

How to Search in Worldcat

WorldCat is an all-encompassing online catalog made up of thousands of individual online catalogs. The WorldCat database contains the records of millions of items (books, interviews, cd-roms, videos, journals, etc.) owned by libraries around the world

Searching in WorldCat

- Click on the **Advanced** link, you will be taken to the Advanced Search Screen



The screenshot shows the WorldCat search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Home, Databases, Searching, Staff View, My Account, and Options. Below these, there are search options: Basic Search, Advanced Search (highlighted with a red box), Expert Search, and Previous Searches. A grey bar below the search options contains icons for Intro, News, and Help, and the text "Current database: WorldCat". The main search area has a "Search in database:" label, a dropdown menu set to "WorldCat" (with an info icon and "(Updated: 2005-05-17)"), and a description "OCLC catalog of books and other materials in". Below this is a "Keyword" input field and "Search" and "Clear" buttons.

- You need to limit your search to books in English. In the **Limit to:** section, find the Language drop-down menu and select **English** in the **Limit type to:** section, click in the box next to Books. Finally, in the **Rank by:** section at the bottom, select **Date**. This limit tells the computer to display the records with the most recently-published items at the top of the list

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Search Clear

Search in: WorldCat (Updated: 2005-05-17)
 database: OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries worldwide

Search for: [] Keyword

and [] Keyword

and [] Keyword

Year: [] (format: YYYY-YYYY)

Limit to: Language: English (Show all languages...)

Number of Libraries: All

Limit type to: Books Serial Publications Articles
 Visual Materials Sound Recordings Musical Scores
 Computer Files Archival Materials Maps
 Internet Resources

Subtype limits: Any Audience Any Content Any Format

Limit availability to: Items in my library (GVS, VALDOSTA STATE UNIV)
 Library Code: [] Find codes...

Rank by: Date

Search Clear

- Let's try a search for books on character education at the secondary level. In the search box type character education and secondary

Search Clear

Search in: WorldCat (Updated: 2005-05-17)
 database: OCLC catalog of books and other materials in libraries worldwide

Search for: character education and secondary Keyword

and [] Keyword

and [] Keyword

- This demonstration was completed in July 2006 and at this time there were 191 books written in English whose records contained the terms **character education** and **secondary**. If you run this search again today, there will be more records available because WorldCat is continuously being updated as new items are added to WorldCat.

- Left click on the titles of a couple of the books and take a look at the **Descriptor fields** (Descriptor is another word for Subject Heading). Notice that the terminology used in place of character education is **Moral education**
- For this demonstration, **record #3 *Character: A Guide for Middle Grade Students*** was selected by left clicking on the title. Scroll down and click on the Descriptor **Moral education (secondary)--handbooks, manuals, etc.** This bring you to a list of all books that have been assigned the Descriptor.

Character :
a guide for middle grade students /

Edward F **DeRoche**

2005
English Book 172 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.
Indianapolis, IN : Jist Life, ; ISBN: 1558641521 ;

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Find Items About: [Character :](#) (4,873)

Title: **Character :**
a guide for middle grade students /

Author(s): [DeRoche, Edward F.](#)

Publication: Indianapolis, IN : Jist Life,
Year: 2005

Description: 172 p. : ill. ; 28 cm.

Language: English

Standard No: **ISBN: 1558641521 :**

SUBJECT(S)

Descriptor: [Moral education \(Secondary\) -- Handbooks, manuals, etc.](#)
[Character -- Study and teaching \(Secondary\) -- Handbooks, manuals, etc.](#)

Note(s): Includes bibliographical references.

Class Descriptors: **Dewey: 373.0114**

Responsibility: by Ed DeRoche ... [et al.].

Document Type: Book

Entry: 20050118

- At the top of the Results screen and each individual Detailed Record screen is a gray bar with a number of buttons. WorldCat allows users to email records

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WorldCat results for: (kw: character and kw: education) and kw: secondary and la= "eng" and dt= "bks" . (Save Search)

Records found: 191 Rank by: Date

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Limit results: Any Audience Any Content Any Format Search

- Business, economics & enterprise : teaching school subjects 11 - 19 /**
Author: Davies, Peter, 1954-; Brant, Jacek,
Publication: London ; New York : Routledge, 2006
Document: English : Book
Libraries Worldwide: 1
More Like This: [Search for versions with same title and author](#) | [Advanced options ...](#)
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- Performance approaches to teaching Shakespeare /**
Author: Rocklin, Edward L. Publication: Urbana, Ill. : National Council of Teachers of English, 2005
Document: English : Book Internet Resource
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