

WorldCat User Guide

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Intro To WorldCat

In its own words, WorldCat is ["the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to their resources on the Web, where most people start their search for information."](#) It boasts over 1.2 billions items, in multiple formats and languages.

Users can search the collections of participating WorldCat libraries to look for both physical and digital materials. While WorldCat does not guarantee that the user will be able to access these materials, the user can at least search for which institutions currently hold those materials. Links to Amazon.com and the OCLC store are also provided, making access to the desired item(s) as efficient as possible.

WorldCat is actually comprised a few services. The original one requires membership to the [Online Computer Library Center](#) (OCLC), its mother organization. This is what you might access at your local library. What we will focus on here is [WorldCat.org](#), which is freely and publicly available on the Web. The following two sections will walk you through **basic** and **advanced** searches on WorldCat.org.

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Basic Search

1. Locate the WorldCat search box on the homepage located at <http://www.worldcat.org>.

You can choose to register or sign in using the box to the right of the blue search box, but that is not necessary to do a basic (or advanced) search.



Home Search

Create lists, bibliographies and reviews: [Sign in](#) or [create a free account](#)

Find items in libraries near you

1.2 billion items available here

Everything Books DVDs CDs Articles

Search everything

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WorldCat connects you to the collections and services of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide [Learn more >>](#)

Sign in to create lists, bibliographies and reviews

User Name:

Password:

Remember me on this computer.

[Forgot your password?](#)

2. Click on the tabs above the white box to search Everything, Books, DVDs, CDs, or Articles. Then type your query in the white box and click on the button to the right.



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Password:

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3. A list of results will appear. You can choose to refine your results by clicking on the links in the Refine Your Search box (highlighted in blue) or skip between the pages of results (highlighted in green).



Home Search Create lists, bibliographies and reviews: [Sign in](#) or [create a free account](#)

Search for items: [Advanced Search](#)

Search results for 'the old man and the sea'

Sort by: Relevance

Results 1-10 of about 2,468 (.37 seconds) << First < Prev 1 2 3 Next >

[Select All](#) [Clear All](#) Save to:

- 1. [The old man and the sea](#)
by Ernest Hemingway; Hemingway, Ernest Finkelstein Collection (Library of Congress)
Language: English Type: Book : Fiction
Publisher: New York, Scribner, 1952.
- 2. [Ernest Hemingway's The old man and the sea](#)
by Harold Bloom
Language: English Type: Book
Publisher: Philadelphia : Chelsea House Publishers, ©1999.
- 3. [The Hemingway reader](#)
by Ernest Hemingway; Charles Poore
Language: English Type: Book : Fiction
Publisher: New York : Charles Scribner's Sons, 1953.
- 4. [Readings on The old man and the sea](#)
by Bonnie Szumski
Language: English Type: Book
Publisher: San Diego, CA : Greenhaven Press, ©1999.
- 5. [The old man and the sea notes](#)
by G K Carey; James Lamar Roberts; Cliffs Notes, Inc.; NetLibrary, Inc.
Language: English Type: Internet Resource Computer File
Publisher: Lincoln, Neb. : Cliffs Notes, [©1973]

Refine Your Search

Author
[Ernest Hemingway](#) (198)
[Rudyard Kipling](#) (15)
[Harold Arlen](#) (12)
[Carter Family \(Mus.\)](#) (11)
[Richard Waters](#) (11)
[Show more...](#)

Format
[Book](#) (1030)
• [Braille](#) (11)
• [Large print](#) (10)
[Sound Recording](#) (877)
• [Music](#) (731)
• [CD audio](#) (554)
• [LP recording](#) (189)
• [Cassette recording](#) (163)
• [Audio book, etc.](#) (154)
[Musical Score](#) (302)
[Visual Material](#) (215)
• [Videocassette](#) (68)
• [DVD video](#) (66)
[Internet Resource](#) (52)
[Show more...](#)

4. A list of libraries that have the item in their collection will then appear. Their distance is calculated from the town that you specify (outlined in green). You can choose to further Narrow Your Results by Format (outlined in blue) or choose to send the item's information elsewhere (outlined in orange).

The old man and the sea.

by [Ernest Hemingway](#); [Herman Finkelstein Collection \(Library of Congress\)](#)

☆☆☆☆☆
(not yet rated)

Type: Book; English
Publisher: New York, Scribner, 1952.
Editions: [201 Editions](#)
OCLC: 9583168
Related Subjects: [Fishers -- Fiction](#), [Older men -- Fiction](#), [Male friendship -- Fiction](#), [More Subjects ...](#)
Citations: [Cite this Item](#) | [Export to EndNote](#) | [Export to RefWorks](#)
User-created lists: This item is featured on [16 public list\(s\)](#).

Get It Find in other WorldCat libraries Buy This Item	Save It Add This Page to Favorites Save to: <input type="text" value="[New List]"/> Save	Add to It Review this Item Edit Public Notes	Share It Link to this Page BOOKMARK
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[Libraries](#) | [Details](#) | [Subjects](#) | [Editions](#) | [Reviews](#)

Enter Location Information: [Go](#)
Enter postal code, state, province or country

Displaying libraries 1-10 out of 4704 for all 201 editions **08002 Cherry Hill, NJ** [« First](#) [< Prev](#) [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [Next](#) [> Last](#) »

Showing libraries that own: [Any Edition](#) [Just this Edition](#) [Narrow Your Results by Format:](#)

1. [Temple University Libraries](#) Philadelphia, PA 19122 United States **7 miles**
 Book
Services: [Library Information](#) [Ask a librarian](#)

Buy This Item

[Search for The old man and the sea from Amazon.com](#)

[Find in a Library anytime with always-there browser tools](#)
[Learn more and download](#)

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Advanced Search

1. Click on the [Advanced Search](#) link on the homepage located at <http://www.worldcat.org>.

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2. In the Advanced Search box (pictured below) enter in as much information about the item you are looking for as you can. Currently, WorldCat does not allow the use of Boolean operators (AND,OR,NOT). Remember to click on any drop down boxes to see additional options. Then click the search button.

Advanced Search

Enter search terms in at least one of the fields below

Keyword:
Return items with these words appearing anywhere e.g. The Old Man and the Sea DVD

Title:
Return items with these words in the title e.g. The Old Man and the Sea

Author:
Return items by author e.g. Ernest Hemingway

Subject:
Return items in this subject area e.g. Fishing

ISBN or ISSN or OCLC Number:
Return item associated with the standard number e.g. 0664830493

Search **Clear**

Limit results by (optional)

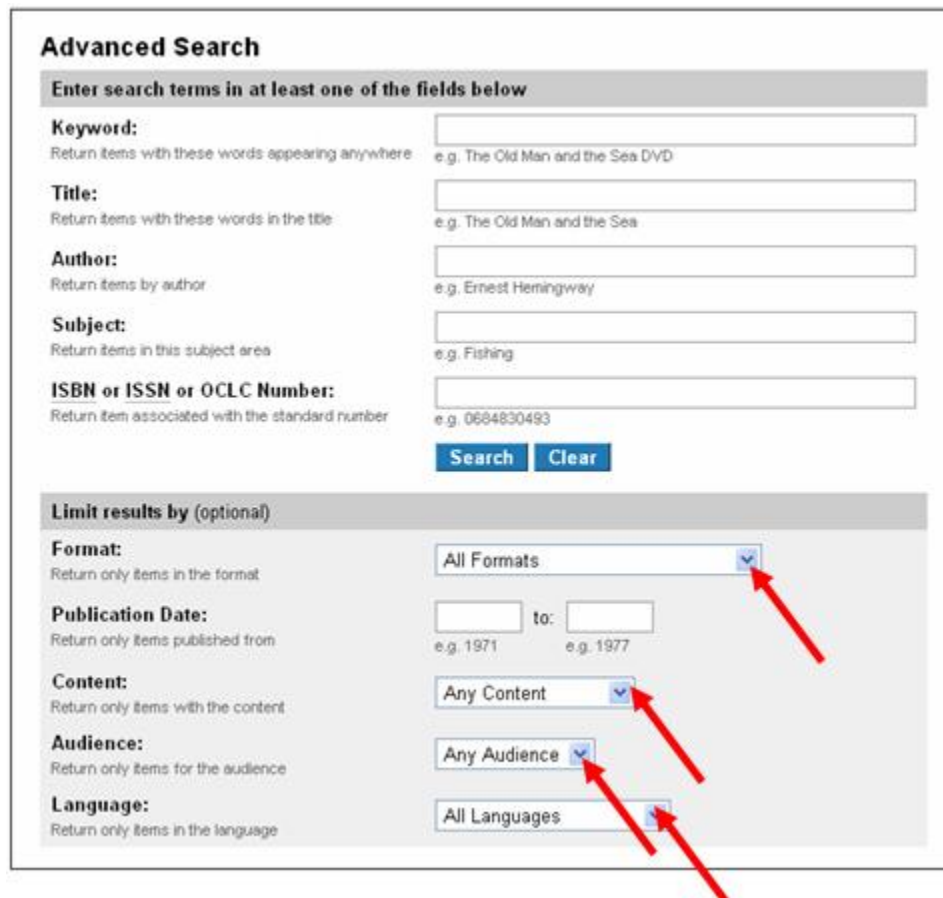
Format:
Return only items in the format All Formats

Publication Date:
Return only items published from e.g. 1971 to: e.g. 1977

Content:
Return only items with the content Any Content

Audience:
Return only items for the audience Any Audience

Language:
Return only items in the language All Languages



3. Please follow the directions under "Basic Search" from the 3rd step for what to do with the results.

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A Few Cool Features

WorldCat has a lot of cool features. Here are a few. You can:

- make lists (see example, below)
- build a Bibliography
- get a search plug-in for your FaceBook page
- get a FireFox add-on
- add reviews to items (like Amazon.com)
- easily find "similar items"
- many more (you can discover them yourself!)

Example: How to **Create Lists** on Worldcat

1. From the homepage, click on **Create lists**

The screenshot shows the WorldCat homepage. At the top left is the WorldCat logo. Below it are navigation links for 'Home' and 'Search'. On the right, there is a link to 'Create lists, bibliographies and reviews: Sign in or create a free account'. The main content area is divided into two sections. The left section is titled 'Find items in libraries near you' and features a search bar with a 'Search everything' button. The right section is titled 'Sign in to create lists, bibliographies and reviews' and contains a login form with fields for 'User Name' and 'Password', a 'Remember me on this computer' checkbox, and buttons for 'Continue', 'Forgot your password?', and 'Create a free account >>'. Below these sections are two news items: 'Latest Update: Facebook users: Try the new WorldCat application' and 'WorldCat Blog: Planned serendipity'. At the bottom, there are three promotional boxes. The first box, 'Create lists', is circled in red with a red arrow pointing to it. The second box is 'Build a bibliography' and the third is 'Get a search plug-in for Facebook or Firefox'.

2. (a) Choose a List Name, (b) Decide whether you want to be private or public, (c) then click 'Create New List'.

Create New List

Start a new list of items you can track, share with friends and view or export as bibliographic citations.

List Name:

List Privacy:



Viewable by Anyone (Public)

You can send a message to friends inviting them to view your list.



Viewable Only by Me (Private)

Create New List

or, Cancel and [Go to My Lists](#)

3. Begin to add desired content to your list. Hit Search button.



'My Favorite Books' by [romck77](#)



[Settings](#)



[Delete](#)

Your list is currently empty.

Start to add items by using the search box below.

Search for Items to Add:

Search

4. Be sure to click on settings:



In order to add a brief description to your list or to change privacy settings.

5. In the search results screen, select the item(s) you want to add. Carefully select which list you want to put the item in and hit SAVE.

select

A screenshot of a search results page for 'Watership Down'. The page is titled 'Search results for "Watership Down"'. On the left is a 'Refine Your Search' sidebar with categories like Author and Format. On the right is a list of results. Handwritten annotations include the word 'select' with an arrow pointing to the 'Select All' button, and 'pick!' with an arrow pointing to the 'Save' button. The first result, 'Watership Down' by Richard Adams, is checked with a red checkmark. The 'Save' button is circled with blue dashed lines.

Search results for "Watership Down"

Results 1-10 of about 208 (.40 seconds)








Select All Clear All Save to: [New List] Save

1. [Watership Down](#)
by Richard Adams
Language: English Type: Book : Fiction
Publisher: New York, Macmillan [1974, ©1972]

2. [Tales from Watership Down](#)
by Richard Adams
Language: English Type: Book : Fiction : Juvenile audience
Publisher: New York : Alfred A. Knopf : Distributed by Random House, Inc., 199

3. [Watership down](#)
by Martin Rosen; John Hurt; Richard Briers; Michael Graham-Cox;
Home Video (Firm); Nepenthe Productions.
Language: English Type: Visual Material : Videorecording : DVD video
Publisher: Burbank, CA. : Warner Home Video, 2002.

6. Explore your sharing, exporting, & customization options.

 **My Favorite Books** RSS FEED    ...
BOOKMARK    ...

Settings | Share | Export to CSV | Delete | Print

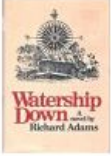

Description: *Write a note to yourself or others that describes your list*
Privacy: This List is Public.

Details and Notes View | Covers Only | Citations View

Sort by: Added Date (decreasing)

Results 1-1 of about 1 (.28 seconds) << First < Prev 1 Next > Last >>

Select All Clear All Move Copy Delete

 **Watership Down**
by Richard Adams
Type:  Book : Fiction
Publisher: New York, Macmillan [1974, ©1972]

Added 2008-06-14 14:33
My Note:

Some images on this page provided by Amazon.com.

Results 1-1 of about 1 (.28 seconds) << First < Prev 1 Next > Last >>

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Send-Off

We hope this has gotten you off to a good start. There is a lot to explore in WorldCat. Have fun and feel free to ask the 22-24 Team if you need help. Visit our wiki at <http://worldcat.pbwiki.com>

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