WorldCat Discovery

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WorldCat Discovery is a cloud-based application that helps people easily find resources available at their library and in libraries worldwide through a single search. Library users and staff use their WorldCat Discovery instance to search the WorldCat database, to identify materials they need, and to see where they are available.

1. See Introduction to WorldCat Discovery to get started.
2. See how to Configure WorldCat Discovery features and Search in WorldCat Discovery.
3. Find live and recorded Training.

• Get started

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Get started with WorldCat Discovery.

◦ Available collections and databases
◦ Create staff accounts
◦ Definitions
◦ Introduction to WorldCat Discovery
◦ Staff features
◦ WorldCat Discovery account roles

• Configure WorldCat Discovery features

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WorldCat Discovery Services provides a suite of cloud-based applications that brings the FirstSearch and WorldCat Local services together.

◦ Configuration for WorldCat Local libraries moving to WorldCat Discovery
◦ Configure content and staff features
◦ Configure patron facing features
◦ Proxy settings checklist

• Display local data

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Learn how data unique to your institution displays in WorldCat Discovery.
• Full-text link display
• Local bibliographic data (LBD) field mapping
• Local holdings record (LHR) field mapping

• Search in WorldCat Discovery

Use advanced search strategies and filter results to optimize your search results in WorldCat Discovery.

• Search and use query syntax
• Filter and refine search results
• How item bibliographic data is displayed
• Share records and create citations
• Use the Advanced Search screen
• Searching the Central Index and Remote Databases in WorldCat Discovery
• FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery index differences

• Reserve and request items

Use WorldCat Discovery's advanced features to request and reserve discovered items.

• How item status displays in your OPAC
• Place holds on items
• Set up and use course reserves

• Promote

Use advanced features to create search links and search boxes to promote your library's WorldCat Discovery service.

• Create Advanced Search links and search boxes
• Promote WorldCat Discovery in your library

• Frequently asked questions

Frequently asked questions (FAQ) about WorldCat Discovery.

• Can I customize my library's WorldCat Discovery URL?
• Can library staff view MARC records in the Discovery interface?
• How do I represent my subscription content?
• What advanced search options are provided for expert searchers?
What features are included in the staff view of WorldCat Discovery?
- What is the difference between WorldCat and WorldCat.org? What do I need to know about the central index?
- Which libraries should enable OCLC databases? Non-OCLC databases?
- Which WorldCat Discovery features are customizable?
- Will my ILS interoperate with WorldCat Discovery to deliver real-time availability status?
- Will my library's coverage information be reflected if I enable non-OCLC databases of my subscription content?

• WorldCat Discovery release notes and known issues

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Find WorldCat Discovery release notes and known issues. Release notes are documents that contain information about new product features and enhancements as installed in scheduled releases.

- 2017 Release notes
- 2018 Release notes
- Known issues

• Training

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Find training on WorldCat Discovery.

- Live classes
- WorldCat Discovery configuration: Content and staff features
- WorldCat Discovery configuration: Patron-facing features
- WorldCat Discovery search fundamentals
- WorldCat Discovery interface features
- Course reserves in WorldCat Discovery
- Videos