WorldCat Discovery Interface Features

Introduction

You can use WorldCat Discovery, to find materials in your library's collections and share these resources through email and record links.

Interface features in WorldCat Discovery reviews search results entries, and the item detail; explores how to use tools in the interface to create citations and build lists of resources; and reviews access options for e-resources.

The Staff Account offers the ability to see other details in the search result entries, additional search indexes and the ability to save lists and searches. Some of these capabilities can be made available to library patrons and other staff through a registration and configuration process. Complete the registration form to begin the process.

Search Results –

- Each search result entry contains the item's title, author, summary, publication information, and material type with icon.   Cover art is included if available and appropriate for the entry. If an index label is used in your search, the relevant subject entries will also display in the result set entries.

- Articles and Chapters contain specific citation information such as the monograph title and pages; or the journal name (volume, number, year, month, pages).

- Search relevance indicators highlight matching search terms in the result entries. If you add an index label to your search terms, the relevant subject entries will also display in the result set.

- Availability indicates whether the item is part of your library's collection. This information may include Status, Shelving location, and Call number, based on your WorldCat Discovery subscription.

- Additional local copies available for the library are listed under **Other Editions and Formats at [Library]**. See Display locally held formats on search results for more information.
- View worldwide Editions and Formats link displays if enabled in Service Configuration.   You may click this link to view these items in a separate drawer. These also display in the item detail.

- Links to eResources such as View full text; View e-book; Access online appear based on your library's collections set in the WorldCat knowledge base (and enabled in the Service Configuration).

Item Description

Click the title in a search result entry to display more details. These details include the description, access options, worldwide library holdings, editions & formats, and if applicable, browse the shelf.

- Description: Bibliographic information, such as subjects, notes (both public and local), contents, physical description, standard numbers. A MARC record link is active for libraries with cataloging subscriptions and a WorldCat Discovery staff account. Google preview appears for books and e-books if the preview exists. No configuration is needed.

- For libraries using WorldShare Management Services, the order and display of local fields in the description may be customized in the Service Configuration.   Refer to Item details configuration and display for more information.

- To see the MARC fields that correspond to the display in the search results and in the description, consult this document: How item bibliographic detail is displayed

- Availability: This area presents the local holdings summary, call numbers and shelf locations (if applicable). All libraries see a link to other libraries worldwide who own this item.   Click this link to open a drawer that displays library contact information, a distance from your location, and a view catalog link to see the item in that location.

- Browse the shelf appears for libraries using WorldShare Management Services (WMS). This displays the selected item on the library's "shelf" with items in the same classification range. Left and right arrows enable easy navigation to view other items.

- Explore Editions & Formats represents different physical formats, or earlier/ later editions. Information presented includes edition, format, year, language, and libraries (holdings information).
- Filters and sort options specific to this list of editions may be used.
- Click any title to view that specific record in a separate tab in your Web browser.

Access options and Links to eResources

- The Access Options panel displays in the upper right on the details page. This panel floats down the page as the user reviews item details and other information. This panel looks at all access options and presents the user with the best digital and physical access option for the item. This allows the user to quickly identify the best options available to them for obtaining the item.

- The user may select either the electronic access button or the physical access button configured in the Place Hold/Request Buttons module of the OCLC Service Configuration. The user is then redirected to the resource or completes the place hold form or the configured interlibrary loan form. The ILL form may link to WorldShare ILL or through an OpenURL1.0 resolver to Tipasa or ILLiad.

- View full text and View eBook links appear in search results and the item detail based on the electronic content subscriptions and selections in the WorldCat Knowledge Base. The links are set to display in WorldCat Discovery in the Full text and Open Access module of the OCLC Service Configuration. IP addresses are needed, which also can be setup in the Service Configuration.

Share items from search results

Items in the search results include buttons to Cite, Share, or Save. These choices display on result entries and on the detailed record.

<u>Cite</u> presents two choices:
- Export a citation to EndNote or RefWorks if you use these services.   Choose Export to RIS to transfer the citation to EasyBib, Mendeley, or Zotero.
- Choose a citation style and click Copy Citation to transfer the formatted citation to your document.

<u>Share</u> presents two choices:
- View the permalink and click Copy Link to paste the link into an online bibliography or finding aid.
- Complete the email fields to send the entry to up to 5 email addresses simultaneously, separated by commas. Optionally, add a subject and short message to the email before it is sent.

<u>Save</u> allows you to create a temporary list of up to 100 resources. Click Save in the entries to be saved, and view these under Saved Items. From here, selected entries in the list may be emailed or cited.
- When finished, delete entries from the temporary list,
- Or sign in with a WorldCat Discovery account to save the lists for later review.

WorldCat Discovery accounts

Anyone can search your library's WorldCat Discovery service through your custom Web address. Library patrons do not need accounts to use many WorldCat Discovery features.

Staff accounts enable librarian-specific features in WorldCat Discovery, such as:
- View the OCLC number in search results,
- View OCLC symbols rather than distance in the other libraries worldwide display
- View MARC record (available to libraries with OCLC cataloging)
- Link to a staff view of WorldShare ILL (available to libraries with OCLC ILL)
- Save and share personal lists of resources from search results.

For more information about how to create staff accounts and the features available, please consult this document, Staff features and accounts

Libraries that do not use WMS can offer accounts to their patrons for the purpose of creating and saving lists and searches. To begin this process, please complete a registration form.
Once this form is submitted, Implementation staff will assist you with this set up process.

Support Resources:

WorldCat Discovery documentation has more information about these features, specifically:

- **How item bibliographic data is displayed**:
Describes the fields of bibliographic data shown for an item in WorldCat Discovery.

- **Configure the display of full text links**:
Explains how to add links to content from WorldCat records and from licensed e-resources as configured in the WorldCat knowledge base.

- **Create locally preferred subjects for display and search expansion**:
The WorldCat Discovery Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) initiative aims to reduce harm in item descriptions. Explains how to use a universal template provided by WorldCat Discovery to locally re-map subject headings to hide sensitive language in your WorldCat Discovery interface.

- **Share records and create citations**:
Describes the sharing and list icons, and how to use the "My List" features

- **Add a patron facing ILL button to display in WorldCat Discovery**:
Describes how to set up this link to display on item details in WorldCat Discovery.

Visit the **Community Center** to engage in discussions, learn about updates, submit enhancement requests, or review those suggested by others.

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