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Introduction

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

WorldCat Discovery March release highlights

Users can now find temporary materials on their courses, read use notes on materials specific to their course instruction and more.

Also, users can more reliably access permalinks, and libraries transitioning from WorldCat Local can redirect permalinks in their extensive resources directly to WorldCat Discovery.

Planned enhancements to WorldCat Discovery

For the April 2017 release, we will support the transfer of course reserves data from WorldCat Local to WorldCat Discovery.

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.
New features and enhancements

Support for temporary items in course reserves

The inclusion of temporary materials to course reserves gives students access to the full set of materials provided by their professors.

WorldCat Discovery course reserves staff with the manager or maintainer roles can now create and manage access to temporary materials. The inclusion of temporary materials in course reserves enables users to find professor-owned books, electronic media and other materials that a library may not wish to permanently add to its collections for circulation. Staff can add and remove temporary materials related to any course. Additionally, all course materials now support use notes that provide information about unique aspects of these reserve materials.

NOTE to course reserves staff: You need to add temporary course reserve materials to your circulating collections through WorldShare Management Circulation. Once added to circulating materials, the call number can be added during temporary material creation in course reserves to help users find the material’s location.

Course reserves workflows have been improved to increase user efficiency.

- Items are listed alphabetically by title to help users quickly find the item they need.
- Staff can place reserves from search results, eliminating the need to view the detailed record.
- Staff can quickly navigate among the course, temporary materials and items cataloged in library collections.

Create, edit, duplicate and delete temporary materials

Create temporary materials from the new “Temporary Materials” page

Create Temporary Material
Enter the required title and all other optional fields to create temporary materials.

After creating an entry for the temporary material, managers and maintainers will see the new entry display in the temporary materials list with a confirmation message directing them to navigate directly to the material’s detailed page.
Maintainers and managers can then edit, duplicate or delete the temporary material anywhere it displays using the drop-down menu in the familiar gear icon.

- **Editing** updates metadata associated with that material. Any field may change as long as the title is not empty. Save metadata changes to update an item with newly entered metadata.
- **Duplicating** uses existing metadata to create a record for a new item. You may edit any fields in the record as long as the title is not empty.
as the title is not empty. When you save the duplicate record, a new record will be created for the added temporary material. No changes will be made to the record chosen for duplication.

- **Deleting** a material removes it from each course and deletes it permanently. This action is nonrecoverable.

**Title display of temporary materials**

Users can review a display of temporary materials by title to quickly find the items they need.

An alphabetical list of up to 100 titles of temporary items per page displays in course reserves
Add and remove temporary materials to a course

Course reserves maintainers and managers may add and remove temporary materials to their courses. This workflow is similar to the existing workflow to attach permanent bibliographic items.

First, search for a course and select the gear dropdown to add items to the course.

You may search catalog items, browse temporary materials or finish reserving from any page while reserving materials.
Next, navigate to the temporary materials page and click the “Reserve” button to add a temporary material to the course.
After reserving the temporary material (or permanent bibliographic material), either close the confirmation or navigate directly to the course to manage the newly added material.

Additional course reserves functionality

Provide supplemental information about course reserve items in use notes.

Course-level use notes give users additional background on the importance of a material to course objectives. Maintainers and managers can add and edit course-level notes to all course materials. Notes are specific to a course, so the same material can have different notes for different courses. To delete a note, edit the note and delete its entire content.

Material-level notes can also be provided for temporary course reserve materials. These notes can be added, edited or deleted when creating or editing the temporary material. This note displays for every course the material is added to, similar to local holdings records.
Title sort simplifies browsing

Previously, course reserve materials appeared in the order they were added to the course. To help users quickly find the items they need, course materials are now sorted by title under each course.
Save time by reserving materials directly from search results

Users can reserve materials directly from the search results page, rather than clicking into the detailed display of the record to place a reserve.
Simplified permalinks

Permalinks are shorter, making them easier to consistently and reliably link to detailed records from WorldCat Discovery search results. An institution’s database configuration change no longer breaks permalinks if the record exists in at least one configured and accessible database.

Simplified, shorter permalinks are still available from sharing options in search results. After selecting the "Record link" from the share options, the permalink displays to copy and paste.

All permalinks previously established in WorldCat Discovery will continue to send users to the detailed record.
Configure permalinks to redirect from WorldCat Local to WorldCat Discovery

Students, faculty and staff using WorldCat Local have many permalinks that reference detailed WorldCat Local records. To ease the transition from WorldCat Local to WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Discovery administrators can configure OCLC Service Configuration to automatically send their users' WorldCat Local permalinks within training or support documentation straight to WorldCat Discovery. No change is needed to these links. Bookmarks that are not specifically permalinks will still need updated or changed to permalinks for the redirection to occur.

To enable this feature, log in to Service Configuration, navigate to My WorldCat.org -> User Interface Options and select the option to redirect WorldCat Local permanent or bookmarked links to WorldCat Discovery. The redirect will take effect 10 to 15 minutes after all caches have cleared.
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/supp...ttargetID.xlsx

Available in WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org

From BMJ

BMJ Journals – Content for health professionals and researchers around the world.

From Brill

BrillOnline Primary Sources – Art History – Brill’s Primary Source Collections consist mainly of scanned archives, monographs, periodicals, newspapers, herbaria, manuscripts and photograph collections and are often the only source
of rare documents outside of the source library itself.

**BrillOnline Primary Sources – Asian Studies** – Brill’s Primary Source Collections consist mainly of scanned archives, monographs, periodicals, newspapers, herbaria, manuscripts and photograph collections and are often the only source of rare documents outside of the source library itself.

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**BrillOnline Primary Sources – Jewish Studies** – Brill’s Primary Source Collections consist mainly of scanned archives, monographs, periodicals, newspapers, herbaria, manuscripts and photograph collections and are often the only source of rare documents outside of the source library itself.

**BrillOnline Primary Sources – Middle East and Islamic Studies** – Brill’s Primary Source Collections consist mainly of scanned archives, monographs, periodicals, newspapers, herbaria, manuscripts and photograph collections and are often the only source of rare documents outside of the source library itself.

**BrillOnline Primary Sources – Religious Studies** – Brill’s Primary Source Collections consist mainly of scanned archives, monographs, periodicals, newspapers, herbaria, manuscripts and photograph collections and are often the only source of rare documents outside of the source library itself.

**BrillOnline Primary Sources – Slavic and Eurasian Studies** – Brill’s Primary Source Collections consist mainly of scanned archives, monographs, periodicals, newspapers, herbaria, manuscripts and photograph collections and are often the only source of rare documents outside of the source library itself.

**Gregorii Nysseni Opera Online** – Critical text edition of Gregory of Nyssa’s works based on all available known manuscripts.

**Jesuit Historiography Online** – Aimed at scholars of Jesuit history as well as the many disciplines with which it intersects, each essay in JHO provides a summary of key texts from the earlier literature, a painstaking survey of more recent work, and a digest of archival and online resources.

**From Duncker & Humblot**

**Duncker & Humblot eJournals** – Duncker & Humblot GmbH journals.

**From Henry Stewart Publications**

**Henry Stewart Management, Marketing & Finance Journals** – Peer-reviewed, vocational journals supporting employability and career development.

**From Mary Ann Liebert Publishers**

**Mary Ann Liebert Online** – Mary Ann Liebert Online contains authoritative international publications in cutting-edge
basic and translational biomedical research, with expanding scope in engineering, business, environment, and legal publication.

From NARCIS (National Academic Research and Collaborations Information System)

NARCIS – NARCIS, the gateway to scholarly information in the Netherlands.

Important links

Office hours

- No longer offered. Contact 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 customer support
- OCLC Community Center
- Browser compatibility chart

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