WorldCat Discovery release notes, August 2020

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Introduction

This release of WorldCat Discovery provides an improvement to help users more easily identify and access open content in the search results. Additionally, we’ve included several bug fixes.

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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<td>Review the new enhancement and decide if you'd like to configure this feature in OCLC Service Configuration.</td>
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Follow-up actions

In an effort to keep your staff informed of new features and changes, you may also want to consider these items.
Review the new enhancement and bug fixes with your staff members.

New features and enhancements

Display of WorldCat 856 links for full text and open access resources

Users can now more easily identify and access open content in search results, item detail pages/panes, and course reserves through an improved display of WorldCat 856 links as primary links. Libraries can configure this new display in OCLC Service Configuration by selecting WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local > Full Text and Open Access Links > Links from WorldCat > Other. When configured, links will display as primary links when the WorldCat record contains:

- 856 field
- First indicator equal to 4
- Second indicator of 0
- Subfield u that contains a URL
- Subfield 7 equal to zero

Those links will display as primary links in the following WorldCat Discovery locations:

- Search results
- Item detail page/pane
- Course Reserves

Bug fixes

Local Holding Summary statement will now translate

Previously, local holdings records containing a default local holdings summary with the text “Local Holdings available” did not translate when switching languages in the WorldCat Discovery interface. After this release, the default text will translate in all supported WorldCat Discovery languages.
When search results are grouped by work or by edition and edition availability is enabled, users will no longer see duplicate displays of LHR data

When WorldCat Discovery search results were grouped by work or grouped by edition and edition availability was enabled in OCLC Service Configuration, users reported seeing duplicate local holdings records display on the item details pane and page. After this release, users will see the display of an accurate reflection of their local holdings records.

The OPAC status grid will correctly respond to temporary locations

When a temporary shelving location is assigned to a local holdings record and your institution uses the OPAC status grid to indicate the status treatment of available or unavailable, WorldCat Discovery will honor the temporary shelving locations. Prior to this release, the service looked only at the permanent shelving location.

Searches from My Account with diacritics are now successful

Prior to this release WorldCat Discovery searches originating in My Account resulted in the display of “A system error occurred” message. After this release, users will be passed through to their search correctly.

Course Reserves - search instructor names with diacritics fails

Searching within Course Reserves on an instructor’s name, course or department now correctly returns results.
Apply Year Range button in WorldCat Discovery facet screen

The customizable button to “Apply Year Range” recently stopped working. This has now been corrected in all browsers.

Display of public notes on 867 field for unstructured index/supplement holdings

Public notes for records mentioned in 867 $z fields have been corrected to display in the availability section of the interface.
New Content

This is a list of new databases added to WorldCat Discovery 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 and WorldCat.org

From Accessible Archives Inc

• The Women's Tribune, 1883-1909 - This database contains the complete run of all 724 issues of the second-longest-running woman suffrage newspaper - The Woman's Tribune.

From Bloomsbury Publishing

• Bloomsbury Human Kinetics Library - Contains content dedicated to the research, teaching, and understanding of kinesiology, sport, and exercise science.

From BuildingGreen

• BuildingGreen - BuildingGreen helps architects, designers and other sustainability professionals make their projects greener and healthier.
From Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA)

- Catholic News Archive – The Archive is a project of the Catholic Research Resources Alliance (CRRA), a non-profit alliance of archives and libraries collaborating in support of the mission to provide enduring global access to Catholic research resources.

From Giuffre Francis Lefebvre

- Giuffre Francis Lefebvre - Operating system for the legal and tax professions.

From McGraw-Hill Education

- AccessDermatologyDxRx – A resource covering the full scope of dermatologic conditions, with thousands of images that include essential information to help with clinical decision-making. Contains information for all physicians and other healthcare providers including medical students, dermatology residents, internists, oncologists, and infectious disease specialists.

Available in WorldCat Discovery

From Adam Matthew Digital

- Early Modern England: Society, Culture and Everyday Life - This collection of primary sources looks at two centuries of everyday, political, religious, working, trading and administrative life in England during this pivotal epoch.

- Nineteenth Century Literary Society: The John Murray Publishing Archive - This digital resource enables researchers to discover the golden age of the company that published genre-defining titles including Darwin’s On the Origin of Species, Austen’s Emma, and Livingstone’s Missionary Travels.

- Research Source: Business, Economic and Labour History - A range of important sources from Britain and America, covering key subjects within this historical field, including Keynesian economic policy in post-war Britain; international labour movements; the London stock exchange; and papers of important economists.

Important links

Support Websites

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

- WorldCat Discovery support resources
- WorldCat Discovery training
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.