Using BU World Cat Local for ILLs

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Using BU WorldCat Local in 8 Quick Steps!

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in 8 Quick Steps!
What is WorldCat Local?

WorldCat.org combines millions of items at libraries all around the world into one easy catalog.
Our own, local BU version of WorldCat...
http://bu.worldcat.org

- Shows our **BU call numbers, locations & availability**
  - Checked out? A second copy at Mugar? No problem!
- Shows the **call numbers, locations, & availability** of items at other Boston Library Consortium (BLC) libraries
  - Available at Boston College? Checked out from Brandeis? No problem!
- Lets us **request items** directly from the search results!
  - Click the “Request” button next to the book. It’s that simple. Really!

Let’s take a look...
You can sign in to create lists of items.

Choose to search BU, BLC, or worldwide

Languages, and more sign-in options
Searching BU WorldCat Local

Basic keyword search or click on “Advanced Search.”

The results are sorted to show you what BU and BLC libraries hold first.

Click on the title to see call number, location, etc.

If BU doesn’t own it, click on the “Request” button.
Searching **BU** WorldCat Local

Results hierarchy:
1. **BU**
2. **BLC**
3. **WorldCat**
BU, BLC, and WorldCat holdings
...for each record
Availability in Real Time

...for BU and BLC consortia members

Boston University Libraries

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Boston Library Consortium

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WorldCat

Find it in libraries globally

Enter your location: 02215  
Find libraries

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Request items from BLC libraries
If they’re not available at BU

- A book could arrive in as little as 2 days.

- If none of the BLC copies can be supplied, you will be sent an email with:
  - citation information from your request
  - instructions for using ILLiad for interlibrary loan