



WorldCat—the largest database of bibliographic and library-ownership data in the world—is available to information seekers in a variety of useful ways. Whether accessed through the FirstSearch® service, a library or group running WorldCat Local™, or through an Internet search via WorldCat.org, this powerful resource connects knowledge seekers with the information they require. The following is a quick reference guide explaining the many ways WorldCat can work for you and your library.

### WorldCat database on FirstSearch

FirstSearch is an online service that gives library professionals and end users access to a rich collection of reference databases. WorldCat® is at the heart of the FirstSearch service, providing access to library ownership information that is linked to most databases on the service. Features include:

- Access to the entire WorldCat database
- Full-featured search functionality
- Displays all library ownership information available in WorldCat regardless of whether or not a library has a WorldCat subscription
- Cross-database searching with up to two additional databases on FirstSearch
- Displays search results by date, number of holdings attached to records and OCLC® number
- Authorization required for access.

### Group catalogs on FirstSearch

Group catalogs that currently reside on the FirstSearch interface provide a custom view of WorldCat records for a specific group of libraries. Features include:

- Visible to users of group participants with optional “guest view” for many catalogs
- “Scoped views” of content help users search subsets of the larger group’s holdings
- Group branding on interface
- Functionality mirrors FirstSearch service
- Authorization required for access.

### Open WorldCat

The Open WorldCat program makes records of library-owned materials in OCLC’s WorldCat database available to Web users on popular Internet search, bibliographic and bookselling sites. Features include:

- Partnership program with Google, Yahoo! Search and others to raise visibility of libraries on the open Web
- Entire WorldCat database available for harvesting by search engines; actual number of records varies by site
- OCLC member libraries’ holdings display for only those libraries that maintain a subscription to the WorldCat database on FirstSearch.

### WorldCat.org

WorldCat.org continues OCLC’s efforts—begun with the Open WorldCat program—to make library resources more visible to Web users, and to increase awareness of libraries as a primary source of reliable information and helpful personal assistance. Benefits include:

- Entire WorldCat database is searchable
- OCLC member libraries’ holdings display for only those libraries that maintain a subscription to the WorldCat database on FirstSearch
- Single search box
- Downloadable search box provides access to WorldCat.org from anywhere on the Web
- Results ranked by relevancy
- Faceted browse
- FRBRized results sets
- Social networking features, including reviews, lists and citation formatting.

## WorldCat Local

WorldCat Local is a complete discovery-to-delivery solution that lets people easily find items in library collections and get them via the best available fulfillment options using a localized version of the WorldCat.org platform. Benefits include:

- Local holdings display first in search results
- Option to rank consortium holdings following local holdings in search results
- Local branding
- Custom Web links to locally specified sites
- Interoperability with local ILS for item availability and placing of holds
- Works with local OpenURL resolvers for easy access to library-provided resources
- Compatible with resource sharing systems for placing of interlibrary loan requests
- Opportunity to integrate local collections into search results
- Ability to place search box on any chosen site for access via a number of avenues.

## WorldCat Group Catalogs

OCLC plans to offer access to group catalogs through the WorldCat.org platform. New group catalogs will be built on WorldCat.org, and existing group catalogs on FirstSearch will migrate to WorldCat.org over time.

- Access to the WorldCat.org platform (starting 2008)
- Group holdings elevated in relevancy ranking
- Faceted browse available for sub-groups (formerly scoped in FirstSearch)
- Group-level branding
- Option to create links to group-specified resources and services
- Ability to put search box on any chosen site for access via a number of avenues (replaces need for guest view).



For more information about WorldCat please visit: [www.oclc.org/worldcat/](http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/) or contact your OCLC Library Services representative: [libservices@oclc.org](mailto:libservices@oclc.org)  
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