Filter and refine search results

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Filter search results

You can narrow the set of results that were returned from your initial search by using the filters available in the left column of the results screen. Simply check the boxes beside the filter(s) you desire.

Filters can be used multiple times throughout a search session. Your filters can be reapplied to preserve your search context without manually having to select them for each additional search in a single session.

Note: Available filters and formats will vary depending on the selected database(s). The Audience filter will display only when Worldcat.org or WorldCat is selected as the only database in a search.

To select which filters are available, configure display order, and select custom labels, see Search Filter Settings.

Current Search

The Current Search area contains options to remove the specified filters from the search and to reset the search to the configured defaults.

The Keep selections for subsequent searches toggle option displays when filters have been selected to narrow your search on brief results, or when the setting is enabled by default in the service configuration. The default setting for this option is based on a setting selected by your library. To configure this setting, see Search Settings. If this setting is not enabled, search filters will be cleared when a new search is performed. This feature will be disabled by default.

Advanced researchers seeking to answer questions such as “What languages was this work published in?” can now explore all editions and formats with sorting and filtering options in WorldCat Discovery.

Filters and filter labels are configured in Search Filter Settings. Default filter options display:

- On detailed record pages, users can apply the following filters to the editions and formats list:
  - Library
- Format
- Year
- Language

- On detailed record pages, users can apply the following sorts to the editions and formats list:
  - Library
  - Date (Most recent)
  - Date (Least recent)

- Editions and Formats information now displays in a table to help users navigate edition content faster, with columns for:
  - Edition
  - Format
  - Year
  - Language
  - Library

### Refine This Search

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<th>SECTION</th>
<th>FILTERS ALLOW YOU TO:</th>
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<tr>
<td>Sort by:</td>
<td>Change the sort order of the results</td>
<td>Select your Sorted by filter from the drop down menu located in the upper right corner of the screen. Could include: Best Match, Recency, Library, Author (A-Z), Date (Newest First), Date (Oldest First), Most Widely Held, Title (A-Z) For more information on sort options, please see WorldCat Discovery Default Sort on Search Results.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Group related editions</td>
<td>Check this box to group related editions in search results</td>
<td>The default setting for this option is based on setting selected by your library. To configure this setting, see Search Settings. If this is not configured, the feature will be unselected, by default.</td>
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Note: Carefully consider the benefits of edition clustering before setting your display to ungroup related editions. Presenting an ungrouped list to patrons may present more options than desired. OCLC research and testing suggests that clustering editions and formats adds efficiency to searching for most users.

Users can override the default at any time and your preference will remain selected throughout your search session. This default setting can also be modified from the library search box.

To change the display label, see Search Filter Settings. The following labels are available:

- At My Library
- Held By
- Held by My Library
- Library
- Library Location
- My Campus
- My Institution's Library
- My Library
- Search in These Libraries
- Where

The "Content" section is available only if your search results include articles

- Open content in WorldCat Discovery search results
- To change the display label, see Search Filter Settings.
The following labels are available:
- Category
- Content
- Content Type
- Limit To
- Show Only

To change the display label, see [Search Filter Settings](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Search_in_WorldCat_Discovery/020Filter_settings). The following labels are available:

### Format

- Limit to a particular format
  - Filter by Format
  - Format
  - Looking for a
  - Material Format
  - Material Type
  - Resource Format
  - Resource Type
  - Source Type
  - Type of Resource

To change the display label, see [Search Filter Settings](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Search_in_WorldCat_Discovery/020Filter_settings). The following labels are available:

### Database

- Limit to results from a single database
  - Collection
  - Collection Source
  - Database
  - Databases
  - Record Source
  - Resource
  - Search In
  - Source
  - Source Database
  - Source Type

To change the display label, see [Search Filter Settings](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Search_in_WorldCat_Discovery/020Filter_settings). The following labels are available:

### Author

- Select works by one or more authors
  - To change the display label, see [Search Filter Settings](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Search_in_WorldCat_Discovery/020Filter_settings)
Search Filter Settings. The following labels are available:

- Author
- Author/Creator
- Creator
- Person

To search a single year, you must type the year in both fields. For example: from 2019 to 2019

To change the display label, see Search Filter Settings. The following labels are available:

- Creation Date
- Date
- Publication Date
- Publication Year
- Year
- Year of Publication
- Years

Year

Narrow the results to the last 5 years, choose a custom year range, or search a single year

Language

Filter for results in a particular language

To change the display label, see Search Filter Settings. The following labels are available:

- Dialect
- Filter by Language
- Language
- Language/Dialect

Topic

Includes subjects, such as Engineering & Technology

To change the display label, see Search Filter Settings. The following labels are available:

- Academic Discipline
- Areas
- Conspectus
Filter by Subject
Subject
Subject Area
Subject Terms
Topic
Within Subject

To change the display label, see Search Filter Settings. The following labels are available:

- Audience
- Reading Level

Audience
Filter Juvenile and Not Juvenile audiences.

Watch a video
Filter search results in WorldCat Discovery (5:37)

This video demonstrates how to filter search results to achieve a focused list of resources.

Transition from basic to advanced search

To refine a basic search using advanced search features, click on the Advanced Search link below the basic search box. The search terms entered in the basic search box carry over to the Search Term field on the Advanced Search screen. Additional search parameters can be added to the query on the Advanced Search screen.

Did you mean suggestions

Misspelled words in search queries populate a Did you mean suggestion. The Did you mean suggestion:

- Shows the corrected word in context of the user's entire query.
- Preserves all punctuation and capitalization in the Did you mean suggestion.
- Includes names as suggestions.
- Blocks suggestions containing numbers or index labels.
- Offers suggestions that match the language of the user's browser.
Supported languages

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<td>English</td>
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Examples

1. A Japanese-browser user will not see **Did you mean** suggestions regardless of the user’s location because Japanese is not a supported browser language.
2. A French-browser user in the United Kingdom will see the same suggestions as a French-browser user in France because only France is the supported user location in French.
3. An English-browser user in the United Kingdom may see slightly different English **Did you mean** suggestions than an English-browser user in Australia because both user locations are supported in English.

Note: Changing the language of the WorldCat Discovery interface from the footer will not cause **Did you mean** suggestions to stop appearing for an unsupported language.

Locate available copies

When one or more copy of an item is available, all location information will display in the search results. Configure Item Availability on Search Results in Service Configuration.

When results are **configured** to show **Automatically**:

1. Select the **Get Available Copies** button to expand a list of available copies and view location information.
2. Select a location to expand the details and view the item call number.

When results are **configured** to show **On Demand**:

1. Select the **Check Availability** button to check for and retrieve available copies.
2. Select the **Get Available Copies** button to expand a list of available copies and view location information.

3. Select a location to expand the details and view the item call number.

If there are no item records or no available items, click **View Details** to see the detailed record and fulfillment options.