WorldCat Discovery

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Query Search

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

Would you like to talk with OCLC staff? Visit us in WorldCat Discovery office hours.

- Get started

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  Get started with WorldCat Discovery.
  - Available collections and databases
  - Create staff accounts
  - Definitions
  - Introduction to WorldCat Discovery (video)
  - Staff features
  - WorldCat Discovery account roles
  - WorldCat Discovery office hours

- 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
  - Set up and use course reserves
• 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

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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

• Promote

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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

• Tips

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WorldCat Discovery tips are available in the Community Center via the listserv WorldCat-Discovery-L.

◦ Your OCLC Services account and staff-specific features (17 April 2015)
◦ Tools to help you get started with WorldCat Discovery (23 April 2015)
◦ The training you need, when you need it (30 April 2015)
◦ Expert searching (11 May 2015)
◦ Searching for print books (15 May 2015)
◦ WorldCat Discovery printing and new documentation (21 May 2015)
◦ WorldCat Discovery central index content (2 June 2015)
◦ Promotional materials to support your WorldCat Discovery introduction (5 June 2015)
• Link from search results to your library's OPAC (11 June 2015)
• Convenient access to your WorldCat Discovery search box from websites (10 July 2015)
• Streamlining access to licensed or open access content in an authenticated environment (18 August 2016)

• 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?
◦ Where can I go to get more help with configuring my library’s WorldCat Discovery site?
◦ 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?

• Training

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

• Release notes and known issues

Release notes contain information about new product features and enhancements as installed in scheduled releases.

◦ WorldCat Discovery release notes, January 2016
WorldCat Discovery release notes, March 2016
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, April 2016
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, May 2016
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, June 2016
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, August 2016
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, September 2016
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, October 2016
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, December 2016
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, January 2017
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- Known issues