How do I search WorldCat Discovery? (The Basic Search)

**Step One:** Locate the Discovery search form on the Busse Library homepage or in a course research guide (LibGuide).

![Discovery search form](image)

**Step Two:** Place a topic of interest into the search form. When search results are visible, select “Busse Library” from the “Library” category, found at the top of the left menu. This selection will limit your search to our collection.

You may also choose “Libraries Worldwide” (Iowa and elsewhere) or “Corridor Libraries” (Cedar Rapids and Iowa City areas). A sample search for “judaism and women” with “Busse Library” as the view reveals the following.

![Sample search results](image)

**Step Three:** Select an item’s title 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 (top of the left column) to sort by publishing date.
Step Four: For books, item details include the title, the title (shown in blue), authors, editors, and library owning the item. “Held by Busse Library” indicates an item in our collection. An eBook will have a “View Online” button; select this option and use the WorldCat login to access the text.

To the right, select the arrow in the gray box to email the items details, to see citing information or use your RefWorks account. The arrow also reveals a permalink (“record link”) to the item.

The star button marks the record, adding it to a list. Once clicked, the star turns blue to note the item has been recorded. Print books will show their call numbers (shelf locations) and if the item is available for use or checked out.

Step Five: Select a book’s title to see more details. The next screen offers information on other editions and interlibrary loan. Select “Request Item” (blue button) and fill out the form to begin the loan process.