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Search the Zahnnow Library catalog:

Keyword

Entire Collection

Search for an item in libraries near you:
Enter title, subject or author

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Tips for using the SVSU, Zahnnow Library Catalog search widget:

-Search Keyword by default. Change search option (to title, author or subject) with Search dropdown menu arrow

-Search the entire library collection by default. Change collection search with dropdown menu arrow.

i.e to change collection search to NetLibrary E-Books, select "Electronic Resources"

-Advanced search options available after widget search results are displayed

-MelCat and WorldCat search options available after widget search results are displayed

From CardCat Search Tips:

Keyword Grouping- Keyword search results are usually grouped by relevance to bring the most likely titles to the top. Each group represents a similar level of relevance and are sorted within the group by date or title. To get an unsorted result list, use Boolean operators to form a complex query.

Boolean Operators- Use "and" or "or" to specify multiple words in any field, any order. Example: (Alaska or Canada) and (adventure or vacation).

Adjacency- Multiple words are searched together as one phrase. Example: world health organization

Tips for using the WorldCat Library Catalog search widget:

From the WorldCat Search Help link located under the search box. This is just a summary. Use this link for more information about WorldCat

How do I search WorldCat?

WorldCat is just like any other Web search site you've used: Simply enter one or more basic keywords in the search box. You're searching the collections of libraries instead of Web pages, so it's a good idea to use one or more of the following:

- Words from the title
- Words that describe the subject matter
- Author name
- Artist, actor or director name (for recorded music and movies)

Can Boolean operators (AND, OR, NOT) be used in WorldCat searches?

Not at this time. WorldCat accepts keywords, the search method preferred by most Web users. You can reduce a large set of results using the "Refine Your Search" box, which lets you narrow by a specific author, subject matter ("content"), format, language and/or year.

Boolean operators and other expert search options can be applied to WorldCat using the **FirstSearch** reference service available at many WorldCat libraries. (FirstSearch may also be available to you through a WorldCat library's Web site, when you log in with your active membership account for that library.)

In what order are search results returned?

By default, WorldCat results are presented in order of relevance to your search terms. You can change the sorting order using the "Sort by" menu at the top right of your results. You can sort alphabetically by author name, alphabetically by title, or by date of publication in increasing (oldest first) or decreasing (newest first) order.

How can I narrow a large set of results?

You can reduce a large results set using the "Refine Your Search" box that appears on the left-hand side of all WorldCat search results. Refine Your Search lets you narrow by a specific author, subject matter ("content"), item format, language and/or year.

The box lets you move between searching and browsing with ease. You can "drill down" to deeper levels of specificity. You can also climb back up toward your original result set by clicking one of the breadcrumb links at the top of your results (or your browser's Back button).

I've found the item I want—how do I know which libraries have it?

On the Libraries tab beneath the item's WorldCat detailed record, type in a postal code (U.S. ZIP) or the name of your state, province or country in the "Enter Location" box and click the Go button. (Most standard postal abbreviations are accepted.)

You'll receive a list of libraries near you that own the item, ordered by distance from that location. (Mileages are approximate and based on postal-code geographic centers, so it is possible that the closest library will not be listed first.)

Each library listing includes the library's name and location by city, and an indication of which formats of the item it owns. Many listings will include a link to the library's general information page, with key information such as phone numbers and hours of operation. Some listings will also display a link to the library's online "Ask a Librarian" service. Click a library-name link to visit that library's online catalog for more information about the item.