

FirstSearch®

Find the resources
you need with

precision.

FirstSearch is the most powerful interface for searching WorldCat®. Researchers and library staff can find and select resources in thousands of library collections and view rich information from WorldCat records. FirstSearch libraries are also more visible on popular websites where people often begin their research.



You drive. FirstSearch delivers.

The speed of research continues to increase. Researchers and library staff expect to identify, locate, and access resources in library collections quickly and easily. Your library needs a proven and highly trusted search tool that allows anyone to find the authoritative content they need in every format from worldwide library collections. With precise, full-featured, and global search capabilities, **you can facilitate research that leads to new breakthroughs.**

Get a comprehensive view of library collections.

Increase awareness of all library collections with a powerful lens on the world's largest library catalogue: WorldCat. FirstSearch navigates through WorldCat's millions of bibliographic records in seconds, connecting searchers to exactly what they need. It's a direct link to the authoritative content that solves reference questions, meets interlibrary loan demands, and informs collection development decisions.

Search with precision. Make it easy for all users to drive the search process to get exactly what they need. FirstSearch puts people in control of constructing their specific search strategies. Extend your local collections by letting users see items from other libraries across town or around the world. Detailed bibliographic information in search results makes it easy to choose just the right items. Regardless of your specific need or experience level, you're in the driver's seat.

FOCUS ON: GENEALOGY

Use FirstSearch as an excellent way to delve into WorldCat for genealogical history. Explore these resources at oclc.org/genealogy.

Trust in a service with a strong track record.

With dependable performance and well-designed functionality that's built to last, FirstSearch remains highly trusted by experts. The same features that made it a favourite tool years ago drive its loyal following today. FirstSearch stands on a solid foundation and comes standard with the options you need to control your search experience. Not all technology can perform confidently as holdings grow, formats change, and needs evolve. But FirstSearch has stood the test of time and remains reliable, valuable, and valued.

Make it easy for people to find your library online.

A FirstSearch subscription works with your OCLC Cataloging and Metadata Subscription to make your collections visible in places where people start their research, such as major search engines, campus management portals, and other popular websites. Now, as few as two clicks bring searchers from those resources to your library's holdings through WorldCat.org™ thanks to OCLC's extensive partner relationships. Each year, library websites receive more than 10 million clicks directly from WorldCat.org. Embedding your library into people's lives improves awareness of your services, changes their research habits, and builds lifelong connections.



To learn more about
FirstSearch, visit
oclc.org/firstsearch.

The best window into library collections



Construct simple or complex searches to find exactly what you need. Quickly zero in on just what you need with flexible search options. When precision is important, search specific indexes and limit results by date, language, audience, owning library, and more for fast, accurate results.



View holdings of other libraries. When something isn't available in your library's collections, see which libraries have what you need. Deep links bring you into library catalogues to confirm availability. View holdings of familiar libraries to inform acquisition or weeding decisions.



Enable ILL requests from records in search results. Let people easily request items not available in your library with links to your customised interlibrary loan request form directly from records in their search results. The form automatically populates with citation information, so there's no need to decipher handwriting or to guess about an incomplete citation.



Connect users to full text. Take advantage of the time and effort you have already invested in configuring your OpenURL server to facilitate linking from citations to e-articles.



Get to the right resources fast. Select just what you need from the detailed information displayed in your search results. Results include standard bibliographic information plus additional details, such as OCLC numbers, abstracts, and tables of contents.

THE SERVICE YOU RELY ON

There's a good reason FirstSearch is so highly valued by library staff and researchers. FirstSearch puts your collection where users are already searching for information. And it's proven to deliver the precise, full-featured WorldCat searching that drives research and library workflows. OCLC will continue to deliver and support this service alongside WorldCat Discovery.

THE ENHANCEMENTS YOU ASKED FOR

In fact, improvements are coming soon to the FirstSearch interface. Keep an eye out for a more streamlined, modern look and feel that will maintain the functionality you depend on every day.

Learn more about OCLC's plans for FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery with responses to frequently asked questions at oclc.org/firstsearch-faq.

Use **precision searching** to find exactly what you need through WorldCat.



"...nothing is as powerful"

"FirstSearch is really the prime way to identify what's out there. There are other ways, but nothing is as powerful."

Lydia W. Wasylenko

Librarian, University Libraries Department for Research & Scholarship,
Syracuse University,
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Locate hard-to-find resources with a quick, precise search.

Librarian Lydia Wasylenko works with many students and faculty members to track down hard-to-find resources. "FirstSearch helps them identify what's out there, where it is, and how they can get their hands on it," she said. For example, Associate Professor of History Gladys McCormick frequently looks for primary and secondary sources on the history of torture in Mexico since the 1970s, and FirstSearch is her go-to resource. She especially appreciates being able to limit her search by language and by item format. This precision searching "makes my life a lot easier," Gladys said.

Read other members' experiences at oclc.org/stories.



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Because what is known must be shared.®

