The WorldCat Discovery Enhancements Digest is a summary of new features and enhancements that have been added to WorldCat Discovery since January 2017. In the digest you will find recommended actions for enhancements that require libraries to configure/enable new functionality, as well as a comprehensive listing of recently released enhancements categorized by functional area.

## Recommended actions

*Actions that require a library decision to enable in WorldCat Discovery.*

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New features by functional area

Search results

Enhancements that aim to improve the relevance and usability of the search results page.

- New filters for manuscript items (December 2019)
- Improved quality of knowledge base provider link (July 2019)
- Consistently search EBSCO and ProQuest databases not in the central index (May 2019)
- Users more easily identify available periodicals with display of additional local holdings metadata (May 2019)
- More precise filtering of author names on brief results (April 2019)
- Improved description of Editions & Formats accordion on detailed WorldCat Discovery views (March 2019)
- New default cover art image for books (March 2019)
- Improved alignment of selected filters, text, and institution over colors (March 2019)
- Display knowledge base Journal coverage metadata to show relationship between article citations Journal availability (February 2019)
- Display only HathiTrust Links leading to full text (February 2019)
- Navigate from electronic items to physical items (January 2019)
- Navigate to other locally-held formats on search results (January 2019)
- Quickly browse search results with higher resolution cover art and aligned titles (January 2019)
- View CONTENTdm thumbnails in search results (June 2018)
- Transition from search results to advanced search page with existing search query (May 2018)
- More precisely link to author names (May 2018)

Search tools

Enhancements that aid users in acting on search results.

- Configure search filter settings (December 2019)
- Ungroup search results by default to support unique workflows (September 2019)
- Keep filter selections for subsequent searches (September 2019)
- Improved description for required search box actions for users of screen readers such as NVDA or JAWS (July 2019)
- WMS users can virtually browse library shelves to view related physical items (May 2019)
- Accessibility enhancements improve experience for people who use screen readers (May 2019)
- Interface improvement (February 2019)
- Generate citations for Thesis/Dissertations and eJournal/eMagazine (September 2018)
Open Access and Freely Available Content

Enhancements that align to OCLC’s mission to privilege open access and freely available content.

- Expanded access to content from Canadian government and education domains (July 2019)
- Faster access to open content with addition of open access filter to WorldCat.org (April 2019)
- Additional databases added to the Open Access filter (December 2018)
- Access reliable open access content with configurable Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) full text links using Unpaywall (October 2018)
- Filter to open access content form the WorldCat.org database (October 2018)

Detailed record

Enhancements that improve the interpretation of MARC data for end users and help users navigate to other editions and formats.

- Public notes from Local Holdings Records display alongside item information (October 2019)
- Additional format information supports fulfillment decisions for users with specific needs (September 2019)
- Periodical Index and Supplement subfields in local holdings metadata will now display in WorldCat Discovery (May 2019)
- Links from brief search results will match updated language of Editions & Formats accordion on detailed views (March 2019)
- Filter and sort lists of editions and formats (December 2018)
- Call to action labels on detailed record accordions (December 2018)
- Institution-specific LBD notes are labeled to help identify more relevant notes (October 2018)
- View detailed author and title information from 245 subfield c within detailed records (October 2018)

WMS Availability and Place Hold, Group Availability, Group Place Hold

Enhancements that strengthen the integration between WorldCat Discovery and WMS Circulation.

- Communication preferences only display to Tipasa subscribers (July 2018)
- Level 2 WMS group circulation availability status messages translate (June 2018)
- WMS Circulation availability statuses translate into all supported languages (May 2018)
- WMS Level 1 Place Hold configurations support all library sizes (April 2018)
- Users can provide an email address to receive WorldShare Circulation notifications (March 2018)
- Place-hold default values streamline user interaction (March 2018)
- Place multiple item-level holds from preferred locations (February 2018)
- Create custom shelving location messages (February 2018)
**Full text/Access Online links**

Enhancements that help users resolve to content more consistently and more intuitively, and enhancements that help users recover when errors occur.

- Improved display text for DOI links leading to PDFs informed by Unpaywall (December 2019)
- Report a Broken Link updated to “Request librarian assistance” (October 2018)
- Configure "Report a Broken Link" confirmation message (July 2018)
- Improved link resolution to WorldCat knowledge base links using vendor accession numbers (July 2018)
- Request feedback when reporting a broken link (June 2018)
- Include U.S. Federal Depository Library Program links in search results (May 2018)
- Configure display of 856 links from non-WorldCat master records (April 2018)
- WorldCat knowledge base links enhanced with MARC 008 field (February 2018)
- Configure “Access Online” to display one or all e-links (February 2018)
- Provide corrected links to your users when they report a broken link (January 2018)

**Advanced Search**

Enhancements that extend the functionality of advanced searching.

- Informative message displays when a user attempts to execute an undefined search (April 2019)
- Advanced Search page search tools expand by default (June 2018)

**Temporary and Personal Lists**

Enhancements that help users keep track of and act on records in bulk.

- Publicly share personal lists (June 2018)
- Send personal lists with customized messages (January 2018)

**Course Reserves**

Enhancements that help users navigate and find materials located within Course Reserves shelving locations.

- Help users find the course reserves copy of a specific edition (April 2017)
- Course Reserves users can determine where to pick up or access an item (April 2017)
- Save time by reserving materials directly from search results (March 2017)
- Title sort simplifies browsing (March 2017)
- Provide supplemental information about course reserves in use notes (March 2017)
- Support for temporary items in course reserves (March 2017)
A to Z List

*Enhancements that improve link resolution through the A to Z List.*

- Additional fields added to Get It Now (September 2018)
- Improved keyboard accessibility on link resolver and A to Z list (June 2018)

Non-WMS Availability

*Enhancements that improve availability for non-WMS WorldCat Discovery institutions.*

- OPAC real-time availability is faster and more reliable (October 2017)

Service Configuration

*Enhancements that directly and significantly impact OCLC Service Configuration. Some smaller configuration changes are simply listed within a given enhancement.*

- Quickly view selected databases first in Metasearch Content module (May 2019)
- View service configuration updates to the Full Text OpenURL Resolvers (outgoing requests) module in real time (March 2019)
- View service configuration updates in real time (February 2019)
- Save search box generator configuration for reuse (January 2019)
- New end-user sign-in capability for non-WMS institutions (December 2018)
- Configure authentication prompt for restricted content (December 2018)
- Add a privacy notice for staff and patron login (October 2018)
- Create unique search boxes in minutes with the Search Box Generator (September 2018)
- GDPR-compliant privacy notices (July 2018)
- Customize OPAC and/or Local Holding Record Links for proxy users (June 2018)
- Redesigned Service Configuration Metasearch Content (June 2018)
- Choose a navigation bar color to match your institution’s branding (January 2018)

3rd Party Integrations

*Enhancements that create an integration between WorldCat Discovery and a 3rd party vendor. These require a vendor subscription to access.*

- Integrate LibKey Discovery with incoming OCLC Link Resolver (January 2020)
- Integrate with LibKey Discovery to directly access PDF content and explore articles within journals using BrowZine (December 2019)
- StackMap can be displayed based on item availability (October 2019)
- Locate items in the library with StackMap integration (January 2019)
• **Talis Aspire Reading Lists Integration** (November 2018)

**Transition from WorldCat Local to WorldCat Discovery**

*Enhancements that help to simplify and expedite the transition from WorldCat Local to WorldCat Discovery.*

• Help users transition from WorldCat Local to WorldCat Discovery with enhanced redirects (August 2018)

**Prominent bug fixes**

Note: Reporting on defects did not begin in WorldCat Discovery Release Notes until February 2018.

*More pervasive changes that impact the majority of WorldCat Discovery users. Most smaller bug fixes are not included here.*

• Hosted CONTENTdm thumbnail images using http display as cover art (April 2019)
• WMS Circulation statuses containing “due” translate into all supported languages (December 2018)
• Search box generator works with Internet Explorer 11 (December 2018)
• Search box generator shows all institution branches (December 2018)
• Availability stability improvement (November 2018)
• Keyword phrase searches prevent inaccurate journal titles from surfacing in WorldCat Discovery (November 2018)
• Correction to append proxy to URL setting in Custom Links (October 2018)
• Outgoing OpenURL honors the OPAC settings grid configurations (October 2018)
• Navigation from local search results to worldwide editions preserves search context (October 2018)
• Searching more than one scope level adds to overall results (August 2018)
• Only list creator can change a note on a shareable list (August 2018)
• eLinks from Level 2 availability groups no longer erroneously display (August 2018)
• Held by statement is no longer a link to OPACs for WMS institutions (August 2018)
• A to Z list/ILR Display Fulfillment Button settings honored (July 2018)
• A to Z list/ILR Copy button copies to clipboard (July 2018)
• Unique identifiers no longer labeled as OCLC numbers (July 2018)
• Persist library branches from search to search (May 2018)
• WMS Change password no longer displays for 3rd party authentication services (May 2018)
• Group related editions check box persists from search to search (March 2018)
• Display primary full text links when availability is disabled (March 2018)
• 956 ERIC links now display (March 2018)
• Corrected resource sharing button for Level 2 fulfillment groups: Custom URL (February 2018)