

WORLD CAT PRACTICE QUESTIONS



1. What book in WorldCat has been assigned OCLC accession number 85443494?

How many libraries have indicated they own this item?

Any Nebraska libraries?

2. Can you identify some videos or DVDs that a teacher could use to introduce her students to the concept of stranger danger?

How many records did you retrieve?

Examine the subject headings assigned to these records. What subject headings might you use to retrieve additional titles on this topic?

Redo your search using one of these subject headings. Now how many results did you get?

3. Blue Hill Public Library (library code: b3h) owns a book by David Sedaris. What is the title of the book?

4. Your book group includes several members who require large print books. Perform a search in WorldCat to see if Thomas Friedman's book *The World is Flat* is widely available in large print?

How many libraries own the English-language large print edition?

How many of these are in Nebraska?

Bonus: How many copies does Omaha Public Library own?

5. Choose one or more of the following terms, and use the "Find preferred subject" feature in WorldCat to identify an "official" subject heading:
 - a. heart attack
 - b. revolutionary war
 - c. wallpapering
 - d. ice age
6. Jim Dale has narrated all the audio versions of the Harry Potter books. Can you identify other juvenile audiobooks he's narrated?



WORLDCAT PRACTICE ANSWERS

1. Go to the WorldCat Advanced Search screen. Type 85443494 in the first Search for: box. Select Accession Number from the corresponding drop-down menu. Click on Search. This search should retrieve one record for *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. As of July 7, 2007 158 libraries, including Gretna Public Library in Nebraska, have indicated they own this item. (Note: These numbers will grow as the summer progresses.)
2. Go to the WorldCat Advanced Search screen. Type stranger danger in the first Search for: box. Select Keyword from the corresponding drop-down menu. Scroll down to the Limit type to: area and check Visual Material. Scroll down to the Subtype limit: area and select Juvenile from the drop-down Audience menu. Click on **Search**. This search retrieves 22 records. An examination of the subject headings assigned to these records reveals several potentially relevant ones, including "Children and strangers." Redo your search, only this time type "Children and strangers" in the first search box and select Subject from the corresponding drop-down menu. Limit your search to visual material and a juvenile audience. This search retrieves 94 records.
3. Go to the WorldCat Advanced Search screen. Type David Sedaris in the first Search for: box and select Author from the corresponding drop-down menu. Scroll down to the Limit availability to: area and type b3h in the Library Code box. Click on **Search**. This search retrieves one record for a David Sedaris book titled *Dress your family in corduroy and denim*.
4. Go to the WorldCat Advanced Search screen. Type Thomas Friedman in the first Search for: box and select Author from the corresponding drop-down menu. Type *The World is flat* in the second Search for: box and select Title from the corresponding drop-down menu. Scroll down to the Subtype limits: area and select Large Print from the drop-down Format menu. Click on **Search**. This search should retrieve one record describing the large print edition of *The World is flat*. It appears to be owned by 540 libraries. Click on the "Libraries worldwide that own item" link to view a list of libraries that own the item. It appears that five Nebraska libraries own this item. Click on OMAHA PUB LIBR to go to their catalog. It appears they own four copies.
5. Go to the WorldCat Advanced Search screen. Click on the "Find preferred subjects" button []. Type your search term in the "Word or concept" box. Click on **Find**. In the case of the first three terms you should only have one "Official" subject heading to choose from. In the case of ice age you will have several to choose from. Select the one that appears most general.
 - a. heart attack (Myocardial infarction)
 - b. revolutionary war (United States – History – Revolution, 1775-1783)
 - c. wallpapering (Paperhanging)
 - d. ice age (Glacial epoch)

6. Go to the WorldCat Advanced Search screen. Type Jim Dale in the first Search for: box and select Author from the corresponding drop-down menu. Scroll down to the Limit type to: area and check Sound Recordings. Scroll down to the Subtype limits: area and select Juvenile from the drop-down Audience menu. Click on **Search**. This search retrieves 110 records. The first several screens of results are Harry Potter titles, but if you persevere to the third screen you should begin finding other juvenile audiobooks narrated by Jim Dale, including *Peter and the shadow thieves*, *Peter Pan*, and *King of shadows*.