Introduction

The following release notes are for the July 26, 2018 release of WorldCat Discovery.

WorldCat Discovery July release highlights

Users can more reliably access full text from direct links built from vendor-specific accession numbers. Also, users can access Digital Object Identifiers in record descriptions, and they no longer see potentially confusing communication preferences in their user accounts.

Institutions can configure confirmation messages for "Report a Broken Link" forms and can modify privacy notices to comply with your institution's data policies.

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
Improved link resolution to WorldCat knowledge base links using vendor accession numbers

Accession numbers (such as EBSCO Accession Numbers, Gale Accession Numbers, or ProQuest document IDs) are provided by vendors to build links to an exact resource rather than relying on title or journal level linking from knowledge base collections.

In this release, users of the WorldCat knowledge base receive enhanced link resolution using accession numbers from all ProQuest and EBSCO collections, and the majority of Gale collections. Accession numbers are acquired from any article in an article cluster that your institution can access.

As this more precise method requires unique mapping for each supported vendor, additional providers and collections will be rolled out and communicated through WorldCat Discovery release notes on an ongoing basis.

Access the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) in record descriptions

DOIs are designed to provide actionable, interoperable, and persistent links to digital objects. Users can access the DOI link from WorldCat Discovery record descriptions:

Configure “Report a Broken Link” confirmation message

When users submit a “Report a Broken Link” in WorldCat Discovery or the A to Z list, a confirmation message confirms that the action was successful. To ensure institution-specific policies such as following up in a specific timeframe are displayed to users, an institution-configured confirmation message now displays.
Configured confirmation messages display whether feedback is requested or not and can be up to 1000 characters to support multiple confirmation languages:

WorldCat Discovery customization is in OCLC Service Configuration -> My WorldCat.org -> ILS Support and Maintenance -> ILS Support and Maintenance -> User Support -> Customized broken link report confirmation message:

A to Z List customization is in OCLC Service Configuration -> My WorldCat.org -> A – Z List and OCLC Link Resolver -> Display Options -> Customized broken link report confirmation message:

GDPR-compliant privacy notices

To comply with GDPR privacy notices, new privacy notices display in WorldCat Discovery and the A to Z List. The updates ensure OCLC's compliance has little impact on the current user experience.

Libraries can customize the privacy notice for the WorldCat Discovery feedback form to reflect your institution’s use of the data. If no configuration changes are made, the default privacy notice displays on this form:
The “Send Feedback” form Privacy Policy and link to your institution’s privacy policy can be configured at OCLC Service Configuration -> My WorldCat.org -> ILS Support and Maintenance -> “Customized privacy policy heading”, “Customized privacy policy” and “Customized privacy policy link display text”.

The ILL request form can be configured by adding a section to your request form(s) at Service Configuration -> WorldShare ILL -> Patron Request Workforms.

**Communication preferences only display to Tipasa subscribers**

Based on feedback from our WMS members, communication preferences now only display to Tipasa subscribers. Tipasa users will continue to see the ‘My Communication Preferences’ link in the communication preferences section of the User Portal and in WorldCat Discovery.
This change is intended to minimize confusion for end users of WMS institutions that do not also subscribe to Tipasa.

**Bug Fixes**

**Unique Identifiers no longer labeled as OCLC numbers**

Non-WorldCat citations will no longer incorrectly label Unique Identifier control numbers as OCLC Numbers in WorldCat Discovery.

Only items that are part of WorldCat the database will display the control number label as “OCLC Number”: 

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A to Z list/ILR Copy button copies to clipboard

Selecting the copy button for citations in the A to Z list will now correctly copy content to your clipboard.
A to Z list/ILR Display Fulfillment Button settings honored

Members using an OpenURL 1.0 ILL option who have disabled the option to Display Fulfillment Button in worldcat.org/config>My WorldCat.org>A to Z List and OCLC Link Resolver>Display Options>Display Fulfillment Button, and have configured the Place Hold/Request module to show an OpenURL 1.0 ILL option on Article/Journal/eBook format types, will only see their fulfilment button display if there is no Full Text Link available.
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 Brill

Brill’s Encyclopedia of Sikhism Online – Brill’s Encyclopedia of Sikhism aims to make available in-depth scholarship on all main aspects of the Sikh traditions in a number of original essays written by the world’s foremost scholars on
Sikhs and Sikh traditions.

Lexicon Gregorianum Online – Comprehensive Greek-German dictionary.

Available in WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local

From Gale

GREENR (Global Reference on the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources) – An Interdisciplinary Resources Supporting Sustainability and Environmental Studies.

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