WorldCat Discovery release notes, August 2021


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Introduction

This release of WorldCat Discovery provides a number of new features and enhancements to the modernized WorldCat Discovery interface. These features will help you manage more complex workflows, including:

- Configure default sort of availability detail
- Search Expansion favors broader search recall
- Additional 19 million items available for use in the Open Access filter
- Subject vocabulary grouping display includes new ontology
- Share action includes sender's email for easy reply
- Improved formatting on the "Copy Link" action
- Improved visibility of the search box when a light brand color is configured

Many of these enhancements are the direct result of your feedback.

Recommended actions

For this release, we recommend that you review the following checklists and complete the relevant tasks so that you can adjust your policies and workflows and train your staff. These checklists identify updates that we have determined as significant for most institutions. We encourage you to review all of the items in the release notes to determine whether there are other items that might require additional action or follow up by your institution.

Configure default sort of availability detail: This setting can be found in OCLC Service Configuration: WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local > Item Detail Settings > Availability Detail Sort Options.

Follow-up actions

In an effort to keep your staff informed of new features and changes, you may want to review these enhancements with them.
New features and enhancements

Configure default sort of availability detail

WMS libraries and WorldCat Discovery Premium libraries with real-time availability will now be able to configure a default sort order within the availability detail table for each branch/holding location on the item details page.

Previously the default sort was by Status ascending meaning that items with statuses treated as Available (green check mark) were listed first, sorted alphanumerically, followed by items with statuses treated as Unavailable (red no symbol/prohibition sign), sorted alphanumerically.

While users could already re-sort the table in either ascending or descending order by clicking the head of each column (Shelving Location, Call Number, Status), libraries may now configure one of six sort options as the default:

- Call number ascending
- Call number descending
- Shelving location ascending
- Shelving location descending
- Status ascending
- Status descending

Call number and Shelving location sorts are alphanumeric:

- ascending 0 to 9, A to Z
- descending Z to A, 9 to 0

These default sort options can be found in OCLC Service Configuration: WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local > Item Detail Settings > Availability Detail Sort Options.
The screen below shows sort by Shelving location ascending:

Availability at OCLC WorldShare Management Services - Test Library

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Shelving Location</th>
<th>Call Number</th>
<th>Status</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Library USE Only</td>
<td>1122021440VM</td>
<td>On Hold</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAIN-STACKS</td>
<td>1192021500VM</td>
<td>Available</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note: Test Message</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAIN-STACKS</td>
<td>QA76.6.C662 2009</td>
<td>Available</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note: Test Message</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MAIN-STACKS</td>
<td>202103111135rhh</td>
<td>Available</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Note: Test Message</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QA-AG</td>
<td>RA03082021</td>
<td>Circulation Information is Unavailable</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Search Expansion favors broader search recall

To broaden search recall on search expansions that use authority vocabularies, the following changes have been made:

**Keyword index searches no longer expand on subject-specific indexes**

When the user searches over the keyword index, all search expansions will use the keyword index instead of limiting to a narrower index. This will ensure matching phrases from uncontrolled vocabularies (such as many central index provider subject headings).

**Authority vocabulary expansions no longer use an unanchored phrase search**

Search expansions will no longer search as unanchored phrases (e.g. “unanchored phrase”). Instead, they will search as keywords over the appropriate index. This will ensure that terms that are separated by subfields return in the search results.
Additional 19 million items available for use in the Open Access filter

The following databases are now available for use in the Open Access filter:

- Europeana
- Open Library of Humanities
- UCL Press Journals
- Wolters Kluwer Medknow

Subject vocabulary grouping display includes new ontology

The item details subject groupings will now display the Gender, Sex, and Sexual Orientation (GSSO) subject vocabulary name:

- Gender Fluid
- Gender Fluid LBD

Share action includes sender's email for easy reply

When sharing an item from the “Share” action on search results or item details pages, the email sent will now include the sender’s email (“Your Email”) to you and the recipients. The sender’s email is included in the ‘To’ line of the email for easy reply.

Improved formatting on the "Copy Link" action

When sharing an item from the “Share” action on search results or item details pages, the “Copy Link” functionality will now generate a link without the grey background.

Improved visibility of the search box when a light brand color is configured

An outline color has been added to improve the visibility of the search box across WorldCat Discovery and better comply with accessibility.

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New Content

This is a list of new databases added to WorldCat Discovery 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 as a spreadsheet: [contentlisttargetID.xlsx](#).

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

**From Accessible Archives, Inc.**

**The Oglethorpe Barrage (Trench and Camp-Chattanooga Daily Times)** - U.S. military camp newspaper printed in Tennessee.

**From American Psychiatric Association Publishing**

**PsychiatryOnline** - PsychiatryOnline is a powerful web-based portal that features DSM-5®—the most widely used psychiatric reference in the world—and The American Journal of Psychiatry as the cornerstones of an unsurpassed collection of psychiatric references from American Psychiatric Publishing, the most trusted and respected name in psychiatric publishing.

**From Europeana**

**Europeana** - Millions of openly licensed digital records from European museums, galleries, libraries and archives. The collections feature content in all media formats (images/text/audio/video/3D), in over 20 languages, and on various themes, including artworks, photographs, fashion designs, 3D images, maps, newspapers, and more.

**From RMIT Publishing**

**Informit EduTV** - An online streaming resource designed for Australian tertiary institutions. Includes documentaries, drama, and series from various TV channels.

**Informit TVNews** - Provides access to Australian television news services as well as current affairs and documentary shows.

**Important links**

**Support website(s)**

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

- [WorldCat Discovery support resources](#)
- [WorldCat Discovery training](#)
- [Release notes](#)
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 request we are troubleshooting.

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