WorldCat Discovery release notes, October 2019

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Introduction

This release of WorldCat Discovery provides a number of new features and enhancements in addition to a few bug fixes. These features will help you manage more complex workflows, including:

- Display public notes per item record
- Configuring StackMap based on availability

Many of these enhancements are the direct result of your feedback.

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.

Administrative actions

These items require immediate action or decisions.

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New features and enhancements

Public Notes from Local Holdings Records will display alongside item
information in WorldCat Discovery

As a direct result of user feedback we are improving the display of public notes from local holding records 852 subfield z fields to more efficiently communicate information about individual item holdings to users. This will help your users understand which individual item they may or may not want to request. In addition to helping individuals within an institution, this information will also be visible to users of group catalogs. In non-group catalogs the summary of all item notes will continue to display

Example of public note display in Group catalogs after Check Holdings button has been selected.
Prior to this release, public notes would only display in the holdings summary portion of availability displays in WorldCat Discovery suggesting that the note applied to all of the items in a library collection.

**StackMap can now be displayed based on item availability**

If your institution uses StackMap with WorldCat Discovery, you can now configure your site to display the StackMap button only for items that are physically available. This will help your users more easily locate the items they need in your physical collections. To better control the appearance of StackMap links and help your users find items that are physically available. To enable this setting, navigate to OCLC Service Configuration > Third-Party integrations > StackMap > Display StackMap link > Based on Availability.

When you select the option to display the StackMap link “Based On Availability,” the StackMap button will display for items configured with the status available or library use only – available in OCLC Service Configuration > WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local > OPAC Statuses, Locations, and Circulation Policies of OCLC Service.
Configuration in the accordion Item Availability from OPAC status grid. When an item has the status treatment of Available or Library use only – Available, the StackMap link will display in WorldCat Discovery.

Bug fixes

OpenURL ILL forms fixes

When OpenURL forms are used for placing an ILL request, publisher information will now display correctly. Prior to this release, publisher information that was present in the MARC record 264 field was not transmitted correctly into OpenURL ILL forms like those used with Tipasa and ILLiad.

The journal title element (jtitle) when present on a chapter citation will now pass correctly into the OpenURL resolver for article/chapter requests. Prior to this release, the jtitle would remain blank on the OpenURL ILL forms for chapter requests.

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Links from the knowledge base will display correctly when they contain the same coverage range

Knowledge base links that have the same coverage ranges but different URLs will be correctly de-duplicated in the WorldCat Discovery interface.

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.

Available in WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat.org

From Brill

Annotated Legal Documents on Islam in Europe Online - Annotated Legal Documents on Islam in Europe consists of an annotated collection of currently valid legal documents affecting the status of Islam and Muslims in Europe.

Available in WorldCat Discovery

From Adam Matthew Digital

Resource Source – Area Studies: China and Southeast Asia - A varied array of traders, missionaries, and diplomats, from the mid-seventeenth century to the late twentieth century, offering Western perspectives of Chinese culture and society.

Research Source – Area Studies: India - A vital resource for the study of Empire, the British Raj and the history, culture and literature of the Indian subcontinent from 1650-1942.

Research Source – Area Studies: Japan - A wide range of sources. By writers, diplomats, tourists, businessmen, missionaries, and others, documenting the political, cultural and social history of Japan from 1400 to the 20th century.

Research Source – Church Missionary Society Archive - A rich repository of source materials on the work of this globally influential organisation, founded in 1799 as an Anglican evangelical movement and is still active today.

Research Source – Empire Studies - Empire Studies offers a rich array for the study of the British Empire.

Important links


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Support website(s)

Support information for this product and related products can be found at:

- WorldCat Discovery
- Contact OCLC Support
- OCLC Community Center
- Browser compatibility chart

Include Request ID with problem reports

When reporting an issue with WorldCat Discovery, it is extremely helpful to include the Request ID. The Request ID is found at the bottom of the screen on which the issue occurred. Including this information allows us to directly trace what happened on the request we are troubleshooting.