WorldCat Discovery release notes, February 2019

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Introduction

This release includes an update to the WorldCat Discovery service configuration modules that will save staff time so they can focus on users and not on waiting for configuration updates to display. When selecting “Save” in any WorldCat Discovery service configuration module, staff will see changes display in the WorldCat Discovery interface in real time.

Small improvements to the WorldCat Discovery interface were made to help users focus on small but important metadata elements. These changes will aid in understanding search results and help in making decisions about which resources they need. Updates were a result of user feedback received as part of focus groups and gathered from the Community Center.

We continue to correct small issues as we find them, and in this release have corrected the display of duplicate eLinks on Course Reserves, wrapping of full text excerpts on brief results, and more.

Recommended actions

For this release, we recommend that you review the following checklists and complete the relevant tasks so that you can adjust your policies and workflows and train your staff. These checklists identify updates that we have determined as significant for most institutions. We encourage you to review all of the items in the release notes to determine whether there are other items that might require additional action or follow up by your institution.

New features and enhancements

View service configuration updates in real time

We have minimized the amount of time librarians spend waiting for changes in service configuration settings to display in the WorldCat Discovery interface. Now, when librarians update or change settings in Service Configuration for most WorldCat Discovery modules, they can expect to see those changes immediately in the interface. This improvement applies to the following WorldCat.org/config modules:

- WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local
User Interface Options
  Relevancy and Scoping
  Place Hold/Request Buttons
  OPAC Statuses, Locations and Circulation Policies
  Holding Codes & Shelving Location Messages
  Local and Enhanced Content
  Full Text and Open Access Links
  ILS Support and Maintenance
  Google Analytics (WorldCat Discovery only)
  A – Z List and OCLC Link Resolver
  Search Box Generator

• Metasearch Content
  Default Databases and Licensed Content

This improvement does not yet apply to the following modules. Changes made to this module may take 10 to 15 minutes to display in the WorldCat Discovery interface:

• WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local
  Full Text OpenURL Resolvers (outgoing requests)

Improvements to the remaining WorldCat Discovery modules are planned for later this spring.

Display only HathiTrust Links leading to full text

We have added an additional rule to the service configuration setting WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local>Full Text and Open Access Links>WorldCat Local Search Results//WorldCat Discovery Search Results and Detailed Views>Links from Master WorldCat record 856 and 956 to open access content / free content>HathiTrust to ensure that only links leading to full text appear in WorldCat Discovery. In addition to already existing logic, WorldCat Discovery will also look at the following data points in the 856 fields:

• Indicator 1 must equal 4
• Indicator 2 must equal 0
• Subfield 3 must contain Full View
• Subfield u must contain a hathitrust.org URL

Display knowledge base Journal coverage metadata to show relationship between article citations Journal availability

We will now display journal coverage information on article citations for knowledge base links in WorldCat Discovery. This metadata will help inform users about other available content from a journal provider.
Interface improvements

We have made several small updates to the WorldCat Discovery interface based on user feedback. Label elements will now indicate the relationship between articles and journals, search results will clearly indicate when items are not held by a library or group, and pagination will be naturally centered on the search results page. These updates will improve users’ focus on metadata details and navigation through search results.

Updated label from source to journal on article citations to reflect connection between articles and journals

As an outcome of a recent usability study we have updated the “Source” label that appears on article citations. This change will better reflect what metadata appears in this field to help library users understand the connection between an
article and a journal. Instead of seeing “Source” as the label for journal title information, users will now see “Journal” when viewing article citations.

Help users understand when materials are not locally held

A “Held by other libraries worldwide” statement will appear on items that do not belong to an individual library or a library’s group. As a result of a usability study in October 2018 it was found that this statement helps the library user to determine which items are available for borrowing immediately and which need to be requested via interlibrary loan.
Centering pagination on search results and updated icons

Pagination on brief results will now be centered. To match current web standards, the double chevrons (<< | >>) that display on each side of pagination on brief results will now display as single chevrons (< | >).
Bug fixes

Erroneous punctuation on author name corrected

WorldCat Discovery now correctly displays author names in all cases without inserting a period between first and last names. This issue affected a small set of author names.

Discovery API sortBy parameter fixed

Institutions with Discovery API access will now be able to correctly sort results by library_plus_relevance. For more information about APIs please refer to WorldCat Discovery API documentation.

Duplicate buttons display on Course Reserves

On a small number of Course Reserves, some users have reported duplicate eLink fulfillment buttons displaying and preventing availability from loading. This occurred when DOI is enabled but cannot return on specific citations. We have corrected the code to prevent duplicate links from displaying and allow availability to return when the DOI element is missing.
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.

The complete list of databases is available at https://help.oclc.org/@api/deki/files/6370/contentlisttargetID.xlsx

Available in WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org

From Alexander Street

Harper’s Weekly: 1857-1912 - A newspaper of the latter part of the 19th and early 20th century with broad, national distribution.

Music Online: Classical Scores Library, Volume 1 - Includes the most important classical music scores and manuscripts from classical music's most studied composers.

Music Online: Classical Scores Library, Volume 1 - DFG - Includes the most important classical music scores and manuscripts from classical music's most studied composers.

Music Online: Classical Scores Library, Volume 2 - Includes the most important classical music scores and manuscripts from classical music's most studied composers.

Music Online: Classical Scores Library, Volume 3 - Includes the most important classical music scores and manuscripts from classical music's most studied composers.

Music Online: Classical Scores Library, Volume 4 - Includes the most important classical music scores and manuscripts from classical music's most studied composers.

Popular Music Library - All Titles - Contains a wide range of popular music from around the world.

Theater in Video, BBC - A collection of plays and documentaries.

Theater in Video, CRKN - A collection of plays, documentaries, and interviews covering 20th century theatre history.

Theater in Video - North America - A collection of hundreds of the world’s most important plays, documentaries, interviews, and instructional materials.

Theater in Video - North America (Pre-June 2011 Purchasers Only) - A collection of hundreds of the world’s most important plays, documentaries, interviews, and instructional materials.

Theater in Video, Supplement - A supplement to the Theatre in Video collection of the world’s most important plays, documentaries, interviews, and instructional materials.

Theater in Video, Volume 2 - All Titles - A collection of classic and contemporary plays and documentaries from around the world with a focus on new and international productions.

Theater in Video, Volume 2 - Australia - A collection of classic and contemporary plays and documentaries from around the world with a focus on new and international productions.

Theater in Video, Volume 2 - Canada - A collection of classic and contemporary plays and documentaries from around the world with a focus on new and international productions.

Theater in Video, Volume 2 - United States - A collection of classic and contemporary plays and documentaries from around the world with a focus on new and international productions.

Women and Social Movements, International - A collection of primary materials from women activists, including...
personal letters, diaries, and conference proceedings.

**Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires since 1820 - Text** - This collection explores prominent themes in world history since 1820: conquest, colonialism, settlement, resistance, and post-coloniality, as told through women’s voices.

**Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires since 1820 - Video** - This collection explores prominent themes in world history since 1820: conquest, colonialism, settlement, resistance, and post-coloniality, as told through women’s voices.

**Women and Social Movements in the United States: Basic Edition** - A collection of primary documents, books, images, essays, reviews, and more exploring women’s activism in American public life from Colonial times to the present.

**Women and Social Movements in the United States: Scholar's Edition** - A collection of primary documents, books, images, essays, reviews, and more exploring women’s activism in American public life from Colonial times to the present.

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**From Hogrefe Verlag GmbH & Co.**

**Hogrefe Books** - Books primarily focusing on the fields of medicine, psychology, psychotherapy, and psychiatry for professionals and researchers.

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**From Manchester University Press**

**Manchester University Press Journals** - Journals in humanities and social sciences research.

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**From Roper Center for Public Opinion Research**

**Roper Center for Public Opinion Research** - One of the world’s leading archives of social science data, specializing in data from public opinion surveys.

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**Available in WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local**

**From Japan Medical Abstracts Society**

**Ichushi-Web** - An exhaustive collection of Japanese biomedical literature from a wide range of sources, such as journals published by academic societies, professional journals published by medical publishers, bulletins released by schools, and research reports published by public and private organizations and institutions.

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