

WorldCat for genealogy research

The ultimate tool for your library's users

Libraries are constantly adding to WorldCat, the ultimate tool for locating and accessing unique materials in libraries. This is particularly important to genealogy researchers, who are among your library's most active information searchers. WorldCat's genealogical information can be discovered by genealogists through FirstSearch®, WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat.org™, and popular websites.



Unparalleled breadth and depth of information

WorldCat represents the collections of the world's libraries, built by OCLC through contributions by librarians and partner organizations, including FamilySearch. With more than 2 billion library holdings for more than 480 million cataloged library items in thousands of libraries, WorldCat continues to gain millions of records and holdings from individual libraries, 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 is a unique tool for users to research their heritage, and it complements genealogy tools such as FamilySearch, LDS Family History Library, Ancestry.com, and other research databases.

Your "go to" source for detailed genealogy research

Genealogy researchers will find that access to WorldCat through FirstSearch or WorldCat Discovery is a valuable resource that their library provides. Both services enable researchers to focus their searches and identify resources that support their genealogy interests. FirstSearch supports the expert searching often performed by experienced genealogy researchers, and WorldCat Discovery provides a more general approach to searching.



Including data from



WorldCat is the world's most comprehensive database of information about library collections. OCLC delivers quality, discoverability, and value. Member libraries provide the foundation. Partners support WorldCat growth.



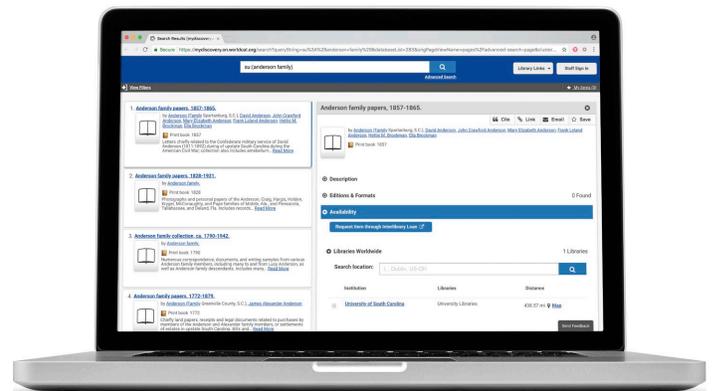
EXTEND YOUR COLLECTION WITH WORLDCAT

Through WorldCat, the genealogists in your library can identify a vast variety of source materials in libraries, including:

- Newspapers from the US and abroad
- Photographs
- Family Bibles, church histories, and records
- Cemetery and burial records
- Civil War and other military records
- Town histories and probate records
- General genealogical resources, such as directories, handbooks, and magazines
- Slavery and antislavery materials, including slave records
- Indexes of births, marriages, deaths, wills, and obituaries
- Microfilmed genealogy and local history collections

Access FamilySearch data through WorldCat

FamilySearch is a nonprofit family history organization with the largest collection of genealogical and historic records in the world. Since partnering with OCLC in 2013, FamilySearch has contributed millions of records to WorldCat. These records lead your library users to openly accessible digitized documents on FamilySearch.org or to the WorldCat libraries that own the items.



Visit oclc.org/genealogy to learn more.

Find answers to common questions, read success stories, and get advice on teaching users how to use WorldCat in genealogical research. To learn more about WorldCat and adding your library's materials to the WorldCat database, visit oclc.org/worldcat or contact libservices@oclc.org.

Because what is known must be shared.®

