

The ultimate genealogy tool for your library's users

WorldCat for genealogy research



You and your peers are building WorldCat—creating the ultimate tool for locating and accessing unique materials in your library. This is particularly important to genealogy researchers, who are among your library's most active information searchers. Now you have three ways to make that tool available to them: OCLC FirstSearch, WorldCat.org and WorldCat widgets.

Unparalleled breadth and depth of information

WorldCat now represents well over a billion library holdings for more than 170 million cataloged library items in thousands of libraries—and it's growing rapidly as OCLC loads millions of records and holdings from international union catalogs and national libraries. These resources become an extension of your collection when you make WorldCat available to your users.

WorldCat has a breadth and depth of information that your genealogists won't find in other databases. It makes WorldCat a unique tool for users to research their heritage, and it complements existing genealogy tools such as LDS Family History Library, Ancestry.com and other research databases.

OCLC FirstSearch for detailed genealogy research

Thousands of libraries already have online reference access to WorldCat through the OCLC FirstSearch service—many through statewide or consortia subscriptions. If your library has access to FirstSearch, make sure your genealogy researchers know about it—they'll have another reason to value your library and the resources you provide. FirstSearch offers a wealth of intuitive functionality that helps researchers focus their searches and identify resources that help them pursue their genealogy interests.

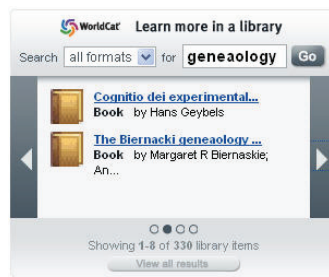
WorldCat.org makes searching very easy

Another option for your genealogy users is WorldCat.org and WorldCat search box widgets—options well-suited for genealogy researchers doing less-detailed searching.

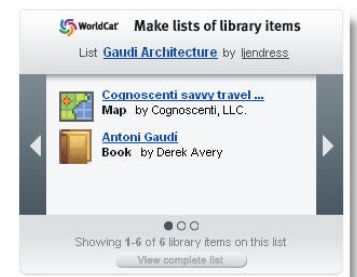
When genealogists search WorldCat through one of three available downloadable box widgets—for lists, keyword searches and traditional searches—they locate items cataloged in the collections of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide. If your library contributes its holdings to WorldCat and maintains a subscription to the WorldCat database



The search box



The keyword search widget



The list widget

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on the OCLC FirstSearch service, your library's collection is searched every time someone uses the WorldCat.org search box, greatly enhancing your library's visibility to searchers inside and outside the library environment.

It's easy to make WorldCat widgets available to your library users—from virtually anywhere. Simply download one of the search boxes to your library's Web site (at no charge) from the "widgets and plug-ins" link on www.worldcat.org and invite your users to search WorldCat from any computer with Web access.

Extend your collection with WorldCat

Once you make WorldCat available to your users, they can discover materials, including an increasing number of digitized items, such as:

- Historic newspapers from the U.S. and other countries
- Historic photographs, including digitized ones
- Church histories and records
- Cemetery records
- Civil war and other military records
- Town histories
- Probate records
- General genealogical resources such as directories, handbooks and magazines

- Slavery and antislavery materials, including slave records
- Oral histories
- Diaries and journals
- Indexes to births, marriages, deaths, wills, obituaries and burial records
- Family Bibles
- Manuscripts from archives
- Microfilmed genealogy and local history collections

For more information

- Find more resources for your users on how to search WorldCat for genealogical materials at www.oclc.org/worldcat/genealogy.
- Contact OCLC support at 1-800-848-5800 or +1-614-793-8682.
- To subscribe to WorldCat or add your library's materials to it, contact libservices@oclc.org or call 1-800-848-5878, ext. 5096.
- Read the WorldCat blog at www.worldcat/blogs/
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