WorldCat Discovery release notes, September 2018

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Introduction

The following release notes are for the September 20, 2018 release of WorldCat Discovery.

WorldCat Discovery September release highlights

Libraries can configure custom library search boxes in minutes within Service Configuration, and users can cite additional formats (theses/dissertations and eJournals/eMagazines) in all supported citation styles. Additionally, more metadata is sent from OCLC’s A to Z list and Integrated Link Resolver to Get It Now.

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

Create unique search boxes in minutes with the Search Box Generator

The search box generator makes it easy and convenient for your library to build a search box HTML snippet to host on
your library homepages, LibGuides, and other sites. These search boxes can be embedded in any webpage to meet users where they typically look for information. Search boxes can be updated to include colors and text to reflect your library’s brand.

WorldCat Discovery generates the HTML code as you use the generator tool to set search box options for databases, material formats, one or multiple search tabs, search results defaults such as library scope, search index and sort. You can also use the tool to customize the text and select colors for your search box. As you select options in the generator tool, your changes immediately appear in the Search Box Preview and Code section, so you can see the impact your changes make to the tabs, labels, colors, etc. You can even search in the preview search box to make sure the search works exactly as you expect and make additional changes to the HTML and inline CSS as needed. Once you have completed all the selections you wish to include in your custom search box, the information can be copied to the clipboard to then add to your website.

The search box generator is located in a new section of OCLC Service Configuration, at Service Configuration -> My WorldCat.org -> Search Box Generator:
Search Box Generator

Coming soon! Save your changes to the search box generator settings. Until then, copy and paste the code to a separate application for use.

Customize your external search box for WorldCat Discovery by using our generator to copy and paste into your institution’s website.

Search Box Preview and Code

Select Databases for Search Box

You must configure your databases in the Default Databases and Licensed Content module before generating an external search box.

Select a database or group of databases to search.

If no database or database group selected, your configured default will be used.

Select Material Formats for Search Tabs

Select up to five material formats to create a tailored search experience. If no selection is made, the search box will search everything by default.


Format Display Order

Control the order of your material formats. The first material format in the list will be considered the default selection.

Select a format name to activate reordering. Use the arrow keys to reorder the list or use your mouse to drag the group name to the correct placement in the list. Press Enter or click away to stop reordering.

Select Defaults for Search Results

Group related editions by default

Keep filter selections for next search by default

Provide direct link to Advanced Search page

Select default library scope

Select default search index


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Here is an example showing customized text, tabs, and colors:

In addition to these exciting ways for you to customize your WorldCat Discovery search box, we plan to enhance the generator tool based on your feedback from a recent survey on search box configurations. Additional features we are considering include peer-reviewed and full-text content options under articles and journals, subformat options when choosing formats such as Books (i.e. ebook, print, etc.) and Videos (i.e. DVD, Blu-ray, etc.), save your options, and icons to complement the search action and format tabs.

We appreciate the response to the search box survey and it is our intent to align additional work on the search box generator tool to survey results.

**Generate citations for Thesis/Dissertations and eJournal/eMagazine**

In addition to existing citation options, users can now additionally generate citations for Thesis/Dissertations & eJournal/eMagazine in all supported citation styles.

After selecting the citation style, users can copy and paste citations automatically formatted in the appropriate style:
Additional fields added to Get It Now

Users that have configured Get It Now as a fulfillment option in their knowledge base to display in their A to Z list and integrated link resolver now benefit from additional data sent to Get It Now.

OCLC's A to Z list and integrated link resolver send the following additional metadata fields to Get It Now when available from an incoming citation or search:

- Author: &author=
- DOI: &contentID=
- Start page: &startPage
- End page: &endPage
- Partner field: &partner=oclcr
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 Mediengruppe Deutscher Apotheker Verlag

Verlag Osterreich — Publisher of legal information in Austria covering content in the areas of public law, criminal law, civil law, and corporate law for science, justice, and legal professional practice.

Available in WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local

From Gale

National Geographic Virtual Library: Brazil — The complete archive of National Geographic magazine

National Geographic Virtual Library: National Geographic Kids — National Geographic Kids includes the complete run of the magazine from 2009 to the present.


National Geographic Virtual Library: National Geographic Magazine Archive, 1995-Current — National Geographic Magazine Archive, 1995-Current includes every article of National Geographic magazine from the mid-1990s through the current issues.

National Geographic Virtual Library: People, Animals, and the World — National Geographic Traveler magazine from 2010 to the present.

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