WorldCat Discovery release notes, February 2017

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Introduction

The following release notes are for the February 16, 2017 release of WorldCat Discovery.

WorldCat Discovery February release highlights

Now users can quickly find the most recent, locally-held edition displayed in search results, with the continued option to view additional editions. Users will also see availability dates displayed in their local format.

Planned enhancements to WorldCat Discovery

A January 2017 update of the WorldCat Discovery roadmap is available on the WorldCat Discovery Community Center. Consult this document to see what’s next for WorldCat Discovery. Plans for February – March 2017 include adding temporary items to course reserves, support for transferring course reserves data from WorldCat Local and more accurate links to e-resources using the WorldCat knowledge base.

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 particular request we are troubleshooting.

https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Release_notes/2017_Release_notes/095_20...
New features and enhancements

Record for most recent, locally-held edition now displays in search results

When multiple editions of an item are available, the most recent, locally-held edition now displays in search results. Users can choose to view additional editions as needed. This change from displaying the record with the most WorldCat holdings is in response to user feedback about their preferences for finding editions.

Learn more about our approach to clustering, the process that pulls similar editions and formats into a group or cluster.

The former approach to surfacing items with multiple editions was:

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Match query to items in a cluster
Select items that match the script of the query
Select items that are held by the library
Choose item that is most-widely held
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Now, the record that displays represents more recent publications available from your library:

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Match query to items in a cluster
Select items that match the script of the query
Select items that are held by the library
Choose item that is most recent
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This change is illustrated below for results from the search “ideals varieties and algorithms.” As you can see, this library owns three copies. There is an older edition with many holdings attached to its WorldCat record and a more recent edition with fewer holdings attached to the WorldCat record.
With this month's change, the more recent 2007 edition displays to users...
Availability dates display in the local format

WorldCat Discovery now displays dates in the format users are accustomed to reading. Below are two examples showcasing the difference in the date display.

In the United States, users are accustomed to a MM-DD-YYYY format:
In the United Kingdom, users are accustomed to a DD-MM-YYYY format:

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**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.**

The complete list of databases is available at [https://www.oclc.org/content/dam/supporttargetID.xlsx](https://www.oclc.org/content/dam/supporttargetID.xlsx)

**Available in WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org**

**From Al Manhal FZ LLC**

**Al Manhal eBook Collection** – Al Manhal is the leading Arabic electronic content service provider and the industry’s only provider of full-text searchable electronic databases of peerreviewed and copyright protected Arabic publications. Al Manhal enables academics, researchers and library users to efficiently discover and access thousands of electronic publications from the Arab world’s leading publishers and research institutes.

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**From Brill**

**Brill’s Encyclopedia of the Middle Ages** - Articles on aspects of medieval history, culture and belief.

**Dead Sea Scrolls Electronic Library Non-Biblical Texts** - Brill’s Electronic Library offers a unique opportunity to study state of the art photographs of these ancient scripts and understand their meaning using the translations of text and interpretations for missing fragments.

**Enzyklopädie jüdischer Geschichte und Kultur** - From Europe to America to the Middle East, North Africa and other non-European Jewish settlement areas the Enzyklopädie jüdischer Geschichte und Kultur covers the recent history of the Jews from 1750 until the 1950s.

**Flavius Josephus Online** - This is the first comprehensive literary-historical online commentary on the works of Flavius Josephus in English including the Greek text by Niese from the late 19th century.

**Lexicon of Greek Grammarians of Antiquity** – Point of reference for information on ancient grammarians for scholars of Greek and Latin antiquity, in particular for research into the history of philology, grammar and ancient scholarship.

**Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum Online** – Publication collecting newly published Greek inscriptions and studies on previously known documents.

**From HBO Kennisbank**

**HBO Kennisbank** – Within colleges, many publications such as articles, research reports and theses are produced by lecturers, teachers and students. The Knowledge makes these materials from colleges visible and available for sharing and reuse. The Knowledge is therefore an important gateway to the results of research from universities.

**From McGraw-Hill Education**

**AccessCardiology** – An online resource with content addressing the most current standards of care, research, and clinical trials through references from experts in the field of cardiology in areas such as interventional cardiology and electrophysiology.

**Available in WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local**

**From Adam Matthew Digital**

**Frontier Life: Borderlands, Settlement and Colonial Encounters** – Journey to the far reaches of settler frontiers across the globe.

https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Release_notes/2017_Release_notes/095_20...
Shakespeare in Performance: Prompt Books from the Folger Shakespeare Library – Research key performances of Shakespeare’s plays through the prompt books of the famous actors and directors who brought the Bard’s works to life.

Important links

Office hours

• No longer offered. OCLC Support for assistance.

Product website

More product information can be found here.

Support website(s)

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

• WorldCat Discovery support resources
• WorldCat Discovery training
• Release notes
• OCLC Support
• OCLC Community Center
• Browser compatibility chart

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