The “Request through Interlibrary loan” button is not appearing on search results even though we do not have access to the articles

Applies to

• WorldCat Discovery

Answer

Turn on the request button in the Place/Hold Request Buttons Module in the section For items owned by WorldCat Libraries for articles.

1. Login to Service Configuration.
2. Click on WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local > Place/Hold Request Buttons.
3. Scroll to the bottom of the screen.
4. Expand the section For items owned by WorldCat Libraries.
5. Notice the item types that are not selected to display the request button in WorldCat Discovery.
6. Select item type of your item from the search result.

Additional information

Often there is confusion about the item type "Mass digitized electronic content". An item can appear to be an article, but still fall under the "Mass digitized electronic content" type. If you are not sure if this is the case, contact OCLC Support. The support team will need the link to the search result page, and your institution's OCLC symbol.

When determining if a record is mass digitized, a good rule to follow is if the Marc Field 029a has any of the values as [DGCNT or CNTNT or CNTCOLL or DGCOLL] or the Marc Field 040a has the value as OCLCE then the item will be considered as Mass Digitization. Mass Digitization can only be assigned to non-article, WorldCat Records with the same original and alternate types before bibliographic matching.