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Currently we have a database, FirstSearch, available for trial run through the Internet till the end of February. Please try out this database and if you need assistance, do feel free to get in touch with us.

1. What is FirstSearch?

FirstSearch provides online access to approximately 50 databases such as Dissertation Abstracts Online, PayInfo, ArticleFirst, ContentsFirst, WorldCat Index, MLA Bibliography, Education Index, GEOBASE, Biology Digest, etc.

Its cornerstone database, WorldCat, is a growing electronic catalog of over 32 million bibliographic records. Records of books, serials, sound recordings, videocassettes, musical scores, and maps owned by 20,000 libraries worldwide can be found using searches like subject, keyword, phrase, or Boolean operators.

2. How to get to FirstSearch

- a. Log on to NIEVAX
- b. At the \$ prompt, type
telnet fscat.oclc.org
- c. The access authorization is 100-124-087 and password is tag3hzagy
- d. To quit FirstSearch, at the ACTION prompt type: bye

3. How to use FirstSearch

- a. Select a topic for searching (e.g., Arts & Humanities)
 - b. Select the database you are interested in.
 - c. Search for the information needed with the Search action.
e.g. s au:charles dickens (author search)
s ti:baseball on broadway (title search)
s su:investments (subject search)
Boolean operators can be used.
e.g. s su: civil war and ti:stone river
 - d. After a search is entered, the results will appear as a record list.
Type F for forward and B for Backward.
To see the full record, type the record no. and press ENTER.
To return to the record list after viewing a record, press ENTER.
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IMPORTANT NOTE:

Though searching the databases for citation is free during this period, the additional service for document delivery is chargeable.

Payment of FirstSearch's document delivery service is through credit cards. If you need to utilize their document delivery service yet do not feel comfortable to pay via credit card method, please contact Ms Dexterine Ho at ext 5245 or Mrs Chew Lian Ping at 5252.

SUGGESTION BOX FOR READER SERVICES

A suggestion box has now been placed at the loan counter. Readers who have ideas and suggestions to send to the library are welcome to drop their suggestion into the suggestion box.

We are looking forward to your contributions and hope to provide a better service to you!

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