

Searching Beyond the Collection Using WorldCat

So, when should you search beyond the collection? You should: 1) if you have a narrow, specialized topic and you're having trouble finding sources, 2) if you're searching for rare books or primary sources, or 3) if you've chosen a topic for which Campbell has a limited collection such as geology or textiles. When searching beyond the collection, your best bet and most comprehensive option is WorldCat.

WorldCat is a global catalog of library collections. It searches the holdings of over 10,000 libraries. In this video, we will talk about how you can borrow those materials from other libraries through Interlibrary Loan. You can get to WorldCat through the Database tab on the library website or use the shortcut link on the Books & Media tab. I'll demonstrate a search on the topic diamond mining. For this example, I'll limit my search to books. As you know, geology is not a major at Campbell, which explains why the library doesn't collect many books on the subject. The good news is that other libraries do.

WorldCat is showing over 4,000 hits related to my keywords. As in any database, controlling your search can be very helpful. For a college paper, you wouldn't want to consult children's books, so select Non-Juvenile, and also limit to your native language since we're searching catalogs worldwide. Let's look at record 10, *Studded with Diamonds and Paved with Gold*. When you scroll down, you'll see a list of libraries that have the book. Campbell is not on the list. Duke is the closest library listed that has a copy of the book. One might assume that you could drive to Durham and check it out, but the reality is that direct loans at academic institutions are limited to students, faculty, and staff.

You could, however, borrow it through a service called Interlibrary Loan. Log into ILLiad with your Blackboard username and password. Under "New Requests," choose book and fill out the requested information, which can all be found in the WorldCat record. Just copy and paste the information in. Submit your request. One of our librarians will request the title from the closest library and has it shipped to Campbell so that you can come in and check it out. If you are an Adult and Online Education student, type your campus such as RTP, Camp Lejeune, Online, or Fort Bragg in the notes field and add your address. Wiggins library will ship the book to you.

If you are unable to bring it back to the library in person, you may mail it back to us. Let's look at another example. Item 7, *Blood Diamonds*, is actually a book that we have at Campbell. So just cross-check our catalog to find it. If you need help, you may come see us in person or use our chat feature, which is available 24 hours a day. You may also call, text, Skype, or email us. Or, schedule a consultation for longer inquiries or for specialized help. Just look for the "Ask a Librarian" button on the webpage.