

Adding Your WorldCat Local Search Box to Your Library's Web Pages

Are you ready to roll out WorldCat Local to your patrons? OCLC has an easy-to-use tool that will generate the HTML code you need to add the search box to your library's webpage and other webpages where your user population might benefit from easy access to your library's materials. The HTML generator allows you to customize the search box and preview your changes, which we will discuss momentarily. Let's get started.

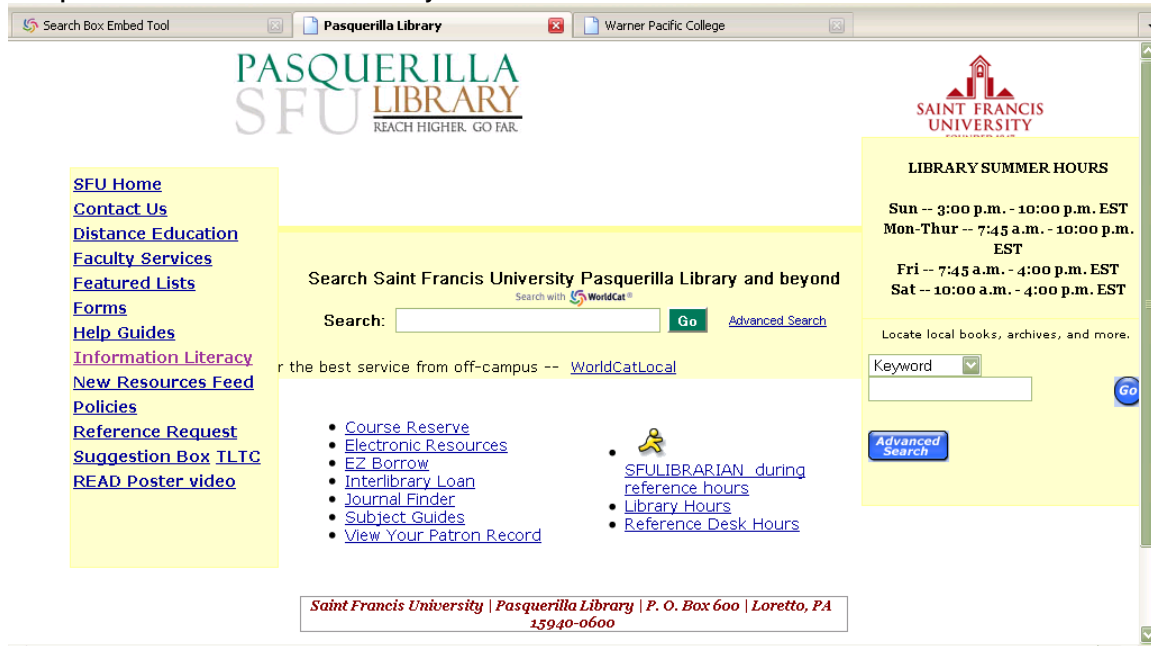
Here are two examples of how the WorldCat Local search box can appear on a library website. In the first example (below), Warner Pacific College has opted to show tabs that can be used to limit searches by item format. They also include a drop-down box that allows users to change the scope of the initial search.

Example: Search Box with Tabs and Scoping Enabled

The screenshot shows a web browser window with three tabs: "Search Box Embed Tool", "Pasquerilla Library", and "Warner Pacific College". The main content area displays the Warner Pacific College library website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for "ABOUT WP", "ACADEMICS", "ADMISSIONS", "ATHLETICS", and "ADP | ADULT DEGREE PROGRAM". Below this is a banner image of a group of people. A search box is prominently displayed in the center, titled "Search Warner Pacific College Library and beyond". It features tabs for "Everything", "Books", "Journals/Articles", and "DVDs". The search box contains the text "Libraries Worldwide" and a "Go" button. Below the search box, there is a note: "Try our new library catalog interface, or find out more about it!" and a "NOTE: This fall, you'll be able to search EBSCOhost through the new interface. For now, use EBSCOhost or other databases to search for articles." The website also includes a sidebar with various library services and a "WP LINKS" section with links to "LIBRARY", "REGISTRAR", "BOOKSTORE", and "STUDENT HANDBOOK".

And in the example below, St. Francis Pasquerilla has chosen to display only the WorldCat Local search box. Please note: The text they've added, "For the best service from off-campus – WorldCat Local" – is not included in the HTML code that the search box tool generates.

Example: WorldCat Local Search Box Only



To access the HTML generator, simply append the following text to your WorldCat Local URL: **/tools/searchboxHTML** , then paste the URL into a browser. For example, if your WorldCat Local URL is abclibrary.worldcat.org, you would access the tool at abclibrary.worldcat.org/tools/searchboxHTML.

Example: Accessing the HTML Generator



When you open the HTML generator tool, you'll notice that your library's logo appears, along with options for doing some limited customization. Let's discuss key features of this tool before we look at the impact of the various options on the way the search box appears.

Click the Preview button to see what your search box will look like based on the options you select. Please note that to generate an organic preview, we recommend that you clear your browser cookies.

Once you are satisfied with your choices, simply click the Highlight HTML button and copy the code to your library's web site.

Example: Search Box Generator

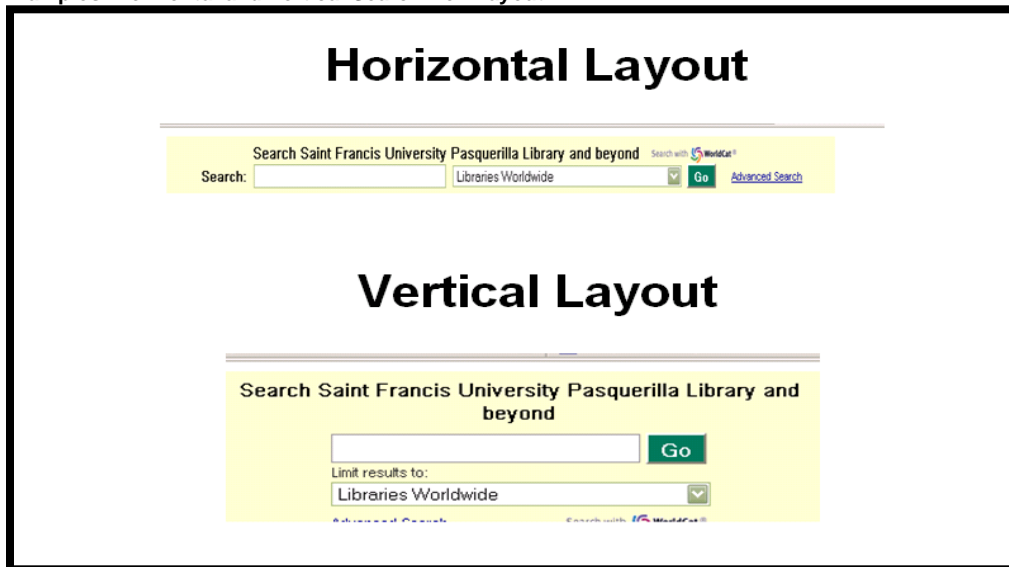


The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Search Box Embed Tool". The browser tabs include "Pasquerilla Library" and "Warner Pacific College". The page header features the "SFU LIBRARY" logo with the tagline "REACH HIGHER. GO FAR." Below the logo are language selection links: [Deutsch](#) | [English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#) | [Nederlands](#) | [中文](#). The configuration section includes: "Layout: Horizontal Vertical", "Display Tabs: Yes No", and "Display Scoping: Yes No". Below these are two buttons: "Highlight HTML" and "Preview". A note states: "The WorldCat search box uses cookies stored in the session to preset some values. To generate an organic preview, it is recommended to clear your browser cookies." A text area contains the following HTML code:

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<html>
<head>
<script src="http://stfrancisuniversity.worldcat.org/wcpa/html/searchapi.js" type="text/javascript">
</script>
</head>
<body>
<div id="wcl_searchbox" style="display:none;"></div>
<script type="text/javascript">
// Mandatory customization
var params = new Object();
params["layout"] = "h";
params["scoping"] = "1";
params["tabon"] = "0";
params["w"] = 820;
params["h"] = 60;
params["lang"] = "en";
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Let's look first at the difference between the horizontal and vertical layout. You can select either a horizontal or vertical layout for your search box.

Examples: Horizontal and Vertical Search Box Layout



If you would like to allow patrons to limit searches to specific item formats, choose the “Yes” radio button. You will be asked to check at least two, and up to six tabs to display. You will also need to select the tab that will be used as a default format limiter.

Example: Displaying Search Limiter Tabs



Let's look at how the choices made above are represented in the search box. Notice that the default tab is bolded. The tabs will always appear in the order that is listed in the HTML generator; the default that you select will be bolded.

Example: Search Tabs with “Books” as Default



Search Saint Francis University Pasquerilla Library and beyond

Books | Internet Resources

Limit results to: Libraries Worldwide

[Advanced Search](#) Search with 

You can opt to display the Limit Search Results box, which allows a user to limit the scope of the initial search to any of the relevancy groups that your library has included in your WorldCat Local. A library with a subscription to WorldCat Local may have up to four relevancy groups. All other libraries will see an option to limit search results to their library, or include holdings from libraries worldwide in the search results.

To include search scoping with your search box, click the Yes radio button next to “Display Scoping.”

Example: Enabling the Search Scope Option



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Layout: Horizontal Vertical

Display Tabs: Yes No

Display Scoping: Yes No

Please copy the code to your library page:

The WorldCat search box uses cookies stored in the session to preset some values. To generate an organic preview, it is recommended to clear your browser cookies.

Here you see the scoping options available for this library. Remember, your library’s holdings will always appear first in the search results returned, regardless of the scoping default you set. You cannot “hide” your library’s holdings.

Example: Selecting a Search Scope (Vertical Layout)

Search Saint Francis University Pasquerilla Library and beyond

Limit results to:

- Libraries Worldwide
- Libraries Worldwide
- Saint Francis University Pasquerilla Library

Once you have finalized your selections, click the “Highlight HTML” button. Copy the HTML code and insert it in your library’s web pages as desired. Your users will now be able to use your WorldCat Local to search your library’s holdings and the holdings of other libraries around the world.

You can revisit the Search Box HTML Generator tool at any time to reconfigure your WorldCat Local Search Box and create new code.

We hope this tutorial has been useful. If you need additional assistance, please contact OCLC’s Customer Support at support@oclc.org.