Refining a search

Introduction
You can narrow your search results by using the Format and Refine Your Search boxes that appear on the left-hand side of the screen.

- Full text articles
- Database
- Format
- Author
- Year
- Language
- Content (content type, such as Fiction, Biography, Peer-reviewed articles)
- Audience
- Topic (subject matter, such as Music, Philosophy & Religion, Chemistry)

Full text articles
The full text limiter is available on the Advanced Search and search results screens in WorldCat Local, and is persistent when it is selected on those screens. When the full text facet is selected, it is not persistent.

Note: If no full text is available, an error message is returned.

Because the full text limiter automatically limits to full text the library holds, the full text limiter overrides any scope that is not the level-one library. Applying the full text limit or facet to a search usually results in a narrowing of a search.

To narrow your results to full text articles, click the check box, either on the left-hand side of the screen or under the Search box at the top of the screen.

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Narrow your search results
Note: Some of these options are not available for all databases.

This information is automatically extracted from each record in your result set, and the first five values are automatically displayed in the box. Click Show more... to see more results.

Example: Searching Harry Potter:
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Refining further (or "drilling down")

The number of items for each value is listed in parentheses. You can further narrow your results by selecting additional values from a different category in the Format and Refine Your Search boxes. For example:

1. Selecting Book under Format.
2. Selecting J.K. Rowling under Author.
3. Selecting 2002 under Year

reduces the result set to 9 books, published in 2002 with J.K. Rowling shown as author:

You can select from a category only once; for example, once you select a specific format (Book), the other formats no longer appear in the box.

Backtracking

Each time you select a value from the Format and Refine Your Search boxes, the resulting search results display adds that value to the Search results for... statement at the top of the screen. Each value (other than the current value) is a link that takes you back to that search level. You can climb back up toward your original result set by clicking on these links at the top of your results (or your browser's...
Saving your search results

If you have created a user account, you can save your search, or save items from your result set to an existing list or to a new list that you create at that time.

Note: You must sign in before you can save. If you are not signed in, the Sign In screen is displayed when you click Save.

Save a search
In some cases, you can save a search from your search results. The search is saved to your My WorldCat profile.

Note: You can also access your saved searches by clicking My Saved Searches from the My WorldCat drop-down menu at the top of the screen.

To save a search:

Step | Action
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1 | Click Save Search after performing a search. Result: The Save this search dialog box appears. Note: Depending on your library's subscription, not all results can be saved.
2 | Enter a name and description in the fields provided. Select a privacy setting for your search.
3 | Click Save Search Result: The dialog box closes, and a confirmation message appears.

This search has been saved successfully. You can access all of your saved searches at any time from your WorldCat profile page.