

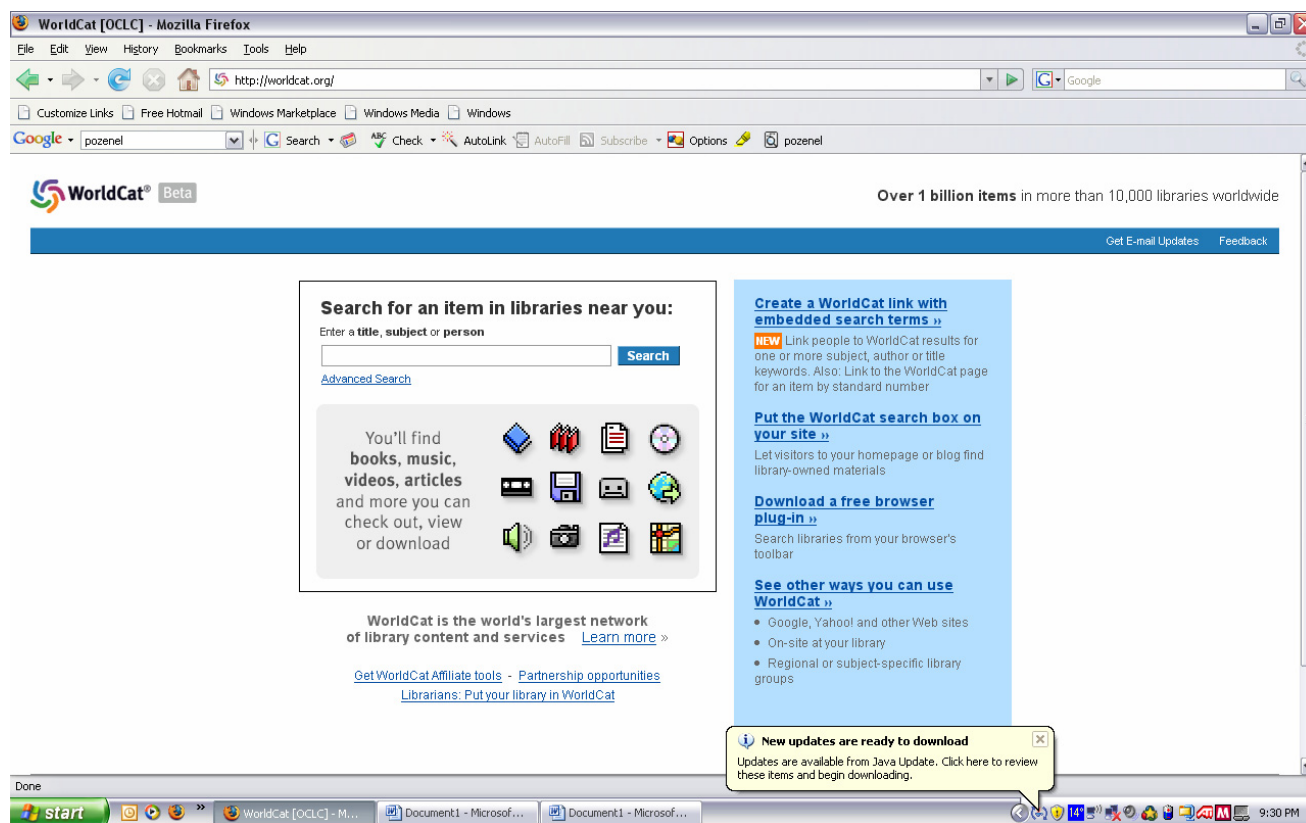
This tutorial and more information is available at www.oclc.org/worldcat/genealogy/.

The WorldCat.org path

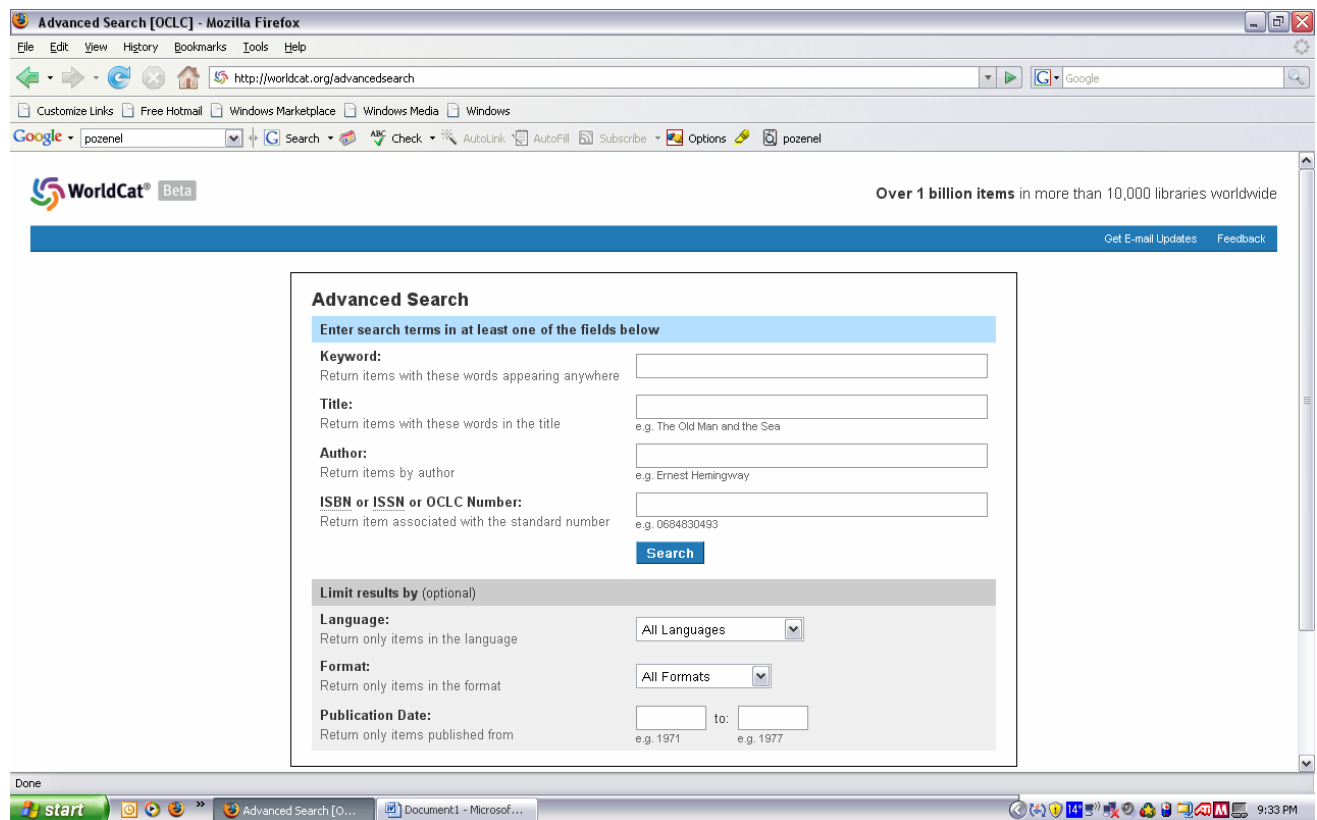
What is WorldCat?

WorldCat is the world's most comprehensive bibliographic catalog, a "super" catalog of more than 85 million items held in 9,000 libraries around the world. You search WorldCat via the WorldCat.org search box to find items of interest to you in those libraries.

You can access WorldCat.org from any computer with Internet access. Just enter <http://www.worldcat.org>:



You can perform a simple search from the main page or click on Advanced Search to predefine the fields you would like to search.



You can use the Advanced Search option for a more precise search if you are searching for a known publication. If you are searching more generally, the simple search box will provide the largest number of possible bibliographic records, allowing you to find unique items. (Please note the full-text content itself is not indexed, just a high-level description of it.)

Searching WorldCat.org by Family Names

There are several ways to search for genealogical-related materials:

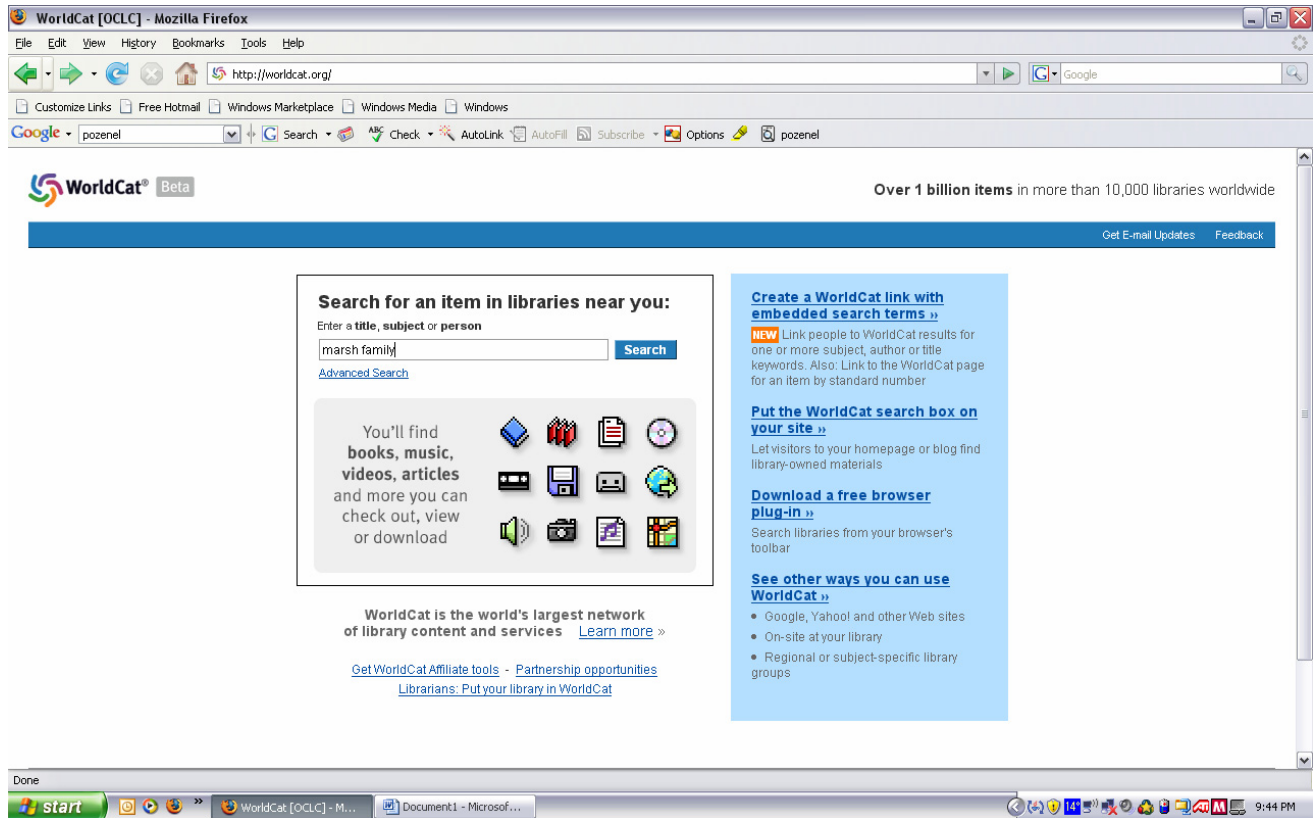
- Search for family names
- Search for geographic locations
- Search for organizations
- Search for photographs
- Search for genealogy directories, magazines or software

The following types of materials you may find associated with a family name include:

- Family histories
- Family Bibles
- Family papers
- Diaries or journals
- Account books
- Autobiographies

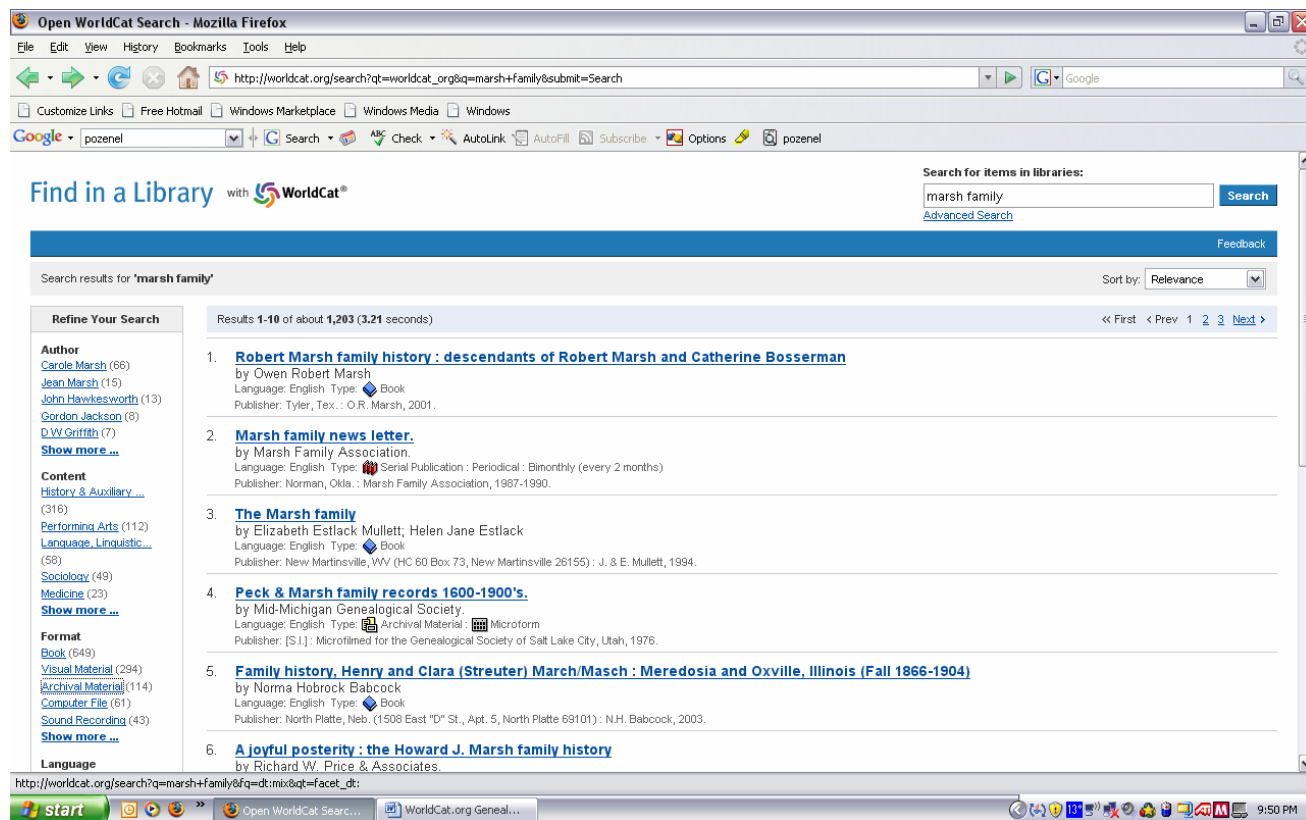
- Interviews
- Photographs

Simply enter the family name into the search box on the main page.



If your search returns too many records, you have several options:

- Return to the main page and enter more specific terms for your search (e.g., March Family Bible)
- Narrow your search using the facets on the left column of the page to refine your search by author, content, format, language, or date of publication.



The list of records matching your search terms is presented in order based on the number of libraries that hold the items.

Notice the information you receive about each record. In the gray status bar, you will see your search terms and in the blue header bar you will see the total number of records associated with your search. In the left-hand column, you can see your records associated with five categories (author, content, format, language or date of publication). You can use these categories to narrow your search.

In addition to title, author and publication information, each record will contain additional information about the type of material (e.g., newspaper, thesis, archival material, etc.) and the language.

Choose one of the records from the list by clicking on the title to view the nearest library that holds the item, obtain more detailed information about the item, review the associated subject headings and read reviews.

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar displaying `http://worldcat.org/oclc/25311741?tab=holdings`. The page title is "Find in a Library: Marsh family news letter. - Mozilla Firefox". The main content area shows the "Find in a Library" interface with the search term "marsh family" entered in the search bar. Below the search bar, there are tabs for "Libraries", "Details", "Subjects", and "Reviews". The "Libraries" tab is active, showing a list of libraries holding the item, sorted by proximity to the user's location (43202 Columbus, OH). The list includes:

Library Name	Location	Distance
1. WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Madison, WI 53706 United States	393 miles
2. Oklahoma Hist Society Res Library	Oklahoma City, OK 73105 United States	850 miles

The page also includes a sidebar with a "Ready to Buy?" section and a "Find in a Library anytime" section. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications, including "Find in a Library: Mar..." and "WorldCat.org Geneal...".

Your geographic location is automatically identified; if the incorrect location is listed, enter your ZIP code in the location box.

Library locations will be listed by proximity to your ZIP code.

If the detailed record indicates the item is not held by any libraries:

Find in a Library with WorldCat®

Search for items in libraries:
marsh family
[Advanced Search](#)

My Account Help
Sign In

Notes of Rev. Gordon Brant : from handwritten journal
by [Gordon Brant](#); [Cynthia Brant Larson](#)

Language: English Type: Book
Publisher: [Seattle, WA : S. n., 2002]
OCLC: 57417149 [Cite this Item](#)

Subjects: [Brant, Samuel](#), [Brant, Harry](#), [Brant family](#), [More ...](#)

Libraries Details Subjects Reviews

Enter Location Information:
Enter postal code, state, province or country

Sorry, no libraries with the specified item were found.

Instructions:
To find this item in a library, enter a postal code, state, province, or country in the field above. Then click the "Go" button.

Examples:
Postal code: "43017" (U.S.) or "S7K-5X2" (Canada)
State: "Ohio" or "OH"
Province: "Ontario" or "ON"
Country: "United States" or "United Kingdom"

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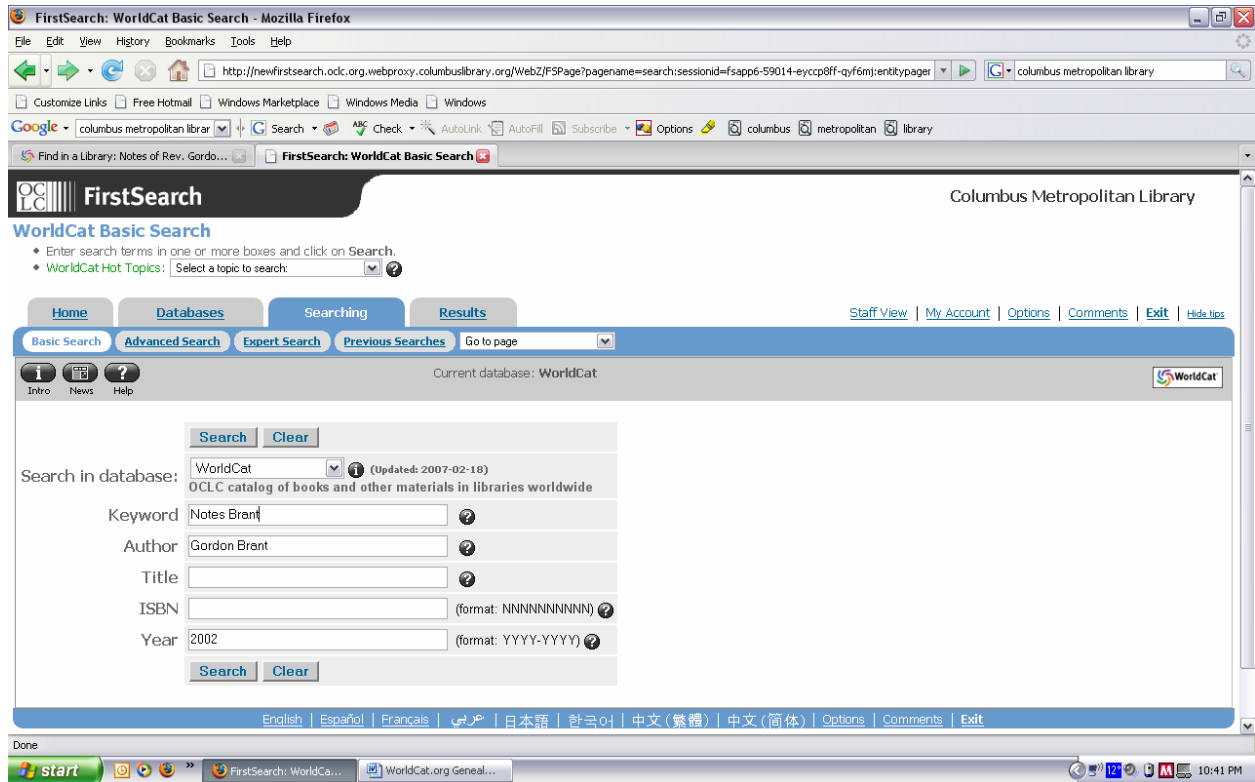
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You will need to go to your local library Web site and search WorldCat via FirstSearch. Make note of as much information as possible about the record: title, author and/or date of publication for search at your library's site.

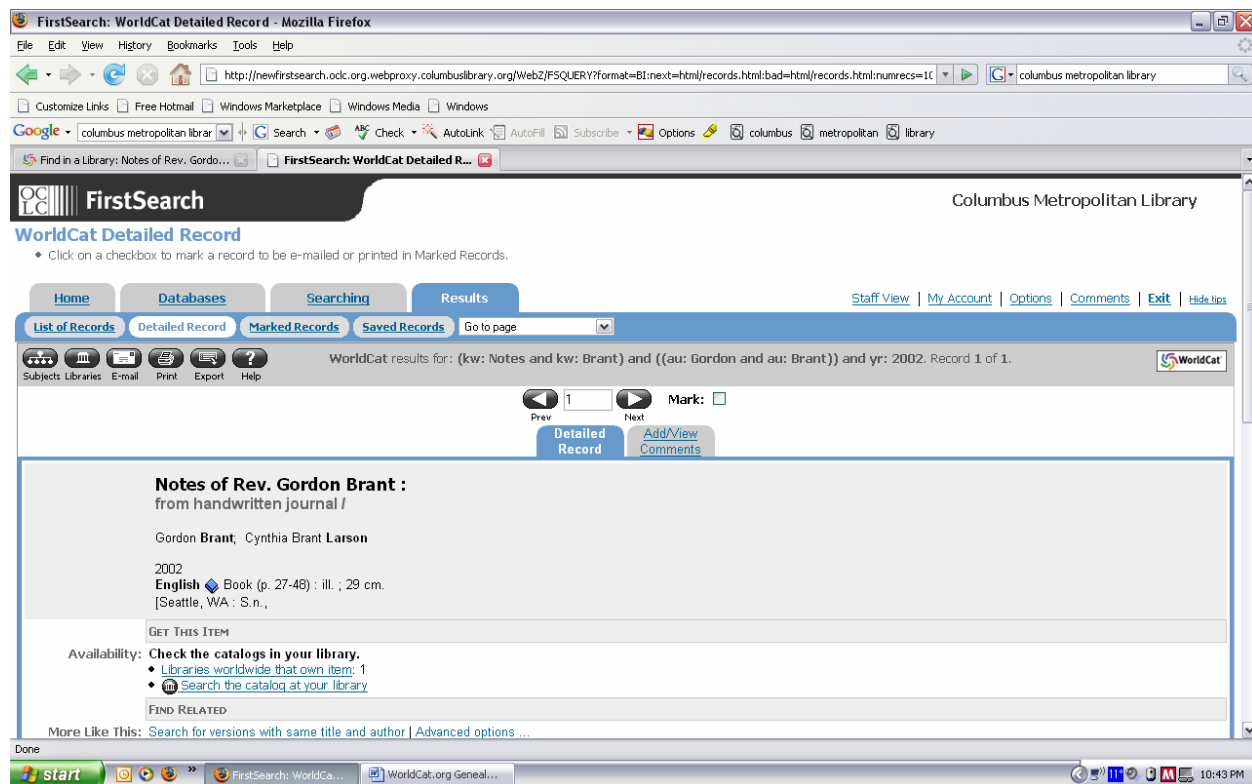
NOTE: WorldCat.org searches the entire FirstSearch WorldCat database but displays only the holding information for libraries that have fully subscribed. In order to view all holdings information, you must search WorldCat via FirstSearch.

After going to the home page of your local library, locate the area for electronic resources, and choose to access WorldCat (may be listed as OCLC WorldCat, WorldCat, or FirstSearch).



Enter the information in the FirstSearch screen.

HINT: If the title includes abbreviations, it is best to search keywords from the title instead of the entire title.



The subsequent screen will list the number of libraries that hold the item. Choose the “Libraries worldwide that own the item” link.

(Note: for more FirstSearch searching tips, visit the online guided tour, “A Closer Look: FirstSearch,” that you can access from this Web page: www.oclc.org/firstsearch/about/tour/.)

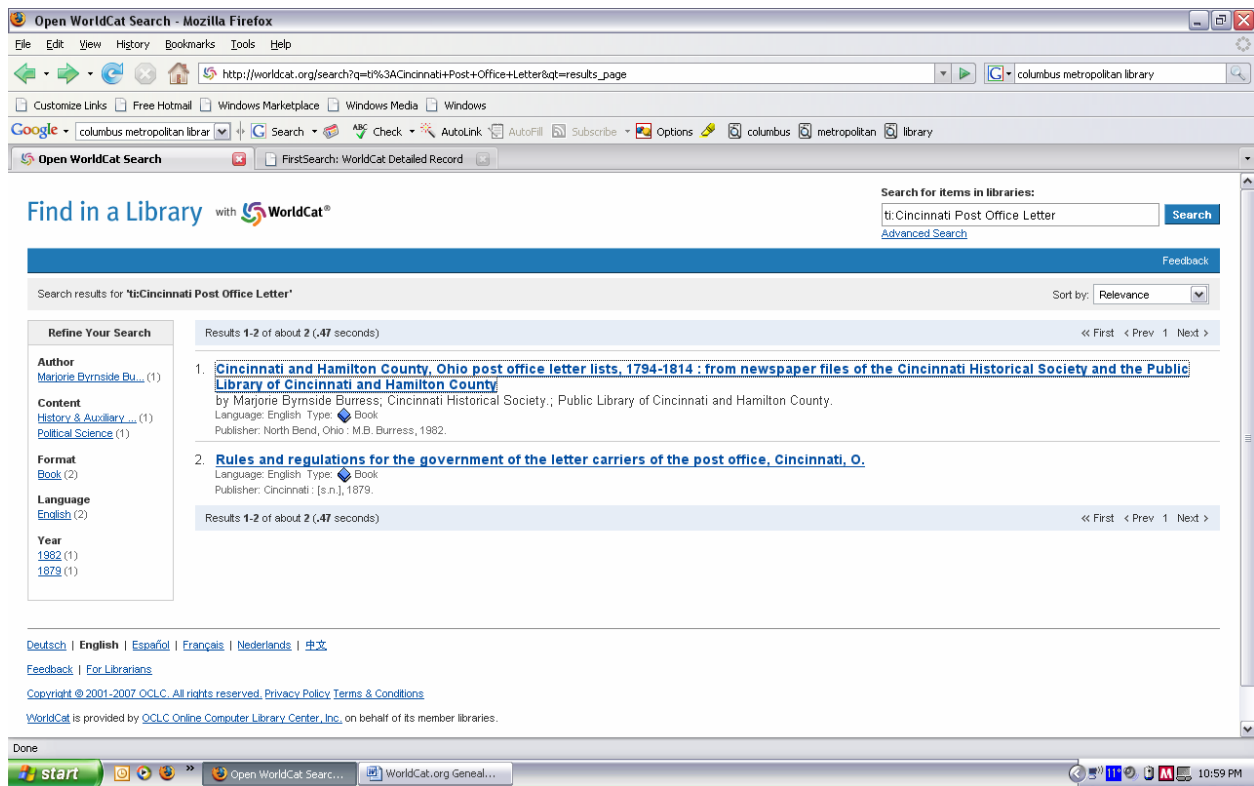
Searching WorldCat.org by locations or organizations

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

- 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
- Digital images

Some of the most interesting resources you may find in libraries are locally produced indexes to and abstracts from records or newspapers, such as the following:



Wrapping up

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 to expand your searching.

For more information on using WorldCat.org (and its “Find in a Library” functionality), click on the Help link at the upper right side of the record you are viewing. It will open a page with additional information to help you access desired resources.

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