What is the difference between access to databases such as the GPO, ArticleFirst, Medline, and ERIC on WorldCat.org and in FirstSearch?

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Applies to

- WorldCat.org

Answer

The primary difference is that databases cannot be searched separately on WorldCat.org, which is designed for Web users who prefer an easy-to-use single-search interface that accepts keywords. Ranked WorldCat.org results merge matching article citations from these databases with results for other materials cataloged in WorldCat.

On FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery, these databases can be searched separately with their unique indexing. Searching on FirstSearch is consistent with FirstSearch’s full-featured search experience, which is particularly suited to the way librarians and more experienced users approach their research.