• Get started

Get started with WorldCat.org

- About WorldCat.org
- Related documentation
- Your WorldCat account
- Your WorldCat authorization and password
- Your WorldCat user profile

• Search WorldCat.org

Discover how to search and work with results in WorldCat.org

- Perform a search
- Search guidelines
- Work with lists
- Work with search results

• Databases in detail

Find all of the databases available from OCLC that your library might choose to provide through WorldCat.org.

- ArchiveGrid
- OCLC ArticleFirst (ArticleFirst)
- Electronic Books (Ebooks)
- Electronic Collections Online (ECO)
- ERIC (ERIC)
- GPO Monthly Catalog (GPO)
- MEDLINE (MEDLINE)
- OAIster (OAIster)
- OCLC PapersFirst (PapersFirst)
- ProceedingsFirst (Proceedings)
SCIPIO (SCIPIO)
- OCLC WorldCat (WorldCat)
- WorldCat.org
- OCLC WorldCat Dissertations and Theses (WorldCatDissertations)

• WorldCat.org Item Details screen

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- About the Item Details screen
- Additional linked information
- Sharing features

• Find a copy

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Find out how to find a copy in the library, request an item, and buy an item in WorldCat.org.

• Reference

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Find information about copying and exporting citations, copyright protection, and the formats available in WorldCat.org.
- Citations
- Copyright protection
- Formats
- Information for authors

• Troubleshooting

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Find frequently asked questions (FAQ) and troubleshooting steps (Troubleshooting).
- Can authenticated users access my library’s online services?
- Can a library change the deep link to its OPAC used in WorldCat.org? How quickly do changes take effect?
- Can a user link from WorldCat.org directly to the FirstSearch service?
- Can a user perform queries on Google that return only links to library materials?
- Can I change the appearance of the WorldCat.org Search Box on my library’s website?
- Can I change the display name of my WorldCat.org account?
- Can I recover a deleted WorldCat list?
- Does OCLC remove bibliographic records from WorldCat if they do not have attached holdings?
- Does the use of CatExpress qualify as contributing holdings to WorldCat, even though a library may not be providing all of their holdings to OCLC?
Does the WorldCat.org search box recognize diacritics in search terms?

○ Do OCLC libraries have to make their holdings available via WorldCat.org?

○ Do WorldCat.org search results apply the FRBR concept?

○ Failed to retrieve record(s) because of system error. (5153)

○ From where does the information displayed in an individual library listing on WorldCat.org come?

○ How can a library make its holdings visible on WorldCat.org to people who reach the site directly or from partner sites such as Google Books, Goodreads, or Wikipedia?

○ How can I export my search results?

○ How can I fix the Requested URL was rejected error in the Find a copy in the library area

○ How can I terminate my WorldCat account?

○ How do I delete my Worldcat.org account?

○ How do I know whether my holdings are being displayed?

○ How do I update my email address on my WorldCat.org account?

○ How do I update the base URL for my institution?

○ How do I update the email address on my WorldCat.org account?

○ How do we update the information found in the WorldCat Registry?

○ How many WorldCat records are searched through WorldCat.org?

○ If a web user adds a personal review of a book to a WorldCat.org record, will someone else be able to edit what they have written?

○ If I cancel our cataloging subscription will my holdings be automatically deleted from WorldCat.org?

○ In a library group setting where access to WorldCat on FirstSearch is shared and/or attached only to the main library’s OCLC symbol, are the holdings of all group libraries visible through WorldCat.org?

○ In what order are institutions displayed in WorldCat.org results, and how is that order determined?

○ Is it possible to generate URLs to WorldCat.org that search by ISBN, ISSN, and Title?

○ Is it possible to search only Open Access titles?

○ Is there a separate fee for having my holdings visible through WorldCat.org?

○ Is WorldCat.org available in languages other than English?

○ I am trying to change the ILL link text for the ILL form my patrons are directed to from FirstSearch and WorldCat.org. Where do I change this?

○ I found a book in WorldCat.org, how do I request it from OCLC?

○ I have just seen my library’s holding symbol attached to a WorldCat record for a book we do not own. How can this happen?

○ Our users are getting a “This connection is not private” message when trying to access our institution’s WorldCat page. How can this be updated?

○ Personal list count wrong in free WorldCat.org

○ What happened to the linked data that previously displayed on records in WorldCat.org?

○ What is a deep-linking URL and how do I set it up?

○ What is my WorldCat.org username?
What is the difference between access to databases such as the GPO, ArticleFirst, Medline, and ERIC on WorldCat.org and in FirstSearch?

◦ What is the URL syntax for creating direct links to WorldCat results for an item, and what can I do with it?
◦ When will registry updates to my deep catalog links start working in WorldCat.org?
◦ Which Web sites are currently WorldCat partners?
◦ Who can I contact to update or add new collections to ArchiveGrid?
◦ Why am I seeing the message "Your library has customized WorldCat.org"?
◦ Why aren't my library's holdings displaying in WorldCat.org?
◦ Why are there holdings for my library in WorldCat.org on an item my institution does not own?
◦ Why are there links to material purchasing at sites like Amazon.com?
◦ Why can't I see my library's OpenURL resolver and other links in WorldCat.org?
◦ Why can I not log into Service Configuration using my Worldcat.org account?
◦ Why doesn't my library appear in holdings displays for items I know we have?
◦ Why does WorldCat.org require cookies?
◦ Why do I need a subscription to FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery for my library's resources to be visible on WorldCat.org?
◦ Why do I see a different list of libraries attached to a WorldCat record when I am in the library than when I search WorldCat.org from my home or office?
◦ Why is it that the same WorldCat search performed on WorldCat.org and then on FirstSearch produces different results?
◦ Why should my library continue to subscribe to FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery if my users can search the entire WorldCat database through WorldCat.org?
◦ Why should my users or I search WorldCat on FirstSearch when we can search WorldCat on WorldCat.org?
◦ Will WorldCat.org lead to an increase in the number of resource sharing requests I receive?
◦ Worldcat.org cookie coming up over and over