Configure patron facing features

Follow these instructions to customize patron facing features in WorldCat Discovery. Determine whether or not your library needs to modify the initial selections. WorldCat Discovery configuration options are accessible in the administrative interface, OCLC Service Configuration. If you need help to create an account, see the tutorial Create an Account for OCLC Service Configuration.

Learn more in a training course: WorldCat Discovery configuration: Patron-facing features

Personalize your Discovery interface

Sign in to OCLC Service Configuration, navigate to WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local > User Interface Options to:

- Change or add a logo
- Add links to your library contact information page, or links to other pages to which your patrons need access

Enable end-user sign in (for non-WorldShare Management Service libraries)

All WorldCat Discovery libraries can provide sign-in capability for their users. This enables users to save searches and personal lists. See Share records and create citations for more information.

To enable non-WMS logon options, register your library for end user logon capability. The OCLC implementation team will respond to the request and assist with configuration.

Institutions can select from the following implementation options:

- Create new accounts with an OCLC method that supports self-creation of authenticated accounts
- Use existing accounts with an OCLC link to your institution's existing authentication service, if it is compatible.

Authentication requirements

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<td>• Ability to open firewall to list of OCLC IP addresses</td>
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<td>• Root CA certificate from your LDAP server (if your certificate is self-signed or not issued by a major certificate authority). The implementation team will alert you if a certificate is required.</td>
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| User self-registration (without a connection to an authentication system) | • You must require a specific, unique value from each patron (could be an institutional username, barcode, student ID, or email address); this value will be used by patrons when logging in. | • Library staff can see patron accounts in WorldShare Admin (names, usernames, and email addresses)  
• Patrons are greeted with their first name in Discovery upon login  
• Not recommended for libraries considering a move to WorldShare Management Services (WMS) |
| | • Test account required | authenticate patrons only. No patron name or email address will be visible with the account.  
• Library staff will not be able to see the patrons' names or email addresses in WorldShare Admin. All accounts will display as "Not Supplied" as the name.  
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Note: These logon options are not available to Group Catalogs using WorldCat Discovery.

**Add a link to your library's OPAC**

Enable links so that users can go from a search result to an item record in your OPAC. See:

- Configure links to your online catalog

**Add a patron facing ILL button**

WorldCat Discovery supports: WorldShare ILL, Tipasa, ILLiad, and OpenURL-compliant forms (OpenURL 1.0).

1. Sign in to [OCLC Service Configuration](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Configure_WorldCat_Discovery/Configure_p...).  
2. Navigate to WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local > Place Hold/Request Buttons.  
3. Follow the instructions to: [Add a button that takes your patrons to your interlibrary loan form](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Configure_WorldCat_Discovery/Configure_p...).  
4. Continue to the next section on this page for instructions to add a proxy and a prompt for patrons’ remote access options.
Watch a video

Configure an ILL request button in WorldCat Discovery (8:51)

This video demonstrates how to configure the ILL request link in WorldCat Discovery.

Add a custom chat widget

If your library offers online reference service, configure your custom links to open a chat widget in a new window when the link or chat area is clicked.

1. Sign in to OCLC Service Configuration.
2. Navigate to WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local > User interface options.
3. Enter information for Custom link 1:
   a. Link type: Select library contact info
   b. Display Chat Widget: To display the chat widget for patrons, select Yes.
   c. Using a different reference service, such as LibAnswers?
      ▪ You can display a different chat widget by pasting a code snippet in the Chat code box provided
         ▪ Chat code: When copying and pasting a code snippet, ensure that it is copied directly from the source. When the code is copied from an e-mail or text document, carriage returns can sometimes be entered which will cause the code to fail.
         ▪ Display text: Create a custom text label of your choice (limit 24 characters).
         ▪ Click test URL to confirm that the widget appears as desired.

Note: The recommended size for the widget is 185 pixels wide x 275 pixels high. URLs referenced within the chat widget code must utilize HTTPS to avoid mixed content warnings raised by most modern web browsers, which could render the chat widget inoperable.

Add a Custom Notification

Configure a custom message to display to your library users in WorldCat Discovery and in My Account and notify them of important information.

To configure a Custom Notification, see Display Settings, Custom Notification.