About FirstSearch

Uniquely valued by member libraries, FirstSearch will continue to be offered as a separate service from WorldCat Discovery. A FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery subscription provides access to the FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery interfaces.

For more information about the future of FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery, see [Frequently Asked Questions, Next steps for WorldCat Discovery and FirstSearch](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/FirstSearch).

Additional details about plans for FirstSearch will be shared as they are confirmed. To receive ongoing updates about FirstSearch enhancements, [register for Discovery and Reference email updates](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/FirstSearch).

- **Get started**
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    Get started with FirstSearch.
    
    - About FirstSearch
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- **Authentication**
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    Find information about authenticating FirstSearch.
    
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    Learn how to use the WorldCat Admin module to customize your FirstSearch service.
    
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• Search

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Find information about searching FirstSearch.
  ◦ Available databases
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• FirstSearch databases

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Find detailed information about databases available from FirstSearch and the OCLC Z39.50 server.
  ◦ ArticleFirst
  ◦ Clase and Periódica (ClasePeriodica)
  ◦ Electronic Books (Ebooks)
  ◦ Electronic Collections Online (ECO)
  ◦ ERIC
  ◦ GPO Monthly Catalog (GPO)
  ◦ MEDLINE
  ◦ OAIster
  ◦ Open Access Content
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- ProceedingsFirst (Proceedings)
- SCIPIO
- Values for the dbname or db component
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- WorldCat Dissertations and Theses (WorldCatDissertations)

- **Z39.50 access**
  
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  Find information about Z39.50 access in FirstSearch.
  
  - Bath Profile compliance checklist
  - Z39.50 configuration for FirstSearch databases
  - Z39.50 library resources: Overview and needed information

- **FirstSearch training**
  
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  Find training on FirstSearch.

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  Additional resources for FirstSearch.
  
  - Handouts

- **Troubleshooting**
  
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  Find frequently asked questions (FAQ) and troubleshooting steps (Troubleshooting).
  
  - Authorization number is invalid or expired error when updating IP addresses in FirstSearch Admin
  - Can FirstSearch perform user authentication?
  - Can I add my OpenURL server to FirstSearch?
  - Can I bypass the FirstSearch home page during login?
  - Can I choose a default database for FirstSearch?
  - Can I choose a default interface language for FirstSearch?
  - Can I choose a default search mode for FirstSearch?
  - Can I link from my website to individual FirstSearch databases?
  - Can users reuse previous searches during a FirstSearch session?
  - Does FirstSearch remove duplicate records from cross-database search results?
FirstSearch is prompting for authorization and password from on campus
◦ How are the FirstSearch databases accessed through FirstSearch Z39.50 access?
◦ How can I get my FirstSearch login credentials?
◦ How can I request a quote for FirstSearch?
◦ How do I add my institution's IP addresses or create URLs for IP recognition?
◦ How do I add SCIPIO to my list of FirstSearch databases
◦ How do I change the sort order of the dept or branch in the Patron ILL Request Form?
◦ How do I configure FirstSearch so off campus students don't need to log in?
◦ How do I get my Administrative module or service password for FirstSearch
◦ How do I remove a pickup location from FirstSearch?
◦ How do I remove the OCLC FirstSearch link from WorldCat.org
◦ How do I request a quote for SCIPIO Art and rare book sales/auction catalogs?
◦ How do I set up authentication from our library website to FirstSearch?
◦ How do I set up automatic logon for FirstSearch?
◦ How do I turn off ILL requests coming to my library through WorldCat.org?
◦ How is holdings information determined?
◦ How to obtain OCLC FirstSearch authorization credentials
◦ Invalid Autho/password error when trying to connect to FirstSearch via Z39.50 in Endnote
◦ Why can I no longer configure Interlibrary Loan settings?
◦ Is cross-database searching available in FirstSearch?
◦ Is there a Sunset date for FirstSearch?
◦ I would like to make changes to the ECO database. Is this possible?
◦ My local holdings aren't displaying as expected
◦ We are unable to access WorldCat through our authentication. We get this message: "System Failure Page: Unable to successfully complete transaction."
◦ Which MARC fields display in FirstSearch?
◦ Why isn't FirstSearch displaying my ILL link?
◦ Why is our OpenURL linking incorrectly from FirstSearch to Clio?