

The Statewide Illinois Library Catalog (SILC) is a customized, statewide union catalog that combines all the state's bibliographic records into a single, searchable database.

## A history of collaboration

Illinois libraries have made significant investments in time and resources to make statewide access to information a reality for the citizens of Illinois. SILC further leverages those investments through familiar systems, such as OCLC and FirstSearch. SILC builds on the foundation of WorldCat – the world's most comprehensive bibliographic database. Illinois libraries have been contributing to WorldCat through cataloging and batchloading for many years. Illinois currently has more batchloading activity with OCLC than any other single library group.

## Illinois libraries and OCLC services\*

- 12.4 million bibliographic records have been contributed to WorldCat.
- 62.6 million holdings have been set in WorldCat.
- 2,665 libraries have access to materials in WorldCat through FirstSearch.
- 526 libraries have used OCLC ILL to share resources.
- 50 libraries participated in the Illinois group catalog pilot to test functionality. (\*statistics from July 2004)

## Quality in SILC

The commitment of Illinois librarians to cataloging in WorldCat – and the quality and consistency gained from it – has opened a door to new opportunities. Through SILC you may:

- Find holdings and shelf status information for Illinois libraries from one interface with links from SILC to local OPACs.
- Ensure consistent search results with a single, rich set of indexes.
- Recommend resources effectively with FirstSearch evaluative content.

## Key features

Illinois libraries may begin sharing resources immediately, easily adding holdings over time. Key features include:

- Familiar interface – FirstSearch.
- Unlimited access to collections of Illinois libraries.
- Seamless integration with WorldCat's global resources, so a user can expand searches from local to global with one click.
- The ability to specify groups within groups (e.g., medical libraries).
- Availability of six interface languages, including Spanish.
- Guest access without login.
- Statistics on SILC usage by group and by individual libraries.

**SILC is available through [finditillinois.org](http://finditillinois.org)**

**To join ILLINET/OCLC, contact:  
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## Contributions to WorldCat from Illinois libraries\*

Library Type	Records
Illinois Group Catalog (Parent Group)	12,402,821
ILCSO-Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization	7,079,478
Health Science Libraries	383,307
Government Libraries	1,116,556
Academic Libraries	10,205,333
Law Libraries	342,708
Theological Libraries	682,855
Public Libraries	2,961,742
School Libraries	756,915

Group	Records
Central Illinois	1,895,542
Chicago	7,245,746
Chicago Far West Suburbs	1,432,475
Chicago North Suburbs	3,826,113
Chicago South Suburbs	1,795,857
East Central Illinois	4,644,783
Metro East St. Louis Area	1,077,801
North Central Illinois	910,550
Northwestern Illinois	2,209,215
Quad Cities Area	606,987
Southern Illinois	2,029,308
West Central Illinois	2,484,721

(\*statistics from July 2004)

## For more information

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