

# WSU WorldCat

## What is WSU WorldCat?

**Answer:** WSU WorldCat is a new way of searching for items in *Griffin*, *Summit* and a database called *WorldCat*.

To access WSU WorldCat, search from the Libraries' homepage or go to:  
<http://washingtonstate.worldcat.org/>

When you search this collection in WorldCat.....you are using this database

Libraries worldwide	↔	WorldCat database
Univ. libraries in Oregon and Washington	↔	Summit
WSU Libraries	↔	a form of the Griffin catalog*

\* You can still search the traditional Griffin database. In fact, we recommend that you will often want to search both WSU WorldCat and Griffin!

To access Griffin search from the Libraries' homepage, or go to:  
<http://griffin.wsu.edu/>

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## How do I know whether to use Griffin or WSU WorldCat??!

**Answer:** This is a complex question, but we'll boil the answer down to a few obvious considerations.

- Search **traditional Griffin** if you want...
  - ...a book, video, or other material very quickly.
  - ...a government document.
  - ...to browse WSU Libraries' shelf lists, or search by call number
  - ...to look at Holland / Terrell stack charts.
  - ...need reserves information.
  - ...limit your search to a WSU campus, library or specific library location (Reference, MMR, etc.)
- Search **WSU WorldCat** if you:
  - ...have enough time to request items from other libraries.
  - ...want to search across multiple databases simultaneously.
  - ...would like a detailed summary or abstract of a book.
  - ...want to search for books, articles, and media at the same time.

## Can I find articles in WSU WorldCat?

**Answer:** You will find some article citations in WSU WorldCat. As of August 24, 2009 only a few article indexes are included in WSU WorldCat. This means you can find magazine articles from Article First, and journal articles from databases such as Medline, Sage Publications, and Taylor & Francis.

**Article access via WSU WorldCat will increase during Fall 2009.  
Please continue to use the Databases A – Z list for most of your article needs.**

To access the Databases A – Z list, use the Find Journal Articles tab from the Libraries homepage, or go to:

<http://www.wsulibs.wsu.edu/griffin/indexes.htm>

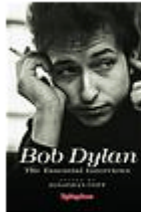
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## Can I request books and other items from WSU WorldCat?

**Answer:** Yes! You can use WSU WorldCat to request items from any WSU, Summit, or worldwide libraries. With the new interlibrary loan policies, there is no charge to request books from other libraries.


Request a book from Summit

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**[Bob Dylan, the essential interviews](#)**

by Bob Dylan; Jonathan Cott

 Book

Language: English

Publisher: New York : Wenner Books, ©2006.

Held by: Summit Libraries


OR

Request a book from one of the WorldCat Libraries!

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**[Bob Dylan.](#)**

 Book : Biography

Language: English

Publisher: London : Dorling Kindersley, 2005.

Held by: WorldCat Libraries

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## What else can I expect from WSU WorldCat?

**Answer:** WSU WorldCat is evolving, and you will see changes to it during the 2009-2010 academic year.

- WSU WorldCat incorporates a number of article databases. The list of databases included will increase during the 2009-2010 academic year. We expect the EBSCO databases to appear in the Fall of 2009.
- The WSU WorldCat interface will be undergoing changes throughout the 2009–2010 academic year. Do not be surprised if new search options appear, or if the look of it changes.

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