

An overview of subscription and per-search purchasing options

OCLC FirstSearch purchase options

The OCLC FirstSearch® service is a comprehensive reference service with a rich collection of databases supporting research in a wide range of subject areas. It includes bibliographic and full-text databases in addition to ready-reference tools. At the heart of FirstSearch is WorldCat, containing more than 230 million records that represent over 1.7 billion holding locations in libraries worldwide. Your users can connect to the materials in your library and in other libraries—both print and electronic—from WorldCat® records and article citations in WorldCat and other FirstSearch databases.

Flexible purchase options

Flexible purchase options let you customize a solution that meets your library's needs and budget.

Subscription access:

- Fixed annual prices for unlimited searching of selected databases
- Recommended option for high-use databases
- Choose among several packages

Per-search access:

- Blocks of 500 searches
- Each search block is \$525 for OCLC members and \$600 for nonmember institutions
- Use searches to purchase full-text articles (five searches per article).

Combination of subscription and per-search options:

- Subscribe to high-use data databases
- Purchase blocks of searches to access less frequently used databases
- Combine subscription and per-search databases on a single account; offers easy user access and consolidated statistics reports.

Per search: what counts as a search?

A search is counted when you send a search word or phrase to FirstSearch and receive at least one record in your results set. Searches can also be used to access full-text articles at a rate of five searches for each full-text article.

Note: Per-search searches remain active for two years from the date of your most recent persearch purchase. Any purchase during the two-year life of these searches extends the life of all per-search searches on your account for two years. After two years, unused searches expire if no additional searches are purchased.

For more information

Contact your OCLC representative for additional information or e-mail libservices@oclc.org or call 1-800-848-5878.

For database details, including full-text content and linking, see www.oclc.org/us/en/support/documentation/firstsearch/databases/dblist/.

To order, visit www.oclc.org/us/en/firstsearch/ordering/.

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