WorldCat Discovery release notes, November 2017

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Introduction

The following release notes are for the November 2, 2017 release of WorldCat Discovery.

WorldCat Discovery November release highlights

Users can view search results based on their grouping preference, and can expect consistent information whether grouped or ungrouped. Also, users can intuitively interpret coverage data from the WorldCat knowledge base, and musicians can choose materials for their ensembles with the "Instrumentation" field.

Recommended actions

Ensure your library search boxes are not ungrouping materials using the "Library" sort option over the "Libraries Worldwide scope."

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
Ungrouped results show consistent information

Records displayed in ungrouped results now show the same data as records in grouped results:

1. "Held by" statement is visible at all times.
2. Fulfillment options for full text and availability display on both results from the same cluster.
3. Moving to another page will not revert the "Group related editions" selection, which could cause an oops page to appear.

Known Issue: "Library" sort option does not work with ungrouped worldwide results

The "Library" sort option does not correctly filter results based on holdings groups when "Libraries WorldWide" is selected as the scope option.

While we improve the "Library" sort option, you can continue to get relevant grouped results using the "Library" sort option or switch to the improved "Best Match" and "Recency" algorithms for grouped or ungrouped results.

Availability clearly displays coverage data from the WorldCat knowledge base

When the display of WorldCat knowledge base data was improved recently to clearly label each field, the "Coverage"
"Instrumentation" helps musicians choose materials for their ensembles

In collaboration with the Music OCLC Users Group (MOUG), the previous “Medium of Performance” field within the detailed record now displays using preferences collected by MOUG and defined by the greater music librarian community. “Instrumentation” displays number of performers, the total performers/soloists/ensembles. The “Numeric Designation” and “Key” fields are no longer duplicated:

Instrumentation: violin (2); viola; cello; Total performers: 4.
Numeric Designation of Musical Work: K. 499
Key: D major

Additionally, alternate instruments display with an "OR":

Instrumentation: cello; piano; Total performers: 2.
clarinet OR viola; piano; Total performers: 2.

Doubling instruments display with a forward slash "/":

Instrumentation: speaker; flute/piccolo; clarinet/bass clarinet; violin/viola; cello; piano;
Total performers: 6.

And notes display with brackets "[]":

Instrumentation: alto voice; tenor voice; bass voice; mixed chorus [SATB]; piano

New content

This is a list of new databases added to WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org since our last update.

https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Release_notes/2017_Release_notes/055_20…

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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 here.

Available in WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org

Informit A+ Education from RMIT Publishing
Informit AGIS from RMIT Publishing
Informit Australian Public Affairs from RMIT Publishing

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
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