LiLI Unlimited Statewide Catalog

The statewide catalog utilizes OCLC’s WorldCat as the parent database. The Idaho catalog, LiLI Unlimited, is made up of the subset of WorldCat records for items held in Idaho libraries. Holdings information is contributed through cataloging activities and batchloading.

Reach the LiLI-U Catalog by directing the browser to http://idaho.worldcat.org.

Upon accessing the catalog, the user will be presented with the basic search option.

Scopes
A user may search various “scopes” within the database ranging from a worldwide search to a smaller region within Idaho.

The search defaults to “Idaho Libraries,” meaning that search terms entered will be searched among holdings of Idaho libraries. Clicking the down-arrow displays a drop-down menu with all scope options available.

In addition to geographic regions within Idaho, types of libraries within Idaho, and Idaho library consortia, scoping options include:

Libraries Worldwide: Searches the larger WorldCat database.
Intermountain West: Libraries in Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Wyoming

Basic Searching

Enter a search term in the search box, select the preferred scope, then click SEARCH or GO. The search command may be either SEARCH or GO depending upon the location in the system.

When viewing the results, options to refine the search will appear in the left sidebar. If necessary, refine by clicking the link for an Author, Format, Year of publication, Topic or other options. After clicking a link to refine the search, new results will be displayed.
Advanced Searching

While the basic search is displayed as a default, advanced searching options are available by clicking ADVANCED SEARCH near the search box. On the main window, the advanced search option appears just below the search box. In some views in the system, it may be located to the right of the search box.

The advanced search allows the user to enter search terms for specific fields in the records. Additionally, the user may limit the search results from the start by entering preferred search scope, item format, publication date(s), content type, target audience of the item, and language.

Upon entering the search terms and limits (if any), click SEARCH.

The results for advanced searches will display in the same manner as those for basic searches.
Search Results

To view the detail for an item in the results list, click the link for the title. This will display the item record.

If available, cover art for the item will be displayed. Additionally, for items that have it available, there may be a link to an excerpt of the item.

Choose “Cite/Export” to see the bibliographic citation in one of five common styles or to export the citation to local citation software.

Below the item description the user will see additional tools.

Find Copy in The Library lists libraries that are known to own the item. The system lists the libraries beginning with the libraries closest to the user.

Location is determined by identifying the zip code associated with the IP address of the user. The user may enter any ZIP code manually in the space provide above the list of libraries.

Hyperlinks from the libraries’ names will redirect the browser to that library’s web-accessible local catalog. Without fully leaving idaho.worldcat.org, a large portion of the window will be directed to the outside site.

Links to local catalogs are useful for checking shelf status of an item should the user wish to visit the library to access an item. Local borrowing policies will determine who is eligible for borrowing from the library. If the user has a borrowing card from the library and the library’s local catalog has the functionality to do so, the user may be able to place a hold or reserve an item to pick up from their home library at a later time. To return to the LiLI-U Catalog, click BACK TO ITEM DETAILS at the top of the window.
Details lists additional details generally describing the physical features of the item. Details may include links to more information about the author(s). Author information is available using a feature called WorldCat Identities. Read more about WorldCat Identities on the next page.

Reviews may be added by users of the catalog. The database also includes reviews from users of www.weRead.com.

Tags are tags added by users of WorldCat. It allows for community driven tagging for added search options.

Similar Items allows the user to find other books based on key topics identified in the current item. Clicking on one of the links provided will lead the user to search results based on a subject search of WorldCat.
WorldCat Identities

When the user selects a link to learn more about an author from the Details tab of a record, the system displays information from WorldCat Identities. This happens without fully leaving idaho.worldcat.org, and a link to return to the system is available at the top of the window; return by click BACK TO ITEM DETAILS.

Each identity uses interactive timelines, tag clouds, cover art, and more to let the user explore connections among publications.
WorldCat.org Accounts

Individual users may create accounts in the LiLI-U catalog. Accounts are free and allow the user to save lists of items, contribute reviews, and more. Click SIGN IN at the top, right of the window when in worldcat.org. Log in with your username and password, or create an account by clicking CREATE A FREE ACCOUNT at the top, right of the window.

Access your account information by clicking MY ACCOUNT at the top of the window whenever you are logged in.

Lists

- With lists, the user can add any item to a list right from the record view or while viewing a list of results.
- Lists may be public to share with others or private for individual use.
- Lists may be used to create bibliographies for specific subjects or reading lists. Personal notes about items may be included in the lists.
- Lists maybe be viewed in one of five common bibliographic citation styles.
- Search for lists created by other users to find recommendations.

Saved Searches. Allows the user to save searches that are repeated frequently to save time later.

List Watching. Users can save links to lists created by other WorldCat users. This feature can be used to share recreation reading lists among friends or by teachers to share classroom reading lists.

Add to It. Provides the user an opportunity to contribute to the database a review of an item or special tags to assist others with searching for an item.

Share. Users with Twitter, Facebook, Google, or other social networking accounts can use the SHARE option to share a link to a record with their social networks or without having to browse away from the database. Additionally, the user may send the link to the record to any email address to recommend it or provide a reminder about it.