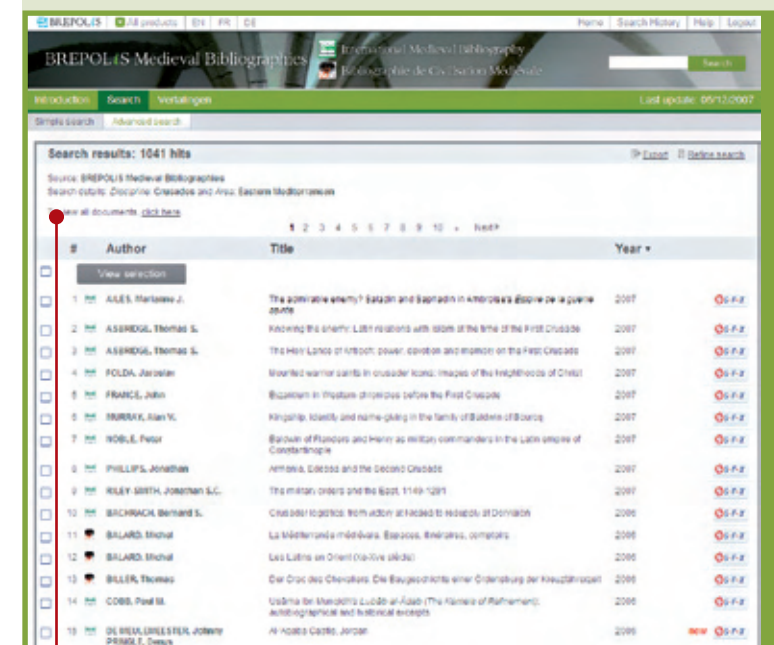
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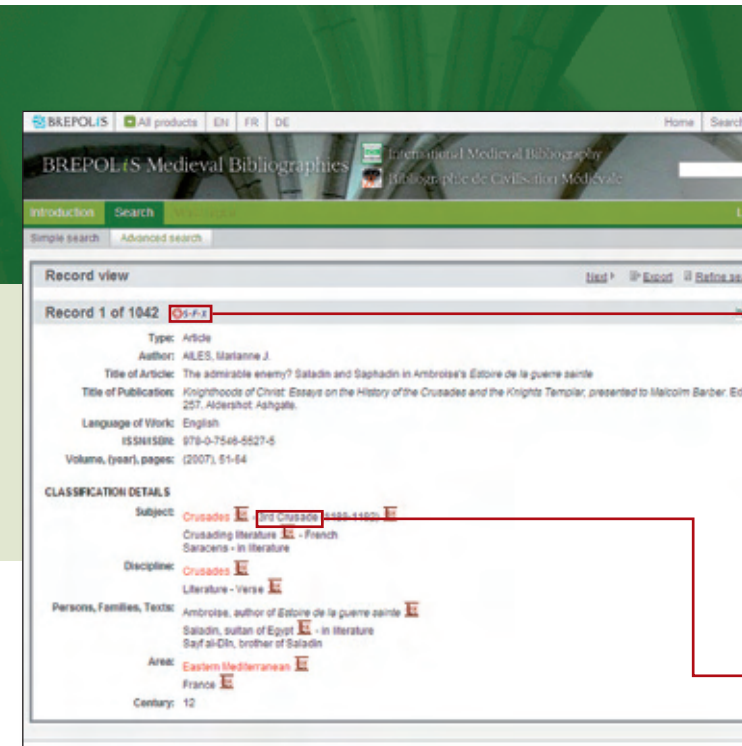❱ The *BCM* is also OpenURL-compatible

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OpenURL – compatible

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