OCLC/First Search (Access to Interlibrary Loan)

This is a powerful tool for research. Although it recently became public access, if you want to use this to order interlibrary loan, you must first set up your computer as a proxy (see earlier notes in this packet on how to do this).

On the main library web page, choose “Databases & Indexes”
On this page choose “W”
And on this page, choose “WorldCat”
This page is relatively self-explanatory. The online help function is relatively clear and useful.

Useful Hints:

- If you want to enter CJK characters, you must first change the language of the screen interface. You do this at the bottom of the screen by clicking the appropriate language. THEN you must toggle your language bar in Windows also.
- If you only want to see CJK characters, but don’t want to change the language of the interface, click on “show non-Roman characters” in any entry that displays it.
- By clicking the “Limit availability” box, you can limit your search to just the UAlbany collection. Why do this? Because OCLC is a much better search engine than Minerva.