

## Rochester Regional Library Council

The Rochester Regional Library Council is a multi-type library network serving libraries and library systems in the five-county Rochester region - Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Wayne and Wyoming counties. RRLC provides programs and services that enhance member library cooperation, service delivery and resource sharing. RRLC serves as a forum for the unified representation of library interests and helps members achieve together what could not be achieved separately.

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**OCLC's WorldCat**



**Options for  
RRLC Libraries and  
Library Users**

RRLC libraries and their users now have two ways to access OCLC's WorldCat , **WorldCat via First-Search** and **WorldCat.org**

WorldCat contains all bibliographic records (with holdings information) cataloged by OCLC member libraries. WorldCat is the most comprehensive and up to date bibliographic resource available.

**WorldCat via FirstSearch:** FirstSearch is an electronic information service that provides web-based access to the WorldCat database. RRLC members may access WorldCat via FirstSearch using an authorization/password provided by RRLC, or by IP access.

### **Why use WorldCat via FirstSearch? Here are some benefits:**

By customizing their search interface/holdings displays, RRLC member libraries can search for materials and display their holdings in local, regional and world wide collections. Titles owned by RRLC libraries may be highlighted. The holdings of local libraries can be displayed first. Users can link to the owning library's online catalog to determine shelf status. Custom Library Groups can be created, allowing searches to be limited to specific library "partners".

WorldCat via FirstSearch lets you perform extensive research on any topic, using keyword, title, author, subject heading and other combinations along with multiple document format and material types.

This includes foreign language materials, specific document formats and material types (e.g. books, serials, visual materials, sound recordings, musical scores, computer files, archives, maps, internet resources, large print, Braille, juvenile and much more.)

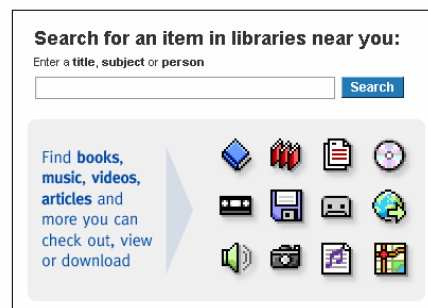
Searching may be done using the basic, advanced or expert modes. To access FirstSearch go to <http://firstsearch.oclc.org> and enter your authorization/password. If you do not know your authorization/password, contact RRLC at (585) 223-7570.

### **WorldCat.org**

WorldCat.org is a simple to use interface, designed to make the collections of OCLC participating libraries more visible to web users and to increase awareness of libraries as a primary source of reliable information. WorldCat.org is freely available, requiring no authorization or password.

Searching is done via the WorldCat search box, using simple keywords. Linked results lead to a "Find in a Library" page, allowing users to enter geographic information such as a zip code to receive a list of nearby libraries owning the item. Users may link directly to the owning library's online catalog to determine if the item is available.

From WorldCat.org, any user can download the free WorldCat search box to their web page. To try WorldCat.org visit <http://worldcat.org>.



RRLC members who would like more information about WorldCat.org and WorldCat/FirstSearch (setting up access; assistance in customizing search interface, holdings displays; reviewing the WorldCat tutorial) go to [www.rrlc.org](http://www.rrlc.org) or call the RRLC office at (585)223-7570.



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