FirstSearch for Eureka users:
What are the differences?

	Eureka	FirstSearch
Databases:		

Search access	One database at a time. If your account has access to more than one database, the list of databases appears as a set of links on the right-hand side of the Home page.
	
	    When not on the Home page, you can click on **Home** in the breadcrumb, or click on **Other Databases** for a pop-up list of databases.
		Several databases simultaneously, and up to three databases explicitly. Sometimes offers results from other databases as well.
		    To select databases and view information on them:
		• Click on **Databases** tab (always visible).
		• Jump directly to a different database using a pull-down menu that appears as part of every search screen. The pull-down menu follows **In:** and appears below the search box on the Home page, and follows **Search in database:** (with the currently-selected database displayed) above the search box(es) on other search screens.

Interface appearance	The database currently in use appears at the top of the page (and does *not* appear in the list on the right-hand side).
	    The list shows the RLG Union Catalog first, then other available databases in alphabetic order.
		May display WorldCat first. The list that follows depends on your choices in the upper portion of the screen. It may include all databases in alphabetic order or a subset (also in alphabetic order) based on the topic you select from a pull-down list.
		    The database you're currently searching appears in the upper portion of the screen.
		    Note: The pull-down list on the Home screen includes topics as well as individual databases; selecting a topic searches all databases within that topic.

Search levels:	**Eureka**	**FirstSearch**
Basic Search	A single box to search or browse one index: • Always offers at least three and up to six choices of indexes (radio buttons), depending on database. • Appears on almost all Eureka screens	• The starting screen provides at least three and up to five search boxes for specific indexes, the first of which is always Keyword. • If more than one search box is used, the searches are automatically ANDed.

	(except Advanced Search and Previous Searches), including Home and all heading browse and results display screens. • Keyword is always an index choice but not always the first or default.	• While Basic Search is not visible on results screens, a Searching tab is always available. • Links to Basic Search, Advanced Search, and Expert Search are available on all Searching screens.
Command-line	Uses the same basic search box and its own radio button.	See Expert Search below.
Advanced Search	A separate screen reached by link from the basic search area: • Provides two search boxes with choice of index and Boolean operator, as well as selected **Limit** options. • For results larger than 25 records, **Refine** can be used to add up to two more indexes at a time. • Other than the Back button or the pathway, no direct link back to basic search because it isn't defined as a screen.	• Provides three search boxes with choice of index and Boolean operator, selected Limit options, and a sort ("Rank by") option. • As with all search screens, has persistent links to Basic and Expert searching.
Expert Search	Has no Expert Search screen, as command-line searching is done within the basic search area.	Supports command-line searching with some tools for building the command. Depending on user setup, Expert Search may appear on the Home page.
Searching vs. browsing:	Supports *either* searching *or* browsing depending on the index and the number of indexes involved: • Multi-index searches are always carried out as searches yielding records. • Single-index searches for Author, Title, Subject, Imprint, and Journal (when such indexes are available); and in SCIPIO, for Auction House (instead of Author) and Seller/Subject (instead of Subject), are always carried out as browses yielding fully-browsable heading lists.	FirstSearch supports browsing in *any* given index by selecting a browse icon in Advanced or Expert Search, but the resulting list of words or headings can only be used to build a search; it cannot be used directly to retrieve records. • Browsing is not available from Basic Search. • All searches yield sets of records. • Browsing works to build searches; click on the word or heading, which adds that index and word or heading to a search statement. • Only one choice from a browse list of words or headings may be selected at a time.

	• Single-index searches for word equivalents of browsable indexes retrieve sets of headings when the words all appear in more than one heading, and sets of records when the words are unique to a single heading. • The set of records for a single heading may be retrieved directly by clicking on a single heading. • Multiple headings (e.g., variant names or related subjects) may be selected from a browse or a headings result; in both cases, this yields all records containing any of those headings.	

Result displays:	• **List** (rarely encountered in citation databases, default multirecord display for RLG Union Catalog and HPB)
	• **Brief** (default multirecord display for citation databases)
	    o Clicking on a title will bring up the most detailed display of that record.
	    o Shows a main-entry view of the record.
	    o Shows up to 25 records per screen.
	• **Full** (comparable in bibliographic detail to Detailed Record) shows up to 25 full records per screen (if multiple records are checked in List or Brief or if Full is chosen as a display format with no records checked).
	Microforms and digitally reformatted records in the RLG Union Catalog are flagged within a clustered record display based on the print version.
		• No equivalent to List display.
		• **List of Records** (primary multirecord display):
		    o Clicking on a title will bring up the most detailed display of that record.
		    o Begins with the title, with author information following.
		    o Defaults to 10 records per screen but users may opt for 5, 10, 20, 50, or 100 records per screen.
		• **Detailed Record** (comparable in bibliographic detail to Full) normally displays a single Detailed Record at a time. To display multiple records in a single Detailed Record display, mark the records, click on Marked Records, and then click on the Detailed Records link above the list of marked records.
		Microforms and digitally reformatted records in WorldCat normally appear as separate records.

Indexes:	**Eureka**	**FirstSearch**
	Keyword: Includes all significant text fields and standard number fields in most databases; subject, author and title in the RLG Union Catalog.	Keyword search includes title, subject, source and (for some databases) notes fields. Some databases include other indexes in the Keyword search, depending on their subject matter.

	Author	Equivalent: Author Phrase
	Author Word	Equivalent: Author
	Title	Equivalent: Title Phrase
	Title Word	Equivalent: Title
	Subject	Equivalent: Subject Phrase
	Subject Word	Equivalent: Subject
	Journal	Equivalent: Source Phrase (an equivalent Source word index is also available)
	Imprint	Equivalent: Publisher
Boolean/proximity operators	See below.	Recognized unless surrounded by single quotes. See FirstSearch help for more detail.
Truncation, boolean operators, proximity searches: (require three characters before truncation or wildcard symbols)	**Eureka**	**FirstSearch**
Truncation	"?"	"*"
Wildcard	Not supported	# for a single character, ? for 0-9 characters See Help for additional information.
Boolean operators	Recognized only in Command-Line searches	Recognizes and acts on Boolean operators AND, NOT, OR unless surrounded by single quotes.
Proximity (adjacency/phrase) searches	Uses double quotes around multiple words.	Uses double quotes around multiple words. Also supports proximity operators "n" and "w"; see FirstSearch Help.
Narrowing results:	**Eureka**	**FirstSearch**
Limit with initial search	In Advanced Search, allows you to limit by date and language in every database that includes those elements, and by material in the RLG Union Catalog.	In Basic Search: allows index option of Publication date (Year); year, language, and (as available) material. Certain other limits may be specified on the Advanced Search and Expert Search screens.
Limit after initial search	For searches yielding from 2 to10,000 records, limits may also be applied to a results set, and a somewhat larger set of limits is available—	Offers a **Limit** button to limit results of initial search. Does not offer the ability to limit based on contents of any field, but does offer author and subject limits based on the actual content

	including limiting based on text within any field. May limit to one or more locations.	of the first 50 records in a set. May limit to one or more locations; prompts for locations associated with your account.
Refine	For a result set larger than 100 records, offers a **Refine** link, which allows you to add one or two more search terms to the current search.	Equivalent function: retains your search, so clicking on the Search tab, then Advanced Search should show your search (translated to command-line syntax) in the first box, and you can add 1-2 more search terms.
Sort order:	**Eureka**	**FirstSearch**
Default	In the RLG Union Catalog and HPB: author, title, date (year). In citation databases: date (year) (most recent first), author, title.	No particular order (records most recently added appear first).
Options	Results of 2 to 250 records are sorted automatically and may be resorted at will by Author, Title, Date, or (for citations) Journal. Results of 251 records or more appear in no particular order and cannot be sorted. It is not possible to sort by number of libraries, and Eureka does not do relevance ranking. The preferred sort order for results of fewer than 251 records may be set for the remainder of a session in Options.	Results may be sorted in two ways: • **Rank by** on Advanced Search and Expert Search will rank by relevance or date (limiting results to the first 1,000) or, for WorldCat, by number of libraries holding elements of the results set, or accession number. • **Sort,** available as a button for results sets of 2 to 500 records, allows sorting at will by any combination of Title, Author, Date, and—as appropriate for the database—Number of libraries and Source (equivalent to Journal in Eureka), and allows choice of ascending or descending order for each sort element. It is not possible to change sort settings during a session.
Previous searches and similar items:	**Eureka**	**FirstSearch**
Previous searches	After one search, click on **Previous Searches** to see all previous searches. From there, you can restore any successful search, or combine one or more previous searches by checking multiple boxes and clicking on **Combine**, which does an AND of the search terms.	Also has **Previous Searches** link but allows OR or NOT to combine previous searches, makes it easy to repeat a previous search in a new database, and allows you to save searches from that screen.
Similar items	In Full display: shows all access points as links. Clicking on a link leads to a headings browse (or,	In WorldCat, record displays include **More like this:** with a link to search for author-title matches and another link that

	in the case of author-title links and links where no browse is available, does a search).	brings up a list of most access points in the record (including call number and publisher) and the ability to search on any combination of those access points. Additionally, the List of Records includes buttons for **Related Subjects** and **Related Authors**, which bring up lists of all subjects or authors used in the first 50 records in the results set (arranged by descending percentage of occurrence).
E-mailing, saving, and printing records:	**Eureka**	**FirstSearch**

E-mailing	Allows e-mailing and exporting the current set of records to RefWorks or EndNote through a single click, taking either the displayed set (defaulting to 25) if no records are checked, or up to 50 checked records.
	    The Export function includes some rarely-used choices that are not available in FirstSearch (e.g., ProCite and comma-separated-values).
		Allows e-mailing and exporting the current set of records to RefWorks or EndNote through a single click, either taking the displayed set (defaulting to 10) or the checked records.
		    FirstSearch offers the choice of exporting or e-mailing *either* the checked records *or* the full displayed set of records.

Printing	Brings up printable views similar to e-mailing function.	Offers a **Print** button that immediately brings up a printer-friendly version of the current results screen.
Saving	Saved Sets	No equivalent but offers a Save Search command, which functions across sessions.
Original scripts:	**Eureka**	**FirstSearch**
Character set	Defaults to Unicode but can be set to suppress original scripts.	Must be set to Unicode in Options. Can be saved across sessions.
Record display	In List and Brief displays, shows *only* the original script within field pairs when present.	In List of Records, shows both versions.
Order	Shows the Romanized field first, then original scripts.	Shows the original script first, then Romanized field.
Left-to-right scripts	Displays the field right-aligned in the browser window	Displays the field correctly (right-to-left) and aligns it on the left side of the text area along with other fields.
Suppressing and displaying original scripts	Offers a persistent link at the top of the result set to suppress or display original scripts if present.	Offers a similar persistent link, which appears following the Language: field, for records containing original scripts.

| Databases | Original scripts supported in all databases. | Original scripts are currently displayed only within WorldCat. |