About FirstSearch

Uniquely valued by member libraries, FirstSearch will continue to be offered as a separate service from WorldCat Discovery. A FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery subscription provides access to the FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery interfaces.

For more information about the future of FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery, see [Frequently Asked Questions, Next steps for WorldCat Discovery and FirstSearch](#).

Additional details about plans for FirstSearch will be shared as they are confirmed. To receive ongoing updates about FirstSearch enhancements, [register for Discovery and Reference email updates](#).

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- How are the FirstSearch databases accessed through FirstSearch Z39.50 access?
- How can I get my FirstSearch login credentials?
- How do I add my institution's IP addresses or create URLs for IP recognition?
- How do I add SCIPIO to my list of FirstSearch databases
- How do I change the sort order of the dept or branch in the Patron ILL Request Form?
- How do I configure FirstSearch so off campus students don't need to log in?
- How do I get my Administrative module or service password for FirstSearch
- How do I remove a pickup location from FirstSearch?
- How do I remove the OCLC FirstSearch link from WorldCat.org
- How do I request a quote for SCIPIO Art and rare book sales/auction catalogs?
- How do I set up authentication from our library website to FirstSearch?
- How do I set up automatic logon for FirstSearch?
- How do I turn off ILL requests coming to my library through WorldCat.org?
- How is holdings information determined?
- How much does FirstSearch cost?
- How to obtain OCLC FirstSearch authorization credentials
- Invalid Autho/password error when trying to connect to FirstSearch via Z39.50 in Endnote
- Why can I no longer configure Interlibrary Loan settings?
- Is cross-database searching available in FirstSearch?
- Is it possible to add FirstSearch access to my Cataloging authorization?
- Is there a Sunset date for FirstSearch?
- I would like to make changes to the ECO database. Is this possible?
- My local holdings aren't displaying as expected
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