

# Random Acts of Continuing Education

## WorldCat Expands! Participant Guide

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Through the State Library's contract with Minitex, we now offer an expanded version of WorldCat called FirstSearch Base Package.

## What is FirstSearch Base Package?

- o A suite of databases—including WorldCat
- o First Search—an interface used to access WorldCat plus most of the other resources

FirstSearch Base Package includes access to the following 12 databases (including WorldCat).

Access via the "Search in database" drop-down menu in FirstSearch (Figure 1):

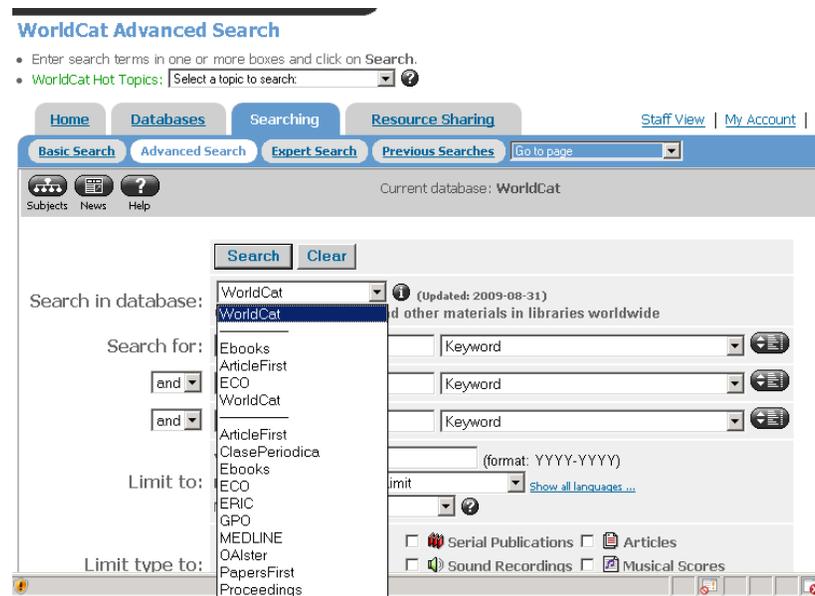


Figure 1: Illustrates how to select a database to search in while in FirstSearch

Base Package Resource	Brief Description	Tips	Useful for
WorldCat	Access to 140+ million bibliographic records in over 470 languages and 12 formats—records contributed for over 100 countries from 1000 BC to the present.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o searching by number (isbn, issn, accession number) gets most accurate results</li> <li>o Used for interlibrary loan outside SD, finding call #'s</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o General Reference/Popular</li> <li>o Scholarly/Advanced Research Content</li> <li>o Government Documents</li> <li>o Archive/Historical Content</li> <li>o Images &amp; other media—index to musical scores/sound files</li> </ul>
ArticleFirst	Citation access to articles published in over 16,000 journals, news outlets, and magazines, from a wide array of popular disciplines/subject areas from 1990-present.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Includes journal issue table of contents items</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o General Reference/Popular</li> </ul>
ClasePeriodica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Search 2,600 scholarly Latin American journals indexed in two databases: CLASE, specializing in social sciences &amp; humanities; and PERIODICA, which covers science &amp; technology.</li> <li>o Citations available in Spanish, Portuguese, French and English.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Majority of the records are in Spanish and Portuguese</li> <li>o Journals published in Latin America. Even if citations are in English, articles may be in Spanish or Portuguese.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Scholarly/Advanced Research Content</li> </ul>
Ebooks—Electronic Books	2 million eBooks cataloged by OCLC member libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Most of these are not accessible, due to individual's licensing restrictions. Open access books cataloged here include Project Guttenberg.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o General Reference/Popular</li> <li>o Images &amp; other media</li> </ul>

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ECO—Electronic Collections Online	Sub-set of Article-First; citation & full-text access to over 5,000 scholarly journals Individual institutions can subscribe to select titles or purchase full-text access to individual articles from most publications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Individual library can purchase “block searches” to get full-text—most libraries would NOT direct patrons to this directly</li> <li>o <b>**Important**</b> ArticleFirst and WorldCat are primarily citation resources—ECO is the only place one can directly access an article IF you have purchased access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Scholarly/Advanced Research Content</li> </ul>
ERIC	The US Department of Education’s clearinghouse for over 600 journals and other publications dealing with all aspects of education. Over 1 million records from 1966-present, with some full text available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Also available free at <a href="http://www.eric.gov">www.eric.gov</a></li> <li>o EDs (documents): Working on digitizing early microfiche format for more full-text availability. Some documents not available due to copyright, but may have been published as a book, available through ILL.</li> <li>o EJs: Journal articles, usually not full-text</li> <li>o Can limit to ED or EJ.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Educators, school administrators, education scholars</li> <li>o Scholarly/Advanced Research Content</li> <li>o Government Documents</li> </ul>
GPO	GPO’s clearinghouse of US government documents emanating from Congress, judicial & executive branches. Citation access to nearly 35 years worth of publications; over 500,000 records in all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o FirstSearch content updated monthly</li> <li>o Also available free, updated daily, much full-text, online at <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/search/home.action</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Government Documents</li> </ul>

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MEDLINE	<p>Comprehensive database covering all areas of medicine, including dentistry &amp; nursing. Articles from veterinary journals are also included when there is a relationship to human health.</p> <p>Citation access, often with substantial abstracts, to articles from over 19,000 sources, ranging as far back as 1950.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Provides citations with substantial abstracts</li> <li>o Useful for the SERIOUS medical researcher due to usage of medical terminology and concepts. Also available free at <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Medical Scholarly/Advanced Research Content</li> <li>o Government Documents</li> </ul>
OAlster (pronounced "oyster")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Originally built by the University of Michigan; collections of digital libraries made available to the general public. Composed of older archives made available electronically and digital born items</li> <li>o items that include scanned, born-digital, audio, image and movie files</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Over 1000 institutions participate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o General Reference/Popular</li> <li>o Archive/Historical Content</li> <li>o Images &amp; other media—may lead to a database of pictures</li> </ul>
PapersFirst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Citation access to individual papers submitted to many different types of international conferences and symposiums</li> <li>o More comprehensive search- get more results</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Used by serious academic researcher</li> <li>o Can be very difficult or expensive to get on ILL. Some papers cited never published.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Scholarly/Advanced Research Content</li> </ul>

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Proceedings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Citation access to book-length compilations of papers submitted to conference meetings from a wide array of industries and academic pursuits.</li> <li>o Each result contains list of the papers presented at each conference- so individual search results read like extensive bibliographies on the conference topic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Used by the serious academic researcher</li> <li>o Content can be very difficult or expensive to get on ILL. Some proceedings cited never published</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Scholarly/Advanced Research</li> </ul>
WorldCat Dissertations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Catalog of dissertations &amp; theses published and cataloged by OCLC member institutions. Primarily citation access to works; full text when made available</li> <li>o 8 million records</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Content from OCLC member libraries</li> <li>o Useful for serious researchers</li> <li>o Also searchable in WorldCat using Dissertations as sublimiter in content type.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Scholarly/Advanced Research Content</li> </ul>

**Separate interface:**

CAMIO is accessed through an individual URL. It is NOT accessed via the FirstSearch interface.

At this time, the only authentication is via ip-authentication; (similar to how AncestryLibrary is accessed).

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CAMIO  Access via: <a href="http://camio.oclc.org/">http://camio.oclc.org/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o 95,000 <b>images</b> from prominent museum collections that are <b>rights cleared for educational purposes</b>.</li><li>o "Local" (relatively speaking) places that contribute are Walker Art Center and Minneapolis Institute of Art</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Most useful feature—images are rights cleared for educational purposes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o General Reference/Popular</li><li>o Archive/Historical Content</li><li>o Images &amp; other media—primarily images</li></ul>