Query  Search
Welcome to the support page for WorldCat Discovery. Visit these pages to find materials to help you configure and use WorldCat discovery.

1. Get started. Watch a video for a brief introduction to WorldCat Discovery. Register for a course listed on the Training page.
2. Configure settings.
3. Explore features. Find details about advanced searching and interface features, such as citations and lists.

Learn more in a training course: WorldCat Discovery training classes

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

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.

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

• 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

• Tips

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)
• 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
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, February 2017
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, March 2017
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, April 2017
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, May 2017
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, June 2017
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, July 2017
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, August 2017
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, October 2017
- WorldCat Discovery release notes, November 2017
- Known issues