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The FirstSearch Base Package is a valuable collection of resources for libraries of all types. The goal of these additions is to provide libraries with access to more digital resources, and to do so in a way that highlights libraries’ unique online presence. Connecting these resources through WorldCat® also allows users to more easily find high-quality materials through local libraries.

The Base Package also includes access to the following OCLC databases: WorldCat, Electronic Books, ArticleFirst, Electronic Collections Online, PapersFirst, ProceedingsFirst, WorldCat Dissertations and Theses, Clase and Periódica, ERIC, GPO, MEDLINE and The World Almanac.

OAIster

OAIster is a union catalog of more than 20,000,000 records representing digital resources from more than 1,100 contributors.

Digital resources in OAIster include items such as:
- Digitized (i.e., scanned) books and articles
- Born-digital texts
- Audio files (e.g., wav, mp3)
- Images (e.g., tiff, gif)
- Movies (e.g., mp4, quicktime)
- Datasets (e.g., downloadable statistics files)

More information about the OAIster database is available at www.oaister.org

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CONTENTdm is also easy to use. With just a couple of steps, digital collections can be on libraries’ Web sites and available for searching and browsing. An out-of-the-box Web interface helps you get started quickly. Plus, collection metadata can be added to WorldCat for discovery through WorldCat.org and WorldCat Local.

CONTENTdm “quick start” is available to FirstSearch Base Package subscribers and includes:

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More information

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