On Blind Dates with Buddies and Books, with an aside on sushi.

Have you ever been on a legit blind date? Like, let’s say, you meet at a restaurant and you have to hold up a sign that says “Buddy” because you don’t know what Buddy looks like because Tamara set you up on this date and you don’t even really know what Buddy likes to do in his spare time, just that Tamara thought you’d be a good match. But then you remember that time when Tamara totally thought you liked sushi when you preferred pizza so how well can she possibly know you? And now here you are, about to meet this raw fish guy, Buddy, and what a horrible idea this whole thing was. You should just go home! Too risky!

Well. The library has a less risky prospect for you: checking out a book, cover and title unseen, at our “Blind Date with a Book” display. Pick out a wrapped book and take it to the Circulation Desk to check out. Then, you can unwrap it and satisfy your curiosity. And! Also! Bonus! No one will stand over your shoulder to make sure you completely finish 250 pages about sushi if you really don’t want to.* But! It could be a 500-page manifesto on pizza. Score!

*Though maybe this book will make you come around about sushi.
And then you’ll think of poor Buddy. Who you stood up.
So, maybe you can call Tamara and sort it all out.

Find It. Find What? Find the Full-Text!

When you find an article in OneSearch or a subject database, you probably know to look for two magical words to view your article in its entirety: Full and Text. Because you don’t want partial text and you don’t want full phone calls. (Phone calls are the opposite of text, see?) But sometimes, you see a little green “Find It” button instead. Try not to get frustrated. All you have to do is click on it! Sometimes, we have access to the article in another database and it will just bump you right on over to it. Sometimes, however, you see a screen like this:

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In this case, see if we have it in print first by clicking on “Check library print holdings.” If we have it, you’ll see the journal pop up with the call number. If not, “Request this item through interlibrary loan,” and we will get it from another library for you! Sometimes, it’s so quick! Like 24-48 hours quick and we email you a link to view it! So do it, bub!

Lecture Event: "The Arch of Titus Menorah Panel:
Adding Color to the Jewish War"

Join Dr. Steven Fine, professor of Talmudic history from Yeshiva University, for a lecture about this unique Roman artifact of imperial propaganda.* It’s from circa 81 CE. So it’s old. Like my jokes.**

February 22nd, 6:00pm, Center for Fine & Performing Arts (Music Hall)

*Sounds Palpatine-ish
**Maybe this last sentence is sincere and stands on its own as a command. But maybe not. I’ll never tell.