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Get started with WorldCat.org

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Search WorldCat.org

Discover how to search and work with results in WorldCat.org

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Databases in detail

Find all of the databases available from OCLC that your library might choose to provide through WorldCat.org.

- ArchiveGrid
- OCLC ArticleFirst (ArticleFirst)
- Electronic Books (Ebooks)
- Electronic Collections Online (ECO)
- ERIC (ERIC)
- GPO Monthly Catalog (GPO)
- MEDLINE (MEDLINE)
- OAIster (OAIster)
- OCLC PapersFirst (PapersFirst)
- ProceedingsFirst (Proceedings)
SCIPIO (SCIPIO)
- OCLC WorldCat (WorldCat)
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- OCLC WorldCat Dissertations and Theses (WorldCatDissertations)

• WorldCat.org Item Details screen

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- About the Item Details screen
- Additional linked information
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• Find a copy

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Find out how to find a copy in the library, request an item, and buy an item in WorldCat.org.

• Reference

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Find information about copying and exporting citations, copyright protection, and the formats available in WorldCat.org.
- Citations
- Copyright protection
- Formats
- Information for authors

• Troubleshooting

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Find frequently asked questions (FAQ) and troubleshooting steps (Troubleshooting).
- Can authenticated users access my library’s online services?
- Can a library change the deep link to its OPAC used in WorldCat.org? How quickly do changes take effect?
- Can a user link from WorldCat.org directly to the FirstSearch service?
- Can a user perform queries on Google that return only links to library materials?
- Can I change the appearance of the WorldCat.org Search Box on my library’s website?
- Can I change the display name of my WorldCat.org account?
- Can I recover a deleted WorldCat list?
- Does OCLC remove bibliographic records from WorldCat if they do not have attached holdings?
- Does the use of CatExpress qualify as contributing holdings to WorldCat, even though a library may not be providing all of their holdings to OCLC?
Does the WorldCat.org search box recognize diacritics in search terms?

Do OCLC libraries have to make their holdings available via WorldCat.org?

Do WorldCat.org search results apply the FRBR concept?

Failed to retrieve record(s) because of system error. (5153)

From where does the information displayed in an individual library listing on WorldCat.org come?

How can a library make its holdings visible on WorldCat.org to people who reach the site directly or from partner sites such as Google Books, Goodreads, or Wikipedia?

How can I export my search results?

How can I fix the Requested URL was rejected error in the Find a copy in the library area?

How can I terminate my WorldCat account?

How do I delete my Worldcat.org account?

How do I know whether my holdings are being displayed?

How do I update my email address on my WorldCat.org account?

How do I update the base URL for my institution?

How do I update the email address on my WorldCat.org account?

How do we update the information found in the WorldCat Registry?

How many WorldCat records are searched through WorldCat.org?

If a web user adds a personal review of a book to a WorldCat.org record, will someone else be able to edit what they have written?

If I cancel our cataloging subscription will my holdings be automatically deleted from WorldCat.org?

In a library group setting where access to WorldCat on FirstSearch is shared and/or attached only to the main library's OCLC symbol, are the holdings of all group libraries visible through WorldCat.org?

In what order are institutions displayed in WorldCat.org results, and how is that order determined?

Is it possible to generate URLs to WorldCat.org that search by ISBN, ISSN, and Title?

Is it possible to search only Open Access titles?

Is there a separate fee for having my holdings visible through WorldCat.org?

Is WorldCat.org available in languages other than English?

I am trying to change the ILL link text for the ILL form my patrons are directed to from FirstSearch and WorldCat.org. Where do I change this?

I found a book in WorldCat.org, how do I request it from OCLC?

I have just seen my library's holding symbol attached to a WorldCat record for a book we do not own. How can this happen?

Our users are getting a "This connection is not private" message when trying to access our institution's WorldCat page. How can this be updated?

Personal list count wrong in free WorldCat.org

What happened to the linked data that previously displayed on records in WorldCat.org?

What is a deep-linking URL and how do I set it up?

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

◦ What is the URL syntax for creating direct links to WorldCat results for an item, and what can I do with it?
◦ When will registry updates to my deep catalog links start working in WorldCat.org?
◦ Which Web sites are currently WorldCat partners?
◦ Who can I contact to update or add new collections to ArchiveGrid?
◦ Why am I seeing the message "Your library has customized WorldCat.org"?
◦ Why aren't my library's holdings displaying in WorldCat.org?
◦ Why are there holdings for my library in WorldCat.org on an item my institution does not own?
◦ Why are there links to material purchasing at sites like Amazon.com?
◦ Why can't I see my library's OpenURL resolver and other links in WorldCat.org?
◦ Why can I not log into Service Configuration using my Worldcat.org account?
◦ Why doesn't my library appear in holdings displays for items I know we have?
◦ Why does WorldCat.org require cookies?
◦ Why do I need a subscription to FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery for my library's resources to be visible on 
WorldCat.org?
◦ Why do I see a different list of libraries attached to a WorldCat record when I am in the library than when I 
search WorldCat.org from my home or office?
◦ Why is it that the same WorldCat search performed on WorldCat.org and then on FirstSearch produces 
different results?
◦ Why should my library continue to subscribe to FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery if my users can search the 
entire WorldCat database through WorldCat.org?
◦ Why should my users or I search WorldCat on FirstSearch when we can search WorldCat on WorldCat.org?
◦ Will WorldCat.org lead to an increase in the number of resource sharing requests I receive?
◦ Worldcat.org cookie coming up over and over