How do I search WorldCat? (The Basic Search)

Step One: Locate the WorldCat search form on the Busse Library homepage, the library tab in MyCampus, or in a course research guide (LibGuide).

Step Two: Place a topic of interest into the search form. The right pull-down offers three views. Select from “Libraries Worldwide,” “Corridor Libraries” (Cedar Rapids and Iowa City areas) or “Busse Library” (MMU collection). A sample search for “judaism and women” with “Busse Library” as the view reveals the following.
**Step Three:** Select an item from the search results to see further details. In this case, all items are owned (hard copy or electronic) by Busse Library. Items are ranked in relevance (highest to lowest) based on keyword selection. Select the “Sort By” menu to see other options (author, title, and publishing date).

**Step Four:** For books, item details include the title (shown in blue), authors, editors, language, publisher, and library owning the item. Busse Library will be indicated in green as the owner.

The “Availability” link produces a book’s call number and circulation status.

**Step Five:** Select a book’s title to see more details. The second screen produces call numbers, the interlibrary loan link, an abstract, WorldCat lists, and other options.