Browse the Shelf to view nearby items

The Browse the Shelf feature allows Discovery users to see which items owned by the library are next to a selected item in the library’s collection, based on the item call numbers.

Browse the Shelf is available for WorldShare Management Services institutions with Local Holdings Records in their collection.

How does Browse the Shelf work?

The Browse the Shelf function displays items located next to a selected item based on the level 1 call number of the selected item. Browse the Shelf follows the classification rules of Library of Congress and Dewey. Results will vary, based on your institution’s adherence to the classification rules. Browse the Shelf only displays physical materials held by your institution.

How does Browse the Shelf appear in WorldCat Discovery?

On the detailed view, a Browse the Shelf accordion appears below the title information.

Nearby shelf items display in a tiled list with the selected item in the center of the list. Users can navigate to the left and right to see items before or after the selected item based on call number. If available, cover images display, along with brief details about the item, including the LHR supplied call number. When enabled, item availability also appears in the tile.
How to enable Browse the shelf

By default, Browse the Shelf is enabled for all libraries using WorldCat Management Services and WorldCat Discovery. The function is configured in OCLC Service Configuration, under WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local > User Interface Options > General Display Options. Toggle the feature off or on in the Display call number browse on detailed records field. For more information, see User Interface Options.