WorldCat Discovery release notes, November 2019

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Introduction

This release includes several accessibility improvements. These features include:

- Options to provide translations for all free-text fields in the service configuration
- Accessibility improvements for screen reader software on Course Reserves

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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Update new translation fields where needed.

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New features and enhancements

Option to provide custom translations for all current configurable labels

Staff can now provide custom translations for all current configurable labels in Service Configuration. This includes all current fields where staff can input custom text. This enhancement brings uniformity across all modules and helps users reliably navigate the interface in their native language. Prior to this release, not all fields could be customized in this way. After this release, users will see the following 13 settings that allow for staff-provided custom text, and all existing fields use a new "Add Translations" button rather than the blue hyperlink that currently displays.

- Navigation Bar Descriptive text
- Display Text for all links
- Display Text for all fields
- Full Text OpenURL Resolvers, all labels
- Level 1 Place Hold/Request
- Level 2 Place Hold/Request
- Level 3 Place Hold/Request
- Level 1 Recall
- Resource Sharing (Any Level)
- Custom Messages
- Custom privacy policy header and message
- Custom broken link report confirmation message
- A to Z list and OCLC Link Resolver, all labels

Add Translated Display prior to release:
Add Translated Display after release:

**Improved accessibility for Course Reserves landing page**

In our commitment to improve the experience of WorldCat Discovery for all our users, we continue to make accessibility improvements. Users who utilize screen readers to navigate the WorldCat Discovery interface will now see the following:
Prior to this release, the searching and navigation of the Course Reserves landing page was difficult for screen readers to interpret.

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 Online

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

Post release sessions

To help you become familiar with the new features, enhancements and improvements included in this release, there are [number of update sessions] update sessions scheduled. Please note the session time zones when registering. The
sessions will be recorded and archived for future viewing on the OCLC Community Center. Please register, even if you are unable to attend, to receive a link to the recorded session.

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

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