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<https://www.worldcat.org/>

Subject

Bibliography

Accessibility

Free

Language

Multilingual

Publisher

Online Computer Library Center, Inc.(OCLC)

Brief History

The OCLC was created in 1967, the same year Fred Kilgour (an American librarian) founded WorldCat, though the first catalog records were added in 1971. It is the world's largest bibliographic database. In 2003, OCLC began the "Open WorldCat" pilot program, making abbreviated records from a subset of WorldCat available to partner web sites and booksellers, to increase the accessibility of its subscribing member libraries' collections. In

2006, it became possible to search WorldCat directly at its website.

Scope and Coverage

WorldCat is a union catalog that itemizes the 2 billion collections of 10000+ libraries in 170 countries and territories that participate in the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) global cooperative. It is operated by OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. The subscribing member libraries collectively maintain WorldCat's database. It covers popular books, music CDs and videos (all of the physical items users are used to getting from libraries). User can also discover many new kinds of digital content, such as downloadable audio books. Users may also find article citations with links to their full text; authoritative research materials, such as documents and photos of local or historic significance; and digital versions of rare items that are not available to the public. Here resources are also available in other languages. These languages are English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Czech, Dutch, German, Thai, Korean, Chinese and Japanese.

Kind of Information

WorldCat connects the collections and services of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide. In this site user can search catalog through basic search or advance search by term, title or keyword. After search a long list appeared with some entries including the total number of search result (with all formats). For example under the search term 'Biology' following results are appeared.

The screenshot displays search results for the term 'biology' on the WorldCat website. It features three columns of results, each with a header and a list of format categories with their respective counts. The first column is titled 'Search results for 'biology'' and includes a 'Format' filter section. The second and third columns show detailed lists of format categories.

Format Category	Count
All Formats	6,694,408
Article	5720534
Downloadable article	384676
Chapter	346553
Book	503910
Print book	243150
Thesis/dissertation	170311
eBook	94634
Microform	8406
Braille Book	411
Large print	376
Continually updated resource	173
Archival material	298398
Downloadable archival material	219663
Encyclopedia article	67533
Computer file	51747
Journal, magazine	30669
eJournal/eMagazine	15075
Video	16454
VHS	5759
DVD	4847
eVideo	3944
Film	2286
Bluray	118
Audiobook	3038
CD	1262
Cassette	1100
eAudiobook	591
LP	30
Visual material	2860
Downloadable visual material	856
Image	1551
Kit	606
Interactive multimedia	600
Internet resource	588
Website	582
Map	401
eMap	22
Music	274
CD	119
Cassette	91
LP	17
eMusic	7
Object	220
Sound recording	161
Game	82
Musical score	59
Downloadable musical score	4
Newspaper	7
eNewspaper	3
Toy	2

Under the search term 'Biology' an entry or a catalogue entry such as 'Developmental biology : a comprehensive synthesis' provides details information including cover page of book, title, author(s), subject, edition

etc. e.g.:



Developmental biology : a comprehensive synthesis

Author: [Leon W Browder](#)

Publisher: New York : Plenum Press, ©1985-©1991.

Edition/Format: Print book : English [View all editions and formats](#)

Database: WorldCat

Rating: ☆☆☆☆☆ (not yet rated) [0 with reviews - Be the first.](#)

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With this list of libraries (including document format, distance from your location etc.) attached here. A screen shoot is given below.

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1. Universitat de Valencia Universidad de Valencia Valencia, 46003 Spain	Book	853 miles MAP IT	Library info Ask a librarian Add to favorites
2. King Abdulaziz University Jeddah, 21481 Saudi Arabia	Book + 1 other formats	970 miles MAP IT	Library info Add to favorites
3. Jordanian Public University Library Riyadh, 11455 Saudi Arabia	Book	1000 miles MAP IT	Library info Add to favorites
4. King Faisal University, Central Library Eastern Province, 31982 Saudi Arabia	Book not held; 1 other formats	1000 miles MAP IT	Library info Add to favorites
5. US International Univ-Africa Nairobi, Kenya	Book	1000 miles MAP IT	Library info Add to favorites
6. Qatar National Library Doha, Qatar	Book	1100 miles MAP IT	Library info Add to favorites

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Details

Additional Physical Format:	Online version: Developmental biology. New York : Plenum Press, ©1985-©1991 (OCoLC)646930698
Document Type:	Book
All Authors / Contributors:	Leon W Browder Find more information about:

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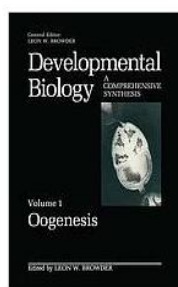
[Biologie du développement.](#)

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In French


The above mentioned example i.e. 'Developmental biology: a comprehensive synthesis' similarly appeared in French. Some print screens are given below for clear understanding.



Developmental biology : a comprehensive synthesis

Auteur : [Leon W Browder](#)

Éditeur : New York : Plenum Press, ©1985-©1991.

Édition/format :  Livre imprimé : English [Voir toutes les éditions et tous les formats](#)

Base de données : WorldCat

Évaluation :  (pas encore évalué) [0 avec des critiques - Soyez le premier!](#)

Sujets [Developmental biology.](#)

[Biology.](#)

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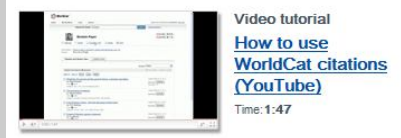
- Critiques
 Critiques d'utilisateurs
 Ajoutez une critique et partagez vos impressions avec d'autres lecteurs. [Soyez le premier.](#)

- Étiquettes
 Ajout de tags pour "Developmental biology : a comprehensive synthesis". [Soyez le premier.](#)

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Special Features

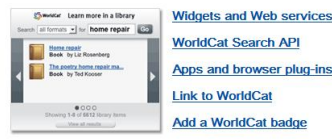
- Search many libraries at once for an item and then locate that item in nearby library is possible.
- Research articles and digital items (like audiobooks) directly view and download possible.
- WorldCat mobile apps also available for iphone and android.
- WorldCat Identities Network and WorldCat Genres application present here.
- Video tutorial available here. e.g.:



- Various WorldCat tools present here. An example is given below through print screen.

Use WorldCat tools

Keep library resources close at hand from your browser or personalized Web page libraries to your mobile and FB apps.



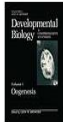
- List of most popular libraries available here.
- Most popular tags are included here. (e.g.: vermont college of fine arts, available online book, genealogy, architecture, history etc.)
- Recent reviews and recently updated list are available here.
- WorldCat results often include a direct link to the "Ask a Librarian" help feature of a library's Web site.
- WorldCat allows participating institutions to add direct links from WorldCat to their own catalog entries for a particular item, which enables the user to determine its real-time status.
- On the WorldCat page for a particular item, one can enter a rating and review under the "Reviews" tab, and contribute factual notes or a book's table of contents under the "Details" tab. (N.B.: only reviewer can modify or delete their own review, but other users can edit information that has been contributed under Details (similar to Wikipedia).
- Links to social networking site like Facebook, Twitter and also links to Youtube.

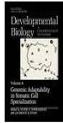
Arrangement Pattern

There are no specific alphabetical or other arrangements. But various kind of sorting option present here for the users. A print screen is given below for example.

Results 1-10 of about 5,185 (.44 seconds) << First < Prev 1 2 3 Next >

Select All Clear All Save to: [New List] Save Sort by: Relevance Save Search

1.  **Developmental biology : a comprehensive synthesis**
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Print book View all formats and languages >
Language: English
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2.  **Developmental biology : a comprehensive synthesis / Vol. 6. Genomic adaptability in somatic cell specialization/ Marie A. DiBerardino and Laurence D. Etkin.**
by Marie A DiBerardino; Laurence D Etkin;
Print book View all formats and languages >
Language: English
Publisher: New York ; London : Plenum, 1989.
Database: WorldCat
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In WorldCat one can retrieve their information i.e. catalogue of a particular book through various parameter like Author, Language, Year, Content, Topic etc. For the search term “Biology” users can refine their search via previous mentioned parameters. e.g.:

Author	Year	Language	Topic
Richard Cammack (20989)	2016 (306924)	English (5330574)	Biological Sciences (117593)
Robert Hine (5491)	2015 (422919)	Undetermined (193756)	Medicine (34556)
Elizabeth Martin (5265)	2014 (365940)	German (70891)	Health Profession... (14832)
Phys Org (3889)	2012 (309072)	French (32437)	Education (12953)
United States (2069)	2011 (383195)	Spanish (20195)	Agriculture (11018)
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Remarks

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. WorldCat helps to search and retrieve bibliographic records for cataloged items, information about libraries that own the items and links to online catalog records when available. WorldCat connects the collections and services of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide.

Comparable Tools

- Indian National Bibliography (INB) (<http://inbonline.nic.in/>)
- The British National Bibliography (<http://bnb.bl.uk/>)
- The Russian National Bibliography (Rossiyskaya Natsional'naya Bibliografiya) (http://www.bookchamber.ru/content/for_lib/elect_biblio.html)
- Bibliographie nationale française(French National Bibliography)

(<http://bibliographienationale.bnf.fr/>)

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