

OCLC FirstSearch Service Databases

Connecting to a World of Information

The OCLC FirstSearch® service provides access to a rich collection of databases supporting research in a wide range of subject areas. At the heart of FirstSearch is WorldCat®, containing more than 254 million records representing over 1.7 billion holding locations in libraries worldwide. WorldCat adds value to databases in FirstSearch by linking citations to

holdings that help users find these materials in their own libraries and through the WorldCat Resource Sharing service. You can also limit your searches to the collections of your own library or library group.

Note: OCLC continually updates FirstSearch database information on the Web. For the most up-to-date information, see: <http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/content/databases/>

Summary of FirstSearch Database Features

FirstSearch Database	Suggested Audience by Library Type (may include users, librarians, faculty, or staff)		Links to Libraries that Own Item	Links to Local OPACs	Z39.50 Links to Holdings	Full Text Availability			
	Ordering Options					Via Other Databases	Via OCLC ILL Link	Via OpenURL Linking	Online Full Text
Anthropological Index	Academic	Subscription only	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only	
Anthropological Literature	Academic	Subscription only	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only	
Anthropology Plus	Academic	Subscription only	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only	
OCLC ArticleFirst®	Academic, Public	Subscription and Per-Search	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only	JSTOR links
Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals	Academic	Subscription only	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only	
Chicano Database	Academic, Public	Subscription only	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only	
Clase and Periódica	Academic, Public	Subscription and Per-Search	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only	
Electronic Books	Academic, Public, School	Subscription and Per-Search	X	X	X			Outbound only	Links to public domain and licensed e-books
Electronic Collections Online™	Academic	Archive only subscription	X	X	X	X	X	Inbound, Outbound	Articles (PDF), JSTOR links
ERIC—includes thesaurus	Academic, School	Subscription and Per-Search	X	X	X	Link to ERIC, X	X	Outbound only	ERIC Digest documents, JSTOR links
Facts on File Encyclopedia	Academic, Public, School	Subscription and Per-Search							Full entries with images (Hot links to some free full text)

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GPO Monthly Catalog	Academic	Subscription and Per-Search	X	X	X		X	Outbound only		
Heritage of the Printed Book	Academic	Subscription only								
History of Science, Technology, and Medicine	Academic	Subscription only	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only		
Index to 19th-Century American Art Periodicals	Academic	Subscription only					X	Outbound only		
MEDLINE—includes thesaurus	Academic, Public	Subscription and Per-Search	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only	JSTOR links only	
OAlster	Academic, Public	Subscription only							Hot links to some free full text and images	
OCLC PapersFirst®	Academic, Public	Subscription and Per-Search					X	Outbound only		
OCLC ProceedingsFirst®	Academic, Public, School	Subscription and Per-Search						Outbound only		
Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies	Academic	Subscription only	X	X	X	X	X	Outbound only		
SCIPIO	Academic	Subscription only	X	X			X	Outbound only		
WorldCat® (the OCLC Online Union Catalog)—includes thesaurus	Academic, Public, School	Subscription and Per-Search	X	X	X		X	Outbound only		
WorldCat® Dissertations and Theses	Academic, Public, School	In U.S.: Subscription only, as part of OCLC Collection or OCLC Base Package. Regions outside the U.S.: Contact your regional service provider.	X	X			X	Outbound only	Links to public domain and licensed dissertations and theses	

FirstSearch Database Descriptions and Producers

(Indicating Full-text, Holdings and OCLC ILL Link Options)

Anthropological Index—Royal Anthropological Institute

Coverage: 1957-present

Update Frequency: 8 to 12 times per year

No. of records and sources: 410,000+ records; 2,500+ journals

Indexes in the fields of physical anthropology, archaeology, cultural ethnography, and linguistics and draws on the collections of the de facto national anthropology library of Britain. Entries are compiled from journals held in the Anthropology Library of the British Museum.

Anthropological Literature—Harvard University, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology

Coverage: Early 19th Century to present

Update Frequency: Monthly

No. of records and sources: 600,000+ records; 4,370+ journals and other sources

Is the most comprehensive international resource for the fields of anthropology, archaeology, and related interdisciplinary research. Available online only from OCLC, Anthropological Literature indexes journals and monographic series held in the Harvard Library as well as open access e-journals. These include articles, reports, commentaries and obituaries.

Anthropology Plus—Harvard University, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology and The Royal Anthropological Institute

Coverage: Early 19th Century to present

Update Frequency: 8 to 12 times per year

No. of records and sources: 1 million+ records; 6,870+ sources

Is the world's most comprehensive, focused index of bibliographic materials from the late 1800s to today in the fields of anthropology, archaeology, and interdisciplinary studies. Available online only from OCLC, Anthropology Plus unites two premier indexes created in two hemispheres. Together, Harvard University's Anthropological Literature database and the Royal Anthropological Institute's Anthropological Index provide a uniquely broad and rich resource for education and research in anthropology and related fields.

OCLC Article First®—OCLC

Coverage: Jan. 1990-present

Update Frequency: Daily

No. of records and sources: 31 million+ records; 16,000+ journals

Offers searching and browsing of articles and tables of contents from thousands of journals. Contains bibliographic citations that describe items listed on the table of contents pages of journals in science, technology, medicine, social science, business, the humanities, and popular culture. Each record describes one article, news story, letter or other item.

Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals-- J. Paul Getty Trust

Coverage: 1741 to present

Update Frequency: Weekly

No. of records and sources: 660,000+ records; 4,600+ sources

Has been lauded as the single most important worldwide bibliographical research tool available worldwide for research in urban design, architecture, historic preservation, and urban planning history. The only comprehensive American guide to the current literature of architecture and design, the Avery Index now surveys US and foreign journals, three-fourths of which are not indexed in any other source.

Chicano Database—Ethnic Studies Library, University of California at Berkeley

Coverage: 1960s-present

Update Frequency: Quarterly

No. of records: 60,000+ records; 2,470+ journals and other materials.

Available only from OCLC, this is the most comprehensive bibliographic resource for information about Mexican-American topics and the only specialized database for Chicano reference. It identifies, in one place, all types of material about Chicanos and provides uniform subject access to this growing body of literature.

Clase and Periódica—Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) Systems

Coverage: Clase 1975-present; Periódica 1978-present

Update Frequency: Quarterly

No. of records and sources: 660,000+ records; 2,700 journals

CLASE indexes documents published in Latin American and Caribbean journals specializing in social sciences and humanities. PERIÓDICA covers journals specializing in science and technology. CLASE and PERIÓDICA offer access to more than 550,000 citations from documents published in 2,700 selected scholarly journals in Spanish, Portuguese, French, and English.


Electronic Books (Ebooks)—OCLC


Coverage: All cataloged Ebooks to the present


Update Frequency: Daily


No. of records and sources: 15 million+ books


Contains records on all subjects cataloged by OCLC member libraries. Citations link to full text licensed from e-publishers as well as to free electronic books available from educational, government and other websites. It also includes eTheses that are available online.

 Links to library holdings

 Contains online full text

 Contains online full text plus graphics

 Links to full-text/full-image articles in other databases

 Includes OCLC ILL link

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OCLC FirstSearch® Electronic Collections Online™ — OCLC

Coverage: Varies by journal

Update Frequency: Archive only

No. of records and sources: 5.9 million+ records; 8,000+ journals

Access to journals in a variety of subject areas, all with full-image articles online. Articles from Electronic Collections Online journals are linked to corresponding citations in databases throughout the FirstSearch service. Archive only database.

ERIC—U. S. Department of Education

Coverage: 1966-present

Update Frequency: Monthly

No. of records and sources: 1.4 million+ records; 1,000+ journals and other materials

A guide to published and unpublished sources on thousands of educational topics. ERIC records include over 150,000 full-text documents at no extra charge. The database includes the ERIC thesaurus, a complete list of descriptive terms used by ERIC to index and search the database. From ERIC, users can link to the ERIC full-text content free of charge.

Facts on File Encyclopedia—Infobase Learning

Coverage: Current file

Update Frequency: Annually (encyclopedia updated quarterly)

No. of records and sources: 32,000+ records; complete work

Includes full text of *Facts on File Encyclopedia*, a comprehensive general encyclopedia; *The World Almanac and Book of Facts*, providing key facts on a wide variety of subjects internationally and *The World Almanac for Kids*, covering information and facts of interest to middle-school children and teachers.

FRANCIS—Institut de l'Information Scientifique et Technique du CNRS.

Coverage: 1984-present

Update Frequency: Monthly

No. of records and sources: 2.6 million+ records; 4,300+ journals

Indexes multilingual, multidisciplinary information published in journals covering the humanities (67%), social sciences (30%), and economics (3%). Its breadth of subject areas and international scope complement many more narrowly focused databases, making FRANCIS an invaluable resource for research librarians.

GPO Monthly Catalog—U. S. Government Printing Office

Coverage: July 1976-present

Update Frequency: Monthly

No. of records: 600,000+ records

Consists of records published by the GPO since July 1976. Includes references for documents to congressional committee reports and hearings, debates, documents from executive departments, and more.

Heritage of the Printed Book—Consortium of European Research Libraries

Coverage: circa 1455-1830

Update Frequency: At least annually

No. of records: 3.4 million+ records from 50+ national and university libraries in 16 countries.

A unique and growing catalog of European printing in the early modern era (from the 15th century to the 1830s). Available online only from OCLC, this resource integrates descriptive records for major European national and university library holdings. It is especially valuable for research in intellectual history, social history, and transmission of thought—as well as in the history of printing and the history of the book. It includes citations for works in more than 80 languages, including many European languages (medieval and modern) and classical Latin and Greek.

History of Science, Technology, and Medicine —Istituto e Museo di Storia della Scienza, Wellcome Library, History of Science Society & Society for the History of Technology

Coverage: 1975-present

Update Frequency: Monthly & annually

No. of records and sources: 300,000+ records; 9,500+ sources

Available only from OCLC, under the auspices of the International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science, this database integrates four premier tools to create the definitive international bibliography for the history of science, technology, and medicine, reflecting their influence on society and culture from prehistory to the present. Its value for interdisciplinary research is outstanding.

Index to 19th-Century American Art Periodicals--Mary M. Schmidt

Coverage: 1800 to 1899

Update Frequency: Static

No. of records and sources: 26,000+ records; 42 journals

Available only from OCLC, the Index to 19th-Century American Art Periodicals covers 42 periodicals published in the United States during the 19th century. This database is the sole online index to virtually all the art journals published in that period.


MEDLINE—U. S. National Library of Medicine


Coverage: 1950-present


Update Frequency: Daily


No. of records and sources: 20 million+ records; 19,000+ sources

Covers all areas of medicine, including clinical medicine, experimental medicine, dentistry, nursing, health services administration, nutrition and much more. Includes the MeSH thesaurus.

 Links to library holdings

 Contains online full text

 Contains online full text plus graphics

 Links to full-text/full-image articles in other databases

 Includes OCLC ILL link

OAlster—OCLC

Update Frequency: Quarterly
No. of records and sources: 16 million+ records; 1,100+ data contributors

OAlster is a multidisciplinary database of records that represent digital resources from more than 1100 contributors worldwide. Typical collections include: theses, technical reports, research papers and image collections. Digital resources in OAlster include items such as digitized (i.e., scanned) books and articles, born-digital texts, audio files (e.g., wav, mp3), images (e.g., tiff, gif), movies (e.g., mp4, quicktime) and datasets (e.g., downloadable statistics files).

OCLC PapersFirst®—OCLC 

Coverage: 1993-present
Update Frequency: Biweekly
No. of records and sources: 8 million+ records; any conference, meeting or proceedings received by The British Library

Covers every congress, symposium, exposition, workshop, and meeting added to The British Library Document Supply Centre's (BLDSC) vast proceedings collection since October 1993. BLDSC is a document supplier for the OCLC Resource Sharing service.

OCLC ProceedingsFirst®—OCLC



Coverage: 1993-present
Update Frequency: Biweekly
No. of records and sources: 450,000+ records; any conference, meeting or proceedings received by The British Library

Provides tables of contents of papers presented at conferences worldwide. Each record contains a list of the papers presented at each conference. Like its companion, PapersFirst, ProceedingsFirst provides access to The British Library Document Supply Centre's vast collection of conference proceedings.

Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies - INION The Russian Academy of Sciences   

Coverage: 1980-present
Update Frequency: 2-3 times a year
No. of records: 2.1 million+ records; 12,500 sources

Available online only as an OCLC database, the Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies INION database is a unique and rich source of information for students and specialists in Slavic studies and social sciences. Covering more than 12,500 periodicals published primarily in Russia, the republics of the former Soviet Union, and countries in Eastern Europe, it cites and abstracts books, manuscripts, dissertations, and articles.

SCIPIO—OCLC  



Coverage: Catalogs from the late 16th century to scheduled auctions not yet held
Update Frequency: Daily
No. of records and sources: 431,000+ records

SCIPIO is a joint project of 25 different fine arts organizations, combining their art catalog collections in the only online list of auction catalogs in existence. It provides information to auction sales catalogs from all major North American and European auction houses as well as many private sales, giving valuable information on art objects, rare books, history of collecting, as well as contemporary and historical market trends. The records include the dates and places of sales, the auction houses, and sellers.

WorldCat® (the OCLC Online Union Catalog)—OCLC  



Coverage: Approximately 2100 B.C. - present
Update Frequency: Daily
No. of records: 254 million+ records



The world's most comprehensive bibliography representing over 400 languages on materials ranging from stone tablets to electronic books. WorldCat includes information from 2100 BC to the present with thousands of records containing evaluative content such as tables of contents, cover art, book summaries and notes about the authors. It uses the Library of Congress Subject Headings as its thesaurus. Users can also directly browse issues of periodicals in the ArticleFirst database from bibliographic records for these titles in WorldCat. WorldCat adds value to other databases in FirstSearch by linking citations to interlibrary loans and to materials in users' own libraries. Most databases in FirstSearch are enriched with over 1.7 billion holdings from WorldCat.

WorldCat® Dissertations and Theses—OCLC  

Coverage: All cataloged dissertations and theses to the present
Update Frequency: Daily
No. of records: 17 million+ records

Contains records of dissertations, theses, and published materials based on theses cataloged by OCLC member libraries, for all subjects and in all languages. Many citations link to full text licensed from NetLibrary and other electronic providers as well as to free electronic materials available from educational, government and other websites. All show library locations for all types of material.

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 Includes OCLC ILL link

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Conference & Proceedings

WorldCat
OCLC PapersFirst
OCLC ProceedingsFirst

Consumer Affairs & People

WorldCat
Chicano Database
Electronic Collections Online

Education

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Electronic Collections Online
ERIC

Engineering & Technology

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OCLC PapersFirst
OCLC ProceedingsFirst
Clase and Periódica
Electronic Collections Online
History of Science, Technology, and Medicine

General

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General Science

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Clase and Periódica
Electronic Collections Online
History of Science, Technology, and Medicine
Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies

Life Sciences

WorldCat
Clase and Periódica
Electronic Collections Online

Medicine/Health, Consumer

WorldCat
Electronic Collections Online
MEDLINE

Medicine/Health, Professional

WorldCat
Electronic Collections Online
MEDLINE
History of Science, Technology, and Medicine

Public Affairs & Law

WorldCat
Electronic Collections Online
GPO Monthly Catalog

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FirstSearch Databases Available from OCLC's Z39.50 Server

Listed here are the names of all the FirstSearch databases that are available from the OCLC Z39.50 server. To obtain detailed Z39.50 configuration information for that database, go to

http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/firstsearch/z3950/z3950_databases/default.htm and select any database name.

For technical specifications on connecting to the OCLC Z39.50 test server, access the FirstSearch *Z39.50 Configuration Guide* at: http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/firstsearch/z3950/fs_z39_config_guide/default.htm.

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Additional Features

Customizing FirstSearch Databases

Use the FirstSearch administrative module to customize FirstSearch for your users and integrate FirstSearch with other information products and services offered by your library. You can:

- Enhance visibility of and access to your library collections
- Link to your library's online catalog
- Activate links to full-text
- Specify a list of libraries to which your users can limit their search results
- Create "virtual catalogs" of up to 3 databases to set up persistent cross database searching
- Customize the FirstSearch interlibrary loan request form for your users
- more...

For details on setting up these administrative features, please visit:
<http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/administrative/>.

FirstSearch Documentation

OCLC provides extensive documentation for FirstSearch. For a complete list of documentation, please visit the FirstSearch Documentation page at <http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/firstsearch/>.

The following are examples of available FirstSearch documentation:

- OCLC FirstSearch: The Basics (quick reference guide); available in French and Spanish
- IP Address Recognition: Getting Started
- FirstSearch Databases Available from OCLC's Z39.50 Server
- Managing the FirstSearch Service (planning, setting up and administering FirstSearch in your library)
- Administrative Module Reference Guide (customizing FirstSearch for your library's users)
- FirstSearch/ILL Direct Request Link quick reference (setting up the link to let users generate ILL requests for materials cited in FirstSearch databases)

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Researchers, students, faculty, scholars, professional librarians and other information seekers use OCLC services such as FirstSearch to obtain bibliographic, abstract and full-text information when and where they need it.

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