Introduction

The following release notes are for the May 31, 2018 release of WorldCat Discovery.

WorldCat Discovery May release highlights

Users can now more precisely link to author names, view availability statuses in all supported languages, and transition from the simple search box to the advanced search box with the same search query. Institutions using 3rd party authentication will no longer see the inoperative “Change Password” action. Additionally, institutions can configure U.S. Federal Depository Library Program links for use in search results.

Include Request ID with problem reports

When reporting an issue with WorldCat Discovery, it is extremely helpful to include the Request ID. The Request ID is found at the bottom of the screen on which the issue occurred. Including this information allows us to directly trace what happened on the request we are troubleshooting.

New features and enhancements

WMS Circulation availability statuses translate into all supported languages

For institutions using WMS Circulation, translations of availability statuses in the WorldCat Discovery interface will now
display in all supported languages. The statuses that display are listed below:

- Available
- Not Available
- On Hold
- Checked Out
- On Order

For more information on the display of item statuses in WorldCat Discovery please refer to the Check item status or location documentation.

More precisely link to author names

Use of the author phrase index for author searches from records in search results delivers more precise search results. When a user clicks an author name in search results to search for items by that author, the search is now performed in the author phrase index, to deliver more precise results. For example, a user can click on an author name in search results to find more items by that author:
After clicking the name of the author, the name is searched against the author phrase index to retrieve precise name search results:

Author names will automatically search using last name, first name order when available. An entity or single author name that is not present in the 100 or 700 field will be searched within quotes.
Transition from search results to advanced search page with existing search query

When a user moves from the simple to Advanced search screen, a query entered in the simple search box now auto populates the first box in the Advanced search. This saves time for users who decide to use Advanced search after entering a search strategy in the simple search box.

Original query:

Advanced search populates with original query:

Include U.S. Federal Depository Library Program links in search results

Links from the U.S. Federal Depository Library Program are included when “.gov / .edu documents” is selected in Service Configuration -> My WorldCat.org -> Full Text and Open Access Links -> WorldCat Local Search Results //
Bug Fixes

WMS Change password no longer displays for 3rd party authentication services

The WorldCat Discovery “My Account” no longer displays the “Change Password” button for institutions using 3rd party authentication services. Users from institutions using WMS authentication services will continue to be able to change their password from their “My Account”.

Persist library branches from search to search

Institutions with configured branches may now use library branches as a persistent filter from library search boxes in all cases.

New content

This is a list of new databases added to WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org since our last update.

You can enable these databases as search options in the Licensed Content and Databases module of the OCLC Service Configuration site. Please remember that your library must have a valid subscription to these databases in order to enable them.

Available in WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org

From Accessible Archives, Inc.
Camp Meade Herald – A World War I military camp newspaper from Maryland.

Over The Top – Military newspaper from World War I.

The Bayonet – Weekly camp newspaper focusing on Fort Benning, Georgia.

The Camp Pike Carry On – U.S. military camp newspaper printed at Camp Pike, Arkansas, during World War I.

The Fort Bayard News – A U.S. military hospital newspaper published in New Mexico.

The Marine – U.S. Marines newspaper.

The Right-About (The Home-Again) – American military newspaper published by soldiers for soldier patients at the Greenhut, Grand Central, and Ellis Island Debarkation Hospitals and General Hospital at Fox Hills.

From Cairn.info


Cairn.info Journals – Humanities and Social Science– Francophone journals in Humanities and Social Science.

From International Monetary Fund

International Monetary Fund– A comprehensive source of research and statistics.

Important links

Support website(s)

Support information for this product and related products can be found at:

- WorldCat Discovery support resources
- WorldCat Discovery Training
- OCLC Community Center
- Browser compatibility chart