Find information about WorldCat Discovery accounts for patrons of non-WMS libraries and learn about the My Account feature for patrons of WMS libraries.

**For non-WorldShare Management Service libraries**

Allow users to manage personal lists and save searches by enabling end-user sign in.

**Enable end-user sign in**

All WorldCat Discovery libraries can provide sign-in capability for their users. This enables users to save searches and personal lists. See [Share records and create citations](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Get_started/Share_records_and_create_citations) for more information.

To enable non-WMS logon options, [register your library](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Get_started/Register_your_library) for end user logon capability. The OCLC implementation team will respond to the request and assist with configuration.

Institutions can select from the following implementation options:

- Create new accounts with an OCLC method that supports self-creation of authenticated accounts
- Use existing accounts with an OCLC link to your institution's existing authentication service, if it is compatible.

**Authentication requirements**

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| LDAP   | • External-facing IP/server name accessible from outside your network  
• Needs to be secure LDAP (LDAPS or LDAP with StartTLS)  
• Ability to open firewall to list of OCLC IP addresses  
• LDAP server must be running on port 636  
• Root CA certificate from your LDAP server (if your certificate is self-signed or not issued by a major certificate authority). Implementation team will alert | • Accounts are created automatically when patrons log in to Discovery for the first time  
• Library staff can see patron accounts in WorldShare Admin (names and email addresses)  
• Patrons are greeted with their first name in Discovery upon login |
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<td>• Supply CAS server URLs</td>
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<td>• GET requests are not currently supported</td>
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<td><strong>SAML</strong></td>
<td>• SAML 2.0 or above</td>
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<td>(includes SAML, Shibboleth, AD FS, Azure, Google SAML, Okta, etc.)</td>
<td>• Exchange or Shibboleth-related metadata between OCLC and your institution</td>
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<td>• Persistent ID which will be presented from Assertion/Subject/NameID from your SAML response</td>
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<td>• If you cannot send a persistent ID in the Subject/NameID, provide the name of an attribute that can be set as a unique, persistent value</td>
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<td>User self-registration (without a connection to an authentication system)</td>
<td>• You must require a specific, unique value from each patron (could be an institutional username, barcode, student ID, or email address); this value will be used by patrons when logging in.</td>
<td>• Library staff can see patron accounts in WorldShare Admin (names, usernames, and email addresses) • Patrons are greeted with their first name in Discovery upon login • Not recommended for libraries considering a move to WorldShare Management Services (WMS)</td>
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Note: These logon options are not available to Group Catalogs using WorldCat Discovery.

**For WorldShare Management Service libraries**

WorldCat Discovery allows patrons of WMS libraries to access their library account and take action on their items. For information about creating accounts, please see [User Management](#).

**Patron accounts in WorldCat Discovery**

1. From WorldCat Discovery, click your first name in the upper right corner of the screen.
2. Select My Account from the drop-down menu. The My Library Account screen appears.

A direct link to your library patrons’ My Library Account will have the following format: https://yourlibrary.on.worldcat.org/myaccount. Replace yourlibrary with your library’s identifier.
1. Checkouts

On the My Library Account screen, the Checkouts tab is displayed by default. From this tab, you can:

- View the status of all items you currently have checked out. Use the Sort by drop-down list to sort your checked out items by:
  - Due Date (default)
  - Title
  - Author
  - Format
  - Published Date
- Click the **Renew** button to renew an item.

2. Holds

Click the **Holds** tab to view a list of all items you have on hold, including those that are ready for pick-up. Use the Sort by drop-down list to sort your holds by:

- Queue Position (default)
- End Date
- Title
- Author
- Published Date

You can also edit or remove hold requests from the Holds screen.

**To edit a hold request:**

1. Click the **Edit** button. The Edit a hold for this item screen appears.
2. Change the selected pick up location or hold dates.
3. Click **Submit**. The request is updated.

**To remove a hold request:**

1. Click the **Remove** button. A confirmation message appears.
2. Click **Yes, remove my hold**. The request is removed from your account.

**3. Charges**

Note: Fees and fines cannot be paid from WorldCat Discovery.

Click the **Charges** tab to view all outstanding and accruing charges on your account.