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What is WorldCat?

WorldCat is the world’s most comprehensive bibliographic catalog, a “super” catalog of more than 82 million items held in 57,000 libraries around the world. You search WorldCat to find items of interest to you in those libraries. See www.oclc.org/worldcat/genealogy/ for more details.

Where and how do you get access to WorldCat?

- 1) Ask a librarian if you have access, and if so, how.
- 2) Look on your library’s Web site. WorldCat is available on the Web, and therefore may be accessed via a link on your library’s Web site. Try looking under lists of electronic resources, online databases or library catalogs, where it may be listed as “OCLC WorldCat,” “WorldCat,” “OCLC FirstSearch,” “FirstSearch.” If you need to perform a search, try using these phrases. Note that different libraries have different style links to WorldCat.
- 3) See www.oclc.org/worldcat/genealogy/ for more information on WorldCat access.

Although WorldCat will be free for you to use, you may have to use it on a library workstation, or enter your library card number to access it.

What page you start on may depend on how your library has set up access to WorldCat. If you see the FirstSearch Home page, then choose WorldCat from either the top link or the pull-down lists of databases.

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FirstSearch Home

- Welcome to the OCLC FirstSearch service, connecting you to information in a wide range of subjects in 72 databases.
- Looking for a general database to search? Try:
[ArticleFirst](#) - Articles | [ECO](#) - Journal Articles | [WorldCat](#) etc.
- WorldCat Hot Topics:

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Intro News Help

Search for:

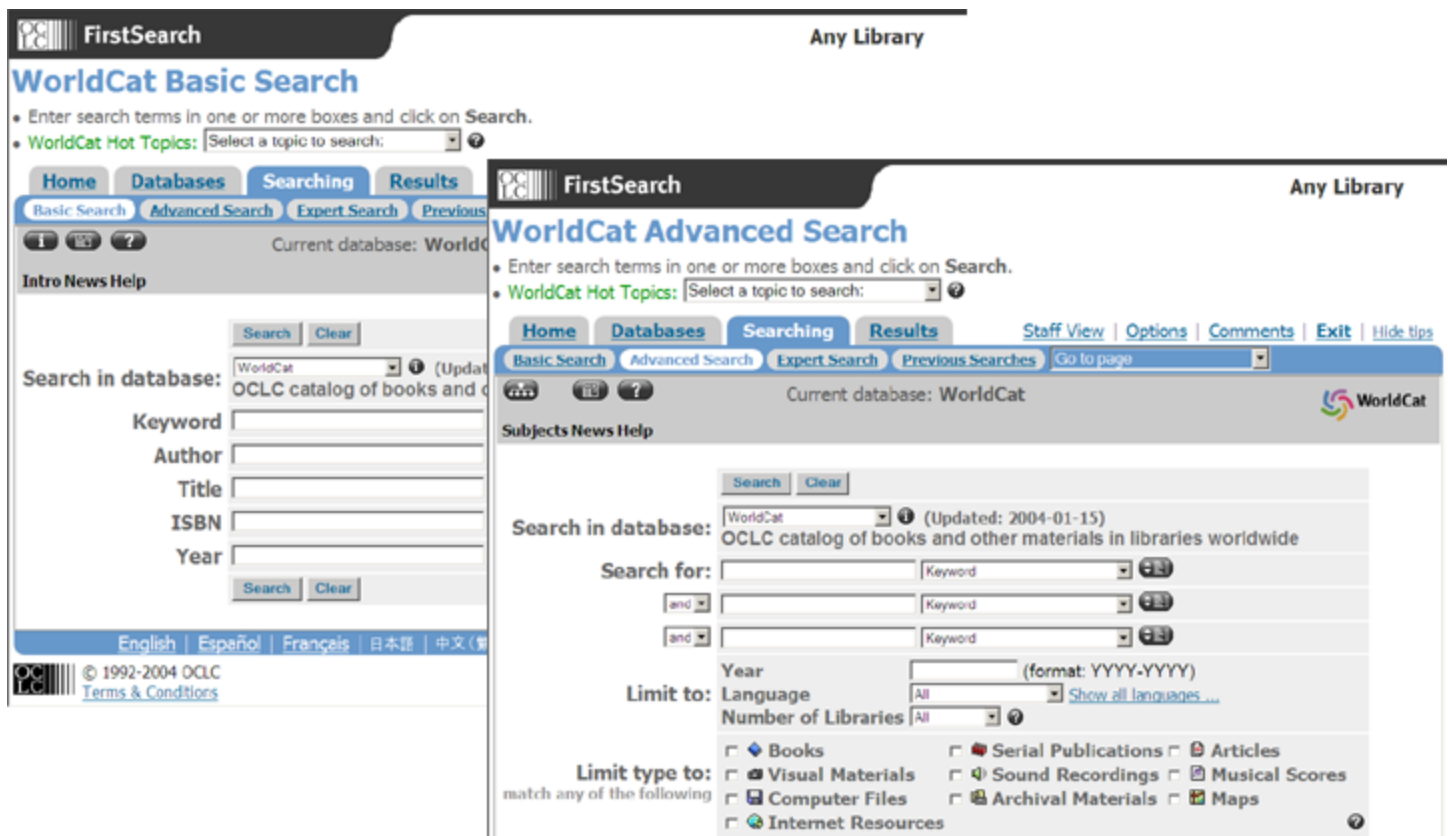
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Jump to Advanced Search:

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From there, you will either see the "Basic" search screen or the "Advanced" search screen.



The main differences between the Basic and Advanced Search screens are that the Basic search screen has more prompts and fewer choices. You will be able to do more precise searching on the Advanced Search screen, but you may not need or want that additional functionality. Note that the full text of material is not indexed, just the high-level description of it.

There are several ways to search for genealogical material, although in reality your imagination is your limit:

- Search for family names
- Search for geographic locations
- Search for organizations

Yet another is to search for generic materials such as genealogy directories, magazines, software and other material.

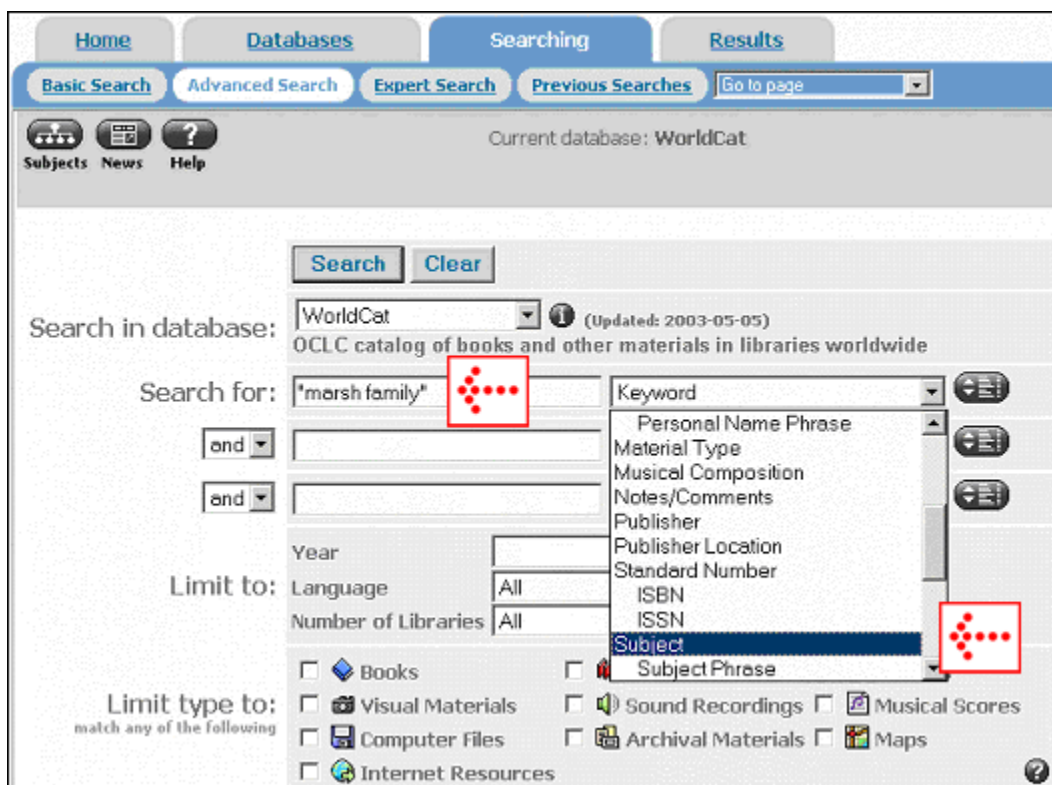
Searching WorldCat by family names

The types of material you may find associated with a family name include (but isn't limited to):

- Family histories
- Family bibles
- Family papers
- Diaries or journals
- Account books
- Autobiographies
- Interviews
- Pictures

You can search for the family name and see what types of materials are retrieved. If you get too many records returned from your search, or you're looking for something specific like a family bible, search the family name in combination with other terms such as "bible".

To search for items about a family, enter the family name followed by the word "family" and put the entire phrase in quotes. (Librarians identify materials about a family using the subject heading "[*family name*] family" and the quotes around the words will cause them to be searched together.) To be sure you retrieve items *about* this family, click on the down arrow next to "Keyword" and choose "Subject". This will search for the family as the subject of the item.



The screenshot shows the WorldCat search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Databases, Searching, and Results. Below these are search options: Basic Search, Advanced Search, Expert Search, and Previous Searches, along with a 'Go to page' dropdown. The current database is identified as WorldCat. The search area includes a 'Search' button and a 'Clear' button. The search in database is set to WorldCat. The search for field contains the text "marsh family" and is highlighted with a red box. The search type dropdown menu is open, showing options like Keyword, Personal Name Phrase, Material Type, Musical Composition, Notes/Comments, Publisher, Publisher Location, Standard Number, ISBN, ISSN, Subject (which is selected and highlighted with a red box), and Subject Phrase. The limit to section includes fields for Year, Language (set to All), and Number of Libraries (set to All). The limit type to section includes checkboxes for Books, Visual Materials, Computer Files, Internet Resources, Sound Recordings, Archival Materials, Musical Scores, and Maps.

You'll get back a list of records matching your search terms, in order based on the number of libraries that hold the items.

If you don't retrieve many records, try the search without the word "family" but only if it's not ambiguous. E.g., searching "Marsh" as a subject will overwhelm this researcher with items about swampy land, but searching "Bendig" as a subject will probably only retrieve records about someone or something named "Bendig". To broaden this search, search "Marsh family" in the Keyword index; this includes the subject index as well as words from other subject-rich fields such as the title.

Notice the information you get back about the set of records you retrieve. In the gray status bar, you'll see your search and the total number of records retrieved. At the top of the list, you can see how many records of which types (books, sound recording, serial, archival material, etc.) are in the set, and there's a symbol next to each record to show you which type that record is.

The screenshot shows the WorldCat FirstSearch interface. At the top, the search results are for "su: marsh w family", with 150 records found (148 in English). The interface includes navigation tabs like Home, Databases, Searching, and Results. A gray status bar at the top of the results area shows the search query and the total number of records. Below this, there are filters for record types: All (150), Books (131), Archival (14), Serials (3), Articles (1), and Visual (1). The search results list includes two entries:

- The genealogy of John Marsh of Salem and his descendants, 1633-1888.**
Author: Marsh, Lucius Bolles, 1818-1901.; Marsh, Dwight Whitney,
Publication: Amherst, Mass., J.E. Williams, book and job printer, 1888
Document: English : Book
Libraries Worldwide: 70 COLUMBUS AREA LIBRARIES
More Like This: Search for versions with same title and author | Advanced options ...
See more details for locating this item
- Prairie Tree : early days on the northern Illinois prairie /**
Author: Marsh, Frank Lewis, 1899-
Publication: New York : Vantage Press, 1978
Document: English : Book

As well as title, author, and publication information, each entry will contain additional information about the type of material, e.g., a newspaper, a thesis, a spoken recording, and the language of the material. The type of media may also be noted, e.g., microform, CD, cassette.

All 150 Books 131 Archival 14 Serials 3 Articles 1 Visual 1

Limit results: Any Audience Any Content Any Format Search

141. **James Franklin Carwile papers, 1840-1991 (bulk, 1956-1959)**
Author: Carwile, James Franklin, 1863-1960.
Publication: 1840-1991
Document: English : Book 
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)

142. **Daguerreotypes, ambrotypes, and other cased photographs, 1840-1870.**
Publication: 1840-1870
Document: English : Visual Material : Picture 
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Advanced options ...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)

143. **Theodore Marsh papers, 1831-1905.**
Author: Marsh, Theodore.; Marsh, Augustus; Marsh, Florella D. Publication: 1831-1905
Document: English : Archival Material 
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
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Choose one of the records from the list by clicking on the title of the item. You'll get more detailed information about the item.


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WorldCat Detailed Record

• Click on a checkbox to mark a record to be e-mailed or printed in Marked Records.

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WorldCat results for: **su: marsh w family.** Record 1 of 150. 


Subjects Libraries ILL E- Print Export Help mail

◀ 1 ▶ Mark:


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The genealogy of John Marsh of Salem and his descendants, 1633-1888.

Lucius Bolles Marsh; Dwight Whitney Marsh

1888 Rev. and ed.
English  Book 283 p. 24 cm.
Amherst, Mass., J.E. Williams, book and job printer,

GET THIS ITEM

Availability: **Check the catalogs in your library.** 

- [Libraries worldwide that own item:](#) 70
- [Borrow this item from another library](#) (Interlibrary Loan)

External Resources:

- [Request Item](#)
- [Find this item at Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America](#) (Bookseller)
- [Find this item at abebooks.com](#) (Bookseller)

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Find Items About: [Marsh, Dwight Whitney.](#) (max: 1)

Title: **The genealogy of John Marsh of Salem and his descendants, 1633-1888.**

Author(s): [Marsh, Lucius Bolles, 1818-1901.](#); [Marsh, Dwight Whitney.; 1823-1896.](#); comp.

Publication: Amherst, Mass., J.E. Williams, book and job printer,
Edition: Rev. and ed. by Rev. Dwight W. Marsh.

Year: 1888

Description: 283 p. 24 cm.

Language: English

Standard No: LCCN: 06-869

From there or from the original list of records you can click on “Libraries Worldwide” to see which libraries have this item in their collection.

Libraries that Own Item

This screen shows libraries that own the item you selected.

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Current database: **WorldCat** Total Libraries: **70**

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Title: The genealogy of John Marsh of Salem and his descendants, 1633-1888 **Author:** Marsh, Lucius Bolles

[Display All Libraries](#)

Libraries with Item: "The genealogy of John Mar..." ([Record for Item](#) | [Get This Item](#))

Location	Library	Code
OH	OHIO STATE UNIV, THE	OSU
OH	CINCINNATI HIST SOC LIBR	CHT
OH	MIDDLETOWN PUB LIBR	OMI
OH	OHIO STATE UNIV, THE	OSU
OH	PUBLIC LIBR OF CINCINNATI/HAMILTON CNTY	OCP
OH	RUTHERFORD B HAYES PRESIDENTIAL CTR	ODH
OH	STATE LIBR OF OHIO	OHI
OH	TOLEDO-LUCAS CNTY PUB LIBR	TLM
OH	WESTERN RSV HIST SOC LIBR	WRH
IN	ALLEN CNTY PUB LIBR	IMF

The libraries are shown in alphabetical order within state, with your state and the states closest to you displaying first. If your library holds the item, it will be highlighted on this list. To see all libraries holding the item, click on the "Display All Libraries" link if it's showing. If there are only a few libraries that own the material, they'll all show in the initial list of libraries screen.

Searching WorldCat by locations or organizations

A good way to help narrow a genealogical search in WorldCat is by using locations or particular organizations. These can include:

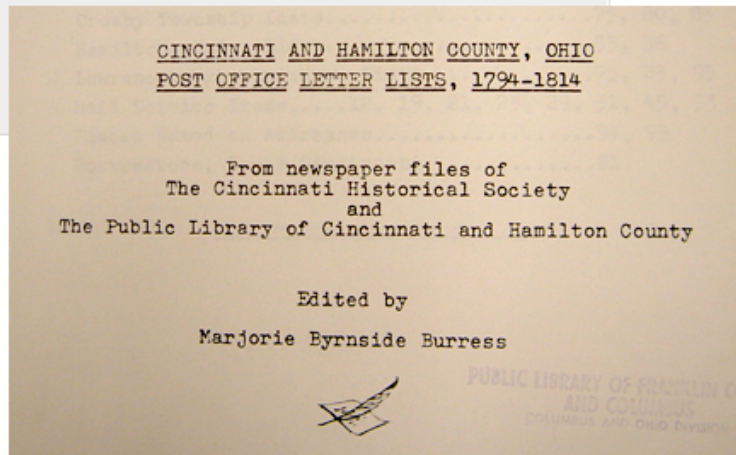
- Cities
- States
- Countries
- Villages
- Townships
- Provinces
- Islands
- Houses of worship
- Ships
- Hotels

The types of materials you might locate using location or organization are endless. They include:

- Newspapers and/or indexes to the newspapers, obituaries, birth notices, land transfers, etc.
- Maps
- Local histories
- Meeting minutes, proceedings, annual reports, records
- Celebratory information, e.g., bicentennials
- Census records
- Government records
- Baptismal registers
- Indexes to birth, death, or marriage certificates and other vital statistics
- Land grants
- Obituaries
- Speeches
- Tax records
- Theater programs
- City directories

Some of the most interesting resources you may find in libraries are locally produced indexes to and abstracts from records or newspapers, such as this Cincinnati, Ohio post office letter list, described as a resource to “help family historians find elusive and transient ancestors who passed through [the city] on their way West.”

The screenshot shows a WorldCat search result page. At the top, it says "FirstSearch" and "Any Library". The main heading is "WorldCat Detailed Record". Below this, there are navigation tabs: "Home", "Databases", "Searching", "Results", "Staff View", "Options", "Comments", "Exit", and "Hide tips". The search results show "WorldCat results for: ti: cincinnati and ti: letter. Record 4 of 195." The title of the record is "Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio post office letter lists, 1794-1814 : from newspaper files of the Cincinnati Historical Society and the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County / Marjorie Byrnside Burress". The publication information is "1982 English Book 95 p. ; 28 cm. North Bend, Ohio : M.B. Burress,".



These materials may be long out of print, but they’ll still be in libraries. In all cases, try doing the most general type of search that still limits your results to a manageable size, e.g., search on just a town or county name, and only add other search terms if too many records are returned.

Determining location names

One useful feature in FirstSearch allows you to browse through the list of indexed terms, e.g., to find the exact form of location names that librarians have assigned to the materials.

In the WorldCat Advanced Search, type in any location (here, Westfield, New Jersey) and choose the Subject Phrase index, then click the Browse Index button to see where various entities of the same name are located.

The screenshot displays the WorldCat search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for Home, Databases, and Searching. The Searching tab is active, and a 'Go to page' dropdown is visible. Below the navigation, there are links for Subjects, News, and Help, and the text 'Current database: WorldCat'. The main search area features a 'Search in database:' dropdown set to 'WorldCat' (Updated: 2004-01-19) and a description: 'OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries worldwide'. The search input field contains 'westfield new jersey'. To the right of the input field is a 'Browse Index' button (a red square with a white crosshair) and a dropdown menu set to 'Subject Phrase'. Below the main search field, there are two additional search rows, each starting with an 'and' dropdown and a 'Keyword' dropdown. The 'Subject Phrase' dropdown and its corresponding 'Browse Index' button are highlighted with red boxes.

The resulting Subject Phrase index keeps multiple words of a subject heading together, so the city and state names “travel together” as a search term. (WorldCat’s Subject index would list the city and state separately.)

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Browse Index

- Enter a term, choose an index, and click on **Browse**
- Click on a term to copy it to your search screen.

Home Databases Searching Staff View Options Comments Exit Hide tips

Basic Search Advanced Search Expert Search Go to page

Return Help Current database: WorldCat

Browse for:

Indexed in:

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Term/Phrase	Count
westfield n-b	1
westfield nb	1
westfield nc	1
westfield nd township	1
westfield nj	128
westfield normal school	1
westfield ny	78
westfield ny town	10
westfield ohio township	1
westfield pa	2

Click on the one you want. The correct Subject Phrase term for that location is copied into the Advanced Search and you can continue knowing that you’re searching the right location.

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Subjects News Help Current database: WorldCat WorldCat

Search in database: (Updated: 2004-01-19)
OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries worldwide

Search for:

and

and

Searching names and locations together

Of course, you can combine names and locations to try to pinpoint a specific family or branch of a family.

Search in database: WorldCat (Updated: 2004-01-15)
OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries

Search for: "marsh family" Subject
and westfield Keyword
and Keyword

Other Searching Tips

Document types

The records in WorldCat indicate the type of document the item, ranging from a book or a microform to newspapers, photographs, and even 3 dimensional objects. From a search results list of records, you can click on any of the tabs at the top of the list to see just the records of that type; in the example below, "archival material" has been selected. (Note that archival material will normally be unique material held in a single library, unless it's been microfilmed.)


All 150 Books 131 Archival 14 Articles 1 Visual 1

- 1. **Peck & Marsh family records 1600-1900's.**
Publication: [S.I.] : Microfilmed for the Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, Utah, 1976
Document: English : Archival Material : Microform
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Advanced options ...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)
- 2. **Papers, If 1960-1994.**
Author: Plautz, Dorothy, 1928- ; Brunka, Dorothy Marsh,; Craig, Dorothy,, and others
Publication: 1960-1994
Document: English : Archival Material
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)
- 3. **The Marsh family of eastern North Carolina /**
Author: Price, Walter R., 1900-
Publication: 1959
Document: English : Archival Material
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
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Try clicking on the “Serials” tab on your results list to find newsletters, magazines, etc. about a family. For serials, some libraries show the range of their holdings by year and volume when you look at the holdings display (see below). If that information is listed, and you’re looking for a specific issue, you’d be able to tell whether the library has the issue you need.

[All](#) 150
 [Books](#) 131
 [Archival](#) 14
 [Serials](#) 3
 [Articles](#) 1
 [Visual](#) 1

Limit results: Any Subtype Search


- Marsh family bulletin.**
 Author: Marsh, Warren L. Publication: Williamsport, Pa. : William L. Marsh, 1955-
 Document: English : Serial Publication : Bimonthly (every 2 months)
 Libraries Worldwide: 16
 More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)
- Marsh family news letter.** 
 Publication: Norman, Okla. : Marsh Family Association, 1987-1990
 Document: English : Serial Publication : Periodical : Bimonthly (every 2 months)
 Libraries Worldwide: 2
 More Like This: [Advanced options...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)
- Family history of Otis Pierce Langford, Jr.**
 Publication: [Georgia] : [s.n.], 1998-
 Document: English : Serial Publication : Monographic series
 Libraries Worldwide: 1
 More Like This: [Advanced options...](#)
[See more details for locating this item](#)

Libraries that Own Item

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Current database: WorldCat Total Libraries: 2 

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Title: Marsh family news letter Author: Marsh Family Association

Libraries with Item: "Marsh family news letter...."([Record for Item](#) | [Get This Item](#))

Location	Library	Local Holdings	Code
OK	OKLAHOMA HIST SOC RES LIBR		OUY
WI	WISCONSIN HIST SOC	 1987:Aug 29-1990:June	WIH

If you know exactly what you want, e.g., a map, you can limit your search to that specific type of material using the checkboxes on the Advanced Search screen. There are many different limiters available—try pulling down the “subtype” limits to see some more. But as always when searching, if you don’t find enough material or the right material when limiting a search, broaden your search by removing some of the limits, or consider broader terms for the search (e.g. what county is Westfield, N.J. in?).

The screenshot displays the WorldCat search interface. At the top, there are 'Search' and 'Clear' buttons. The search is performed in the 'WorldCat' database, which is described as the 'OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries worldwide'. The search term is 'westfield nj' using the 'SubjectPhrase' search type. There are two additional search fields with 'Keyword' search types. The search is limited to 'All' languages and 'All' libraries. Under 'Limit type to:', the 'Maps' checkbox is selected, highlighted with a red box. Below this, 'Subtype limits' are set to 'Any Audience', 'Any Content', and 'Any Format'. The 'Limit availability' section is also visible. The search results page shows 'WorldCat results for: su= "westfield nj" and dt= "map"'. It indicates 18 records found, ranked by 'Number of Libraries'. The first two results are:

- [Street map of Clark, Cranford, Fanwood, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains, Westfield.](#)
 Corp Author: General Drafting Company. Publication: Westfield, N.J. : Westfield Board of Realtors, 1988
 Document: English : Map
 Libraries Worldwide: 3
 More Like This: [Advanced options ...](#)
 See more details for locating this item
- [Street map of Westfield, Scotch Plains, Mountainside, Fanwood /](#)
 Corp Author: General Drafting Company. Publication: Convent Station, N.J. : General Drafting Co., 1982
 Document: English : Map
 Libraries Worldwide: 3
 More Like This: [Advanced options ...](#)
 See more details for locating this item

Finding Newspapers

As you know, local newspapers can be a wonderful source of information. A multi-state project to preserve newspapers included recording them in WorldCat, so you'll find a wide variety of newspapers from many periods here, along with information on which libraries still hold them.

Put in the search terms for the location, and then put "newspaper" on a line where you've chosen "Material Type" from the pull down list (as shown below). Or, for small locations where newspapers were probably the only things published, you could limit your search to the type "Serial".

The screenshot shows the WorldCat search interface. At the top, there are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below that, the database is set to "WorldCat" (Updated: 2004-01-15) with the description "OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries worldwide". The search terms are: "union springs" (Keyword), "and" "new york" or ny (Keyword), and "and" newspaper (Material Type). The "Material Type" dropdown is highlighted with a red box. The "Limit to:" section includes: Year (format: YYYY-YYYY), Language (All), and Number of Libraries (All). The "Limit type to:" section has checkboxes for: Books, Visual Materials, Computer Files, Internet Resources, Serial Publications, Sound Recordings, Archival Materials, Articles, Musical Scores, and Maps. The "Subtype limits" section has dropdowns for Any Audience, Any Content, and Any Format.

As with names, try different variations on location names and types of material to retrieve all possible records if your initial search doesn't find what you need.

The screenshot shows the WorldCat search interface. At the top, there are "Search" and "Clear" buttons. Below that, the database is set to "WorldCat" (Updated: 2004-01-21) with the description "OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries worldwide". The search terms are: "nj" (Keyword), "and" "new jersey" (Keyword), and "and" cemetery or gravestone or tombs (Keyword). The "and" operator before the third term is highlighted with a red box. The "Limit to:" section includes: Year (format: YYYY-YYYY) and Language (All). The "Subtype limits" section has dropdowns for Any Audience, Any Content, and Any Format.

Another option is to do your location search and limit it to “serials,” which is a broader category than newspapers, then on the results screen, pull down the “Limit results” menu and choose “Newspaper.” This will exclude other types of serials, e.g., magazines and ongoing loose-leaf publications.

The screenshot shows the WorldCat search results interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Databases, Searching, and Results. Below these are sub-tabs: List of Records, Detailed Record, and Marked Records. The search criteria are displayed as: "WorldCat results for: kw: london and (kw: england or kw: great w britain or kw: uk) and dt= "ser" .". The results show 12,291 records found, with 12,001 in English, ranked by the number of libraries.

A dropdown menu is open under the "Limit results:" section, showing options: "Newspaper", "Any Subtype", "Newspaper", and "not Newspaper". The "Newspaper" option is selected and highlighted with a red box. A search button is visible next to the dropdown.

The first result is "The economist." with details:

- Publication:** London : [Economist News]
- Document:** English : Serial Publication : Periodical : Weekly
- Libraries Worldwide:** 3260 (Columbus Metropolitan Library, COLUMBUS AREA LIBRARIES)
- More Like This:** [Advanced options ...](#)
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The second result is "Who's who." with details:

- Author:** Addison, Henry Robert,; Oakes, Charles Henry,, and others
- Publication:** London [etc.] A. & C. Black [etc.] 1849-
- Document:** English : Serial Publication : Annual
- Libraries Worldwide:** 3
- [See more details for locating this item](#)

The third result is "New s...".

A second screenshot below shows the search results for the same criteria but with the limit filter set to "Newspaper". The search criteria are: "WorldCat results for: (kw: london and (kw: england or kw: great w britain or kw: uk) and dt= "ser") and mt: new.". The results show 1,384 records found, with 1,318 in English, ranked by the number of libraries.

The first result is "The times." with details:

- Author:** Walter, John,; Finey, William,, and others
- Publication:** London [England] : R. Nutkins, 1788-
- Document:** English : Serial Publication : Newspaper : Daily
- Libraries Worldwide:** 485 (Columbus Metropolitan Library, COLUMBUS AREA LIBRARIES)
- More Like This:** [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
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The second result is "Sunday times." with details:


- Publication:** London [England] : Allied Newspapers, 1931-
- Document:** English : Serial Publication : Newspaper : Weekly
- Libraries Worldwide:** 230
- More Like This:** [Advanced options ...](#)
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The third result is "The financial times." with details:

- Publication:** London [England] : MacRae, Curtice & Co., 1888-
- Document:** English : Serial Publication : Newspaper : Daily

Why did I get *that* item?

In some cases, you'll have to look at the detailed record to see why it was included in your search results. In the example below, a branch of a Marsh family appears to be included in another family's family bible.

[Bible record of the Mott family,
1753-1907
English  Book : Thesis/dissertation/manuscript [10] leaves ; 28 cm.
Photocopy of original record with title page.

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• [Borrow this item from another library](#) (Interlibrary Loan)

External Resources: • [ILLiad Request Item](#)

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Title: **[Bible record of the Mott family,
1753-1907]**

Year: 1753-1907

Description: [10] leaves ; 28 cm.
Language: English
Abstract: Photocopy of original record with title page.

SUBJECT(S)

Named Person: [Mott family.](#)
[Marsh family.](#) 
[Bostwick family.](#)

Genre/Form: [Bible records.](#)

Note(s): Bible imprinted at Boston, Mass., 1844.

General Info: **Preferred citation:** R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Department, New England Historic Genealogical Society (Boston, Mass.), Mss C 4800.

Material Type: Manuscript text (mtx)

Document Type: Book




If you see a link in a detailed record, you can click on it and WorldCat will search for that item in the appropriate index. So in this case, you can click on the Named Person “Mott family” link and FirstSearch will retrieve records for material about the Mott family.

Although not all names mentioned in a particular resource are likely to be listed in the record, the ones most often mentioned generally will be. And more and more libraries are creating separate records for chapters in books and for articles in WorldCat (see the example below), allowing researchers to find information buried within books and magazines.

- 1.  [From border war to civil war : more letters of Edward and Sarah Fitch, 1855-1863. Part one /](#)
Author: Fitch, Edward Payson, 1832-1863.; Fitch, Sarah Anna Wilmarth,; Peterson, John M.
Publication: 1997
In: Kansas history. Topeka, Kan. : Kansas State Historical Society, 1978- . Vol. 20, no. 1 (spring 1997)
Document: English : Article
[Libraries Worldwide](#): 2
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
 [See more details for locating this item](#)
- 2.  [From border war to civil war : more letters of Edward and Sarah Fitch, 1855-1863. Part two /](#)
Author: Fitch, Edward Payson, 1832-1863.; Fitch, Sarah Anna Wilmarth,; Peterson, John M.
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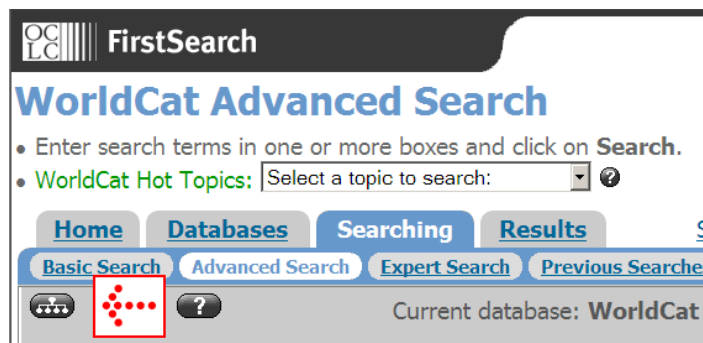
Why multiple records for the same thing?

When you get results, you may see what look like duplicate entries for the same material. These usually represent slight variations in publishing, different editions or reprints in the same or other formats (e.g., microfilm). Try each version until you find a library useful to you.

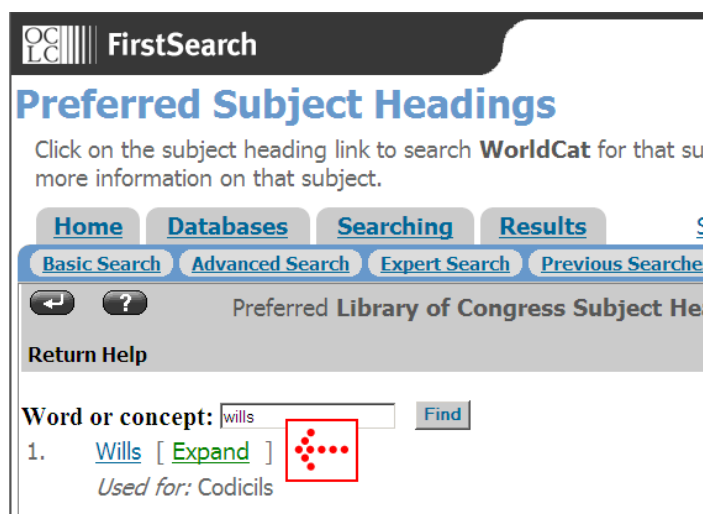
- 1.  [Genealogy : the Pierson family, the Marsh family, the Clark family, the Baker family.](#)
Author: Pierson, Arthur N.
Publication: [New Jersey? : A.N. Pierson], 1945
Document: English : Book
[Libraries Worldwide](#): 2
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
 [See more details for locating this item](#)
- 2.  [Genealogy of the Pierson family : the Marsh family, the Clark family, the Baker family /](#)
Author: Pierson, Arthur N.
Publication: [S.I.] : A.N. Pierson, 1945
Document: English : Book
[Libraries Worldwide](#): 1
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
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Efficient searching

One way to identify your search terms is to look in the Preferred Subject Headings. On the WorldCat Advanced Search, click on the Subjects button, and then enter a word or concept (here, “wills”).



You'll get back a list of terms related to the one you entered.



If you “expand” a word or concept, you’ll be presented a list of related, broader and narrower subject headings to choose from.

The screenshot shows the FirstSearch interface. At the top left is the logo and 'FirstSearch' text. At the top right is 'Any Library'. Below this is the 'Expanded Subject Heading' section. A bullet point states: 'Click on the subject heading link to search WorldCat for that subject heading or click the Expand text link to get more information on that subject.' Below this is a navigation bar with tabs: Home, Databases, Searching, Results, Staff View, Options, Comments, Exit, and Hide tips. Underneath are search options: Basic Search, Advanced Search, Expert Search, Previous Searches, and a Go to page dropdown. The main content area is titled 'Expanded Library of Congress Subject Headings for: wills'. It includes a 'Return Subjects Help' link. The 'Subject Heading' is 'Wills'. 'Used for:' includes 'Codicils'. 'Broader Subject Headings:' includes 'Inheritance and succession [Expand]', 'Legal instruments [Expand]', and 'Registers of births, etc. [Expand]'. 'Related Subject Headings:' includes 'Legacies', 'Probate records', and 'Remainders (Estates)'. 'Reference:' includes 'subdivision Will [Expand] under names of individual persons'. 'Narrower Subject Headings:' includes 'Clauses (Law) [Expand]', 'Contracts to make wills [Expand]', 'Cy pres doctrine [Expand]', 'Decedents' estates [Expand]', 'Decedents' family maintenance [Expand]', and 'Disinheritance [Expand]'. A red box highlights the 'Registers of births, etc.' link and its 'Expand' button.

Click a term of interest to select the heading of your choice (here, “registers of birth”) and search results are returned for that subject heading (next page).

WorldCat results for: su= "registers of births, etc."
Records found: 62,098 (English: 58,308) Rank by: Number of Libraries

Navigation and filtering options including 'All 62098', 'Books 57843', 'Serials 1721', 'Archival 1666', 'Computer 468', 'Articles 321', 'Internet 32', 'Visual 24', 'Sound 18', 'Maps 5'. Includes 'Limit results' dropdowns for Audience, Content, and Format, and a 'Search' button.

- 1. **Guide to genealogical research in the National Archives.**
 Corp Author: United States., National Archives and Records Service.
 Publication: Washington, D.C. : National Archives and Records Service, 1982
 Document: English : Book
 Libraries Worldwide: 1184 Columbus Metropolitan Library COLUMBUS AREA LIBRARIES
 More Like This: [Advanced options ...](#)
 See more details for locating this item
- 2. **Where to write for vital records.**
 Publication: Hyattsville, Md. : Washington, D.C. : U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Office of Health Research, Statistics, and Technology, National Center for Health Statistics ; For sale by the Supt. of Docs., U.S. G.P.O., 1982-
 Document: English : Serial Publication : Triennial (every 3 years)
 Libraries Worldwide: 1139 Columbus Metropolitan Library COLUMBUS AREA LIBRARIES
 More Like This: [Advanced options ...](#)
 See more details for locating this item
- 3. **International vital records handbook /**
 Author: Kemp, Thomas Jay.

“More Like This”

Clicking on “Advanced options” within the Detailed Record for a resource item will let you issue a search for similar materials.


OC LC FirstSearch Any Library

WorldCat Detailed Record

• Click on a checkbox to mark a record to be e-mailed or printed in Marked Records.

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 WorldCat results for: **kw: avery and kw: family and kw: papers.** Record 5 of 77.

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Avery family of Louisiana papers, (bulk 1817-1895)


Avery family of Louisiana.; Marsh family.

1796-1951

English  Archival Material :  Microform 700 (on 2 microfilm reels). items

Avery family correspondence and financial and legal records, chiefly 1817-1895. Over half the collection consists of financial and legal papers relating to the operation of the Petite Anse Island sugar plantation and salt mines. These include plantation accounts, bills of sale for slaves (some bills are from New Jersey), bills for merchandise, promissory notes, and receipts....


GET THIS ITEM

Access:  <http://www.lib.unc.edu/mss/inv/a/Avery%5FFamily%5Fof%5FLouisiana.html>

Availability: **Check the catalogs in your library.**


- [Libraries worldwide that own item:](#) 1
- [Borrow this item from another library](#) (Interlibrary Loan)

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More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#) 

Find Items About: [Marsh family.](#) (150)

Similar materials can include other titles in the same series, material by the same publisher, or material in the same general location in the library (having the same Dewey Decimal number or LC Classification number).

 **FirstSearch** Any Library

Find Similar Items

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  WorldCat results for: (kw: avery and kw: family) and kw: louisiana. Record 7 of 7.

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Title [Avery family of Louisiana papers](#)

Author [Avery family of Louisiana](#)
 [Marsh family](#)

Language English

Doc. Type Archival Material

Material Type [Microform](#)

Subjects [19th century](#)
 [Avery family](#)
 [Avery Island \(La.\)](#)
 [Avery, Daniel Dudley](#)
 [Avery, Dudley](#)
 [Avery, Sarah Craig Marsh](#)
 [Baton Rouge \(La.\)](#)
 [Family](#)

Rank by: 

You can also follow a trail to similar or related materials by clicking on any of the links within the Detailed Record.

WorldCat Detailed Record

WorldCat results for: Avery family and Marsh family and Marsh papers. Record 5 of 77.

Avery family of Louisiana papers, 1796-1951 (bulk 1817-1895)

Avery family of Louisiana.; Marsh family.

1796-1951

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Get This Etext

Access: <http://www.library.unc.edu/ncsl/ncsl/avery%20family%20of%20LA/Louisiana.html>

Availability: Check the catalogs in your library.

- Libraries worldwide that own this item
- Access this item from another library (Interlibrary Loan)

Find Related

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Find Items About: Marsh family, (150)

Title: **Avery family of Louisiana papers, 1796-1951 (bulk 1817-1895)**

Author(s): Avery family of Louisiana.; Marsh family.

Year: 1796-1951

Description: 700 items (on 2 microfilm reels).

Language: English

Abstract: Avery family correspondence and financial and legal records, chiefly 1817-1895. Over half the collection consists of financial and legal papers relating to the operation of the Petite Anse Island sugar plantation and salt mines. These include plantation accounts, bills of sale for slaves (some bills are from New Jersey), bills for merchandise, promissory notes, and receipts. Correspondence includes letters from Dudley Avery serving as a medical officer in New Orleans during and after the War of 1812; letters, 1828-1830, of George Marsh at Petite Anse and their relatives in New York and plantation affairs; letters, 1845-1847, about life in New Orleans; letters from Baton Rouge and other locations in the 1850s; Civil War is chiefly to and from Daniel Dudley Avery and his business and plantation operations; and between Avery and Marsh plantation and personal affairs, including the struggle to hold on to the plantation.

Access: Materials specified: Finding aid

<http://www.library.unc.edu/ncsl/ncsl/avery%20family%20of%20LA/Louisiana.html>

Subject(s)

Description: Family -- Louisiana -- Social life and customs. New Orleans, Battle of, New Orleans, La., 1815. Plantations -- Louisiana. Salt mines and mining -- Louisiana -- History -- 19th century. Slave bills of sale -- New Jersey. Slavery -- Louisiana. Sugar growing -- Louisiana -- History -- 19th century.

Named Person: Avery family. Avery, Daniel Dudley, 1810-1879. Avery, Dudley, d. 1816. Avery, Sarah Craig Marsh, 1818-1878. Marsh family. Marsh, George, d. 1859. Marsh, John Craig, 1789-1857.

Geographic: Avery Island (La.) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century. Baton Rouge (La.) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century. Iberia Parish (La.) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century. Louisiana -- History -- War of 1812. New Orleans (La.) -- Social life and customs. Petite Anse Island Plantation (Iberia Parish, La.) Parish (N.J.) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century. United States -- History -- War of 1812.

Note(s): In the Southern Historical Collection, University of North Carolina

Biography: Avery and Marsh families of Petite Anse Island in New Iberia in Iberia Parish, La. and of Baton Rouge, La. From Dudley Avery (d. 1816), medical officer of the Crabbed Noire in

SUBJECT(S)

Descriptor: [Family -- Louisiana -- Social life and customs.](#)
[New Orleans, Battle of, New Orleans, La., 1815.](#)
[Plantations -- Louisiana.](#)
[Salt mines and mining -- Louisiana -- History -- 19th century.](#)
[Slave bills of sale -- New Jersey.](#)
[Slavery -- Louisiana.](#)
[Sugar growing -- Louisiana -- History -- 19th century.](#)

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[Marsh, George, d. 1859.](#)
[Marsh, John Craig, 1789-1857.](#)

Geographic: [Avery Island \(La.\) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century.](#)
[Baton Rouge \(La.\) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century.](#)
[Iberia Parish \(La.\) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century.](#)
[Louisiana -- History -- War of 1812.](#)
[New Orleans \(La.\) -- Social life and customs.](#)
[Petite Anse Island Plantation \(Iberia Parish, La.\).](#)
[Parish \(N.J.\) -- Social life and customs -- 19th century.](#)
[United States -- History -- War of 1812.](#)

How to find other useful subject headings

Another useful feature is the “Related Subjects” feature. Once you’ve done a search and have a list of records, click on the Related Subjects button. This will give you the topic subjects from the first 50 records, and may help you identify additional subjects to search, e.g., broader geographic areas such as counties and townships, or neighboring locations.

The image shows a WorldCat search results page for the query "su: marsh w family". The page displays 150 records found, ranked by the number of libraries. The "Related Subjects" feature is highlighted with a red box, showing a list of subject headings and their corresponding percentages. The "Find Subject Search Terms" section provides instructions on how to use this feature.

WorldCat results for: su: marsh w family.
Records found: 150 (English: 148) Rank by: Number of Libraries

Find related: Books etc. (WorldCat) | [Articles \(WilsonSelectPlus\)](#) | [Journal Articles \(ECO\)](#) | [Reference Resources \(WorldAlmanac\)](#) | [Previous Searches](#)

Limit results: Any Audience | Any Content | Any Format | Search

1. [The genealogy of John Marsh of Salem and his descendants, 1633-1888.](#)
Author: Marsh, Lucius Bolles, 1818-1901.; Marsh, Dwight Whitney,
Publication: Amherst, Mass., J.E. Williams, book and job printer, 1888
Document: E
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2. [Prairie Tree early days c](#)

Find Subject Search Terms

- This screen helps you find the best search terms for subjects.
- Up to the first 50 records in your results have been examined for high-quality search terms.
- Click on a subject to search for it.
- Select multiple subjects to search for any of those selected.

Related Return Help Authors

Subject	Percentage
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh family.	100%
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh, John.	8%
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh family association.	6%
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh, George.	4%
<input type="checkbox"/> Stinson, Mary Adams L'Esperance.	4%
<input type="checkbox"/> Marsh, William S..	4%
<input type="checkbox"/> Frontier and pioneer life	4%
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana	4%
<input type="checkbox"/> Saxton, Grace Marsh.	4%
<input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota	4%

Other functionality

You can use WorldCat to uncover many useful resources in libraries around the world. Although WorldCat is a general-interest database, you can use the unique searching methods in this tutorial to find materials of interest rapidly. As you begin to feel comfortable searching in WorldCat, try expanding your searches.

E-mailing records to yourself or others



You can e-mail records to yourself or anyone else from any page showing the E-mail symbol. The information can be sent as plain text or HTML format and can include your notes.

The screenshot shows the 'E-mail Records' interface in the FirstSearch system. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'FirstSearch' on the left and 'Any Library' on the right. Below this is a blue header with the title 'E-mail Records'. A instruction reads: 'Enter e-mail address and optional information and click Send.' Below the instruction are several tabs: 'Home', 'Databases', 'Searching', 'Results', 'Staff View', 'Options', 'Comments', 'Exit', and 'Hide tips'. Under the 'Results' tab, there are sub-tabs for 'List of Records', 'Detailed Record', and 'Marked Records', along with a 'Go to page' dropdown menu. The main content area has a 'Return Help' link. The form fields are as follows: 'Send:' with the text 'Holdings Record 1 - The genealogy of John Marsh...'; 'Record format:' with radio buttons for 'Send as HTML' (selected) and 'Send as plain text - Line length' with a text input field; 'To e-mail address:' with a text input field; 'Sender e-mail address:' with a text input field and '(optional)' text; 'Your full name:' with a text input field and '(optional)' text; 'Subject:' with a text input field and '(optional)' text; and 'Notes:' with a large text area and '(optional)' text. A 'Send' button is located at the bottom of the form.

Use the e-mail button on the page showing the list of holding libraries if you want to have that list sent along with the record.


Marking records for later use

If you want to collect useful records as you find them, you can “mark” them by clicking on the checkbox next to the record on a record list or at the top of a detailed record display.

1.  **[Avery family of Louisiana papers, 1796-1951 \(bulk 1817-1895\)](#)**



Author: Avery family of Louisiana.; Marsh family. **Publication:** 1796-1951

Document: English : Archival Material :  Microform

Libraries Worldwide: 1

More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
(WorldCat)

2.  **[A Dutch family in the middle colonies, 1660-1800 /](#)**



Author: Fabend, Firth Haring, 1937-

Publication: New Brunswick : Rutgers University Press, 1991

Document: English : Book

Libraries Worldwide: 327

More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
(WorldCat)

3.  **[The Revolutionary War in the Hackensack Valley; the Jersey Dutch and the Neutral Ground, 1775-1783.](#)**



Author: Leiby, Adrian Coulter.

Publication: New Brunswick, N.J., Rutgers University Press 1962

Document: English : Book

Libraries Worldwide: 346

More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
(WorldCat)

As you do this over multiple searches, your marked records continue to accumulate. You can view your accumulated records at any time by clicking on Marked Records in the tab bar. You can E-mail the collected records to yourself or someone else, or print them all in either Brief or Detailed format. You can also clear out your marked records with the Clear Marks button.

OC LC FirstSearch Any Library

Marked Records

- Click **Detailed/Brief** to change the record format.
- Click the **E-mail** or **Print** button to e-mail or format for printing.

Home Databases Searching Results Staff View Options Comments Exit Hide tips

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Records Marked: 6

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Clear Marks

- Avery family of Louisiana papers, 1796-1951 (bulk 1817-1895)**
Author: Avery family of Louisiana.; Marsh family. **Publication:** 1796-1951
Document: English : Archival Material : Microform
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
(WorldCat)
- Avery family of North Carolina papers, 1777-1890, 1906**
Author: Avery family of North Carolina. **Publication:** 1777-1906
Document: English : Archival Material
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
(WorldCat)
- Bedichek, Roy, photographs 1898-1957.**
Author: Bedichek, Roy, 1878-1959. **Publication:** 1898-1957 **In:** Roy Bedichek Papers
Document: English : Visual Material : Picture
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
(WorldCat)

You can find more information about using the marking feature in FirstSearch Help.

Wrapping up

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For more information on using WorldCat, click on Help icon near the screen area in which you have a question. The Help window features a search function and a link to the complete index of Help topics, as well as information about the screen you are looking at.

You can also ask your librarian for help in using WorldCat in OCLC's FirstSearch service.

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