WorldCat Local

The single search that connects people to all of your library materials
WorldCat® Local is more than the world’s largest catalogue of books. It’s the single search that connects people to all of your materials—physical, electronic and digital—and to the library delivery services that get them what they need.

For libraries that want simple yet sophisticated end-user discovery, WorldCat Local brings you a new concept—your own next-generation discovery tool already tailor-made and ready to be switched on for your library.

Unlike other discovery services, WorldCat Local is based on a proven Web-scale solution for libraries—WorldCat.org®. The user interface and experience are tried and tested with over 2.5 million unique visitors a month from all over the world. All you have to do is configure the interface to reflect your library’s branding and holdings and the same experience becomes that of your library.

One search is all it takes
With WorldCat Local, you give your users access to a single search box that eliminates the need to consult separate resources and interfaces. They will have instant access to your library’s materials—digital objects, electronic materials, databases, ejournals, music, videos, audio, eBooks, maps, journals, theses and print. Plus, they'll see what's available in group and consortial catalogues, as well as all other WorldCat® libraries.

Connect users with the items they need
WorldCat Local simplifies the discovery-to-delivery experience by letting your library users find what they want, when and where they want it. No more looking for different kinds of library resources using different interfaces, or even thinking about your services as separate systems.

Only the most appropriate “get it” options are presented, so users quickly connect with the items they need. Within the WorldCat Local interface, users see what is available locally, in group or consortial catalogues, and worldwide through resource sharing services. And because WorldCat Local integrates with your live circulation data, users know immediately whether an item is available. One click lets an authorised user view an electronic copy or place a hold or resource sharing request.

Building on the foundation of WorldCat
WorldCat Local expands your library’s collection by combining items from your library, relevant groups, and consortia and

“By selecting WorldCat Local to provide a new interface to our library’s resources York St John University will be able to offer students and staff simple ‘one-stop’ searching across all locally accessible content backed by the unsurpassed resources of WorldCat, and all at an affordable price.”
—Tony Chalcraft
University Librarian, York St John University

libraries around the world in a single result set. Because it builds on decades of work done by member libraries worldwide, WorldCat Local helps your users discover unique local resources alongside those of the entire cooperative. This makes for a truly rewarding research experience.

Put your library on the Web
With WorldCat Local, your library gains Web visibility through OCLC’s partnerships with leading search engines (Google, Yahoo!), services such as Google Books, social networking services and other popular sites.
An OCLC core objective is to help libraries reduce costs wherever we possibly can. We understand that the implementation of end-user discovery tools can be extremely onerous for staff. Many end-user service installations become long-term library projects and maintenance is an ongoing overhead.

Our aim is to remove as much complexity as possible from the process.

**Connect users on the Web**

Because WorldCat Local offers the same feature set as WorldCat.org—a site built to encourage and sustain high levels of traffic—your users will instantly feel at home with the look and feel of the interface. We include relevancy ranking of search results, results sets that bring multiple versions of a work together under one record, faceted browsing capability, citation formatting options and cover art.

In addition a wide array of social networking tools let users share opinions and expertise with online peers. They can create lists of favourite topics (excellent for study groups and class requirements), write reviews, make recommendations and create personal profiles just as they do on other popular social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter.

**More content and more connections means better value**

WorldCat Local now provides single-search access to all OCLC electronic materials, and to resources in a variety of non-OCLC databases. Users no longer need to log in to multiple interfaces or navigate numerous results sets to find and get to the information they need.

All OCLC electronic resources—including FirstSearch® databases, Electronic Collections Online™ ejournals, ArchiveGrid® archival collection descriptions and CAMIO® (the Catalog of Art Museum Images Online)—are now searchable from WorldCat Local. In addition, NetLibrary eBook and eAudiobook records are searchable in the OCLC eBook database and in a freely accessible NetLibrary database that WorldCat Local libraries can choose to activate.

Additionally, the entire WorldCat database of more than 170 million bibliographic records plus more than 85 million article-level records from OAIster, ArticleFirst®, PapersFirst®, ProceedingsFirst®, MEDLINE, ERIC, British Library Inside Serials and Elsevier indexed in WorldCat.org continue to be accessible through the interface.
WorldCat Local—at a glance

Benefits

Information seekers use a single interface—they don’t need to jump between multiple systems to search different kinds of materials.

Fast, seamless access to the most appropriate delivery options means users link directly to electronic content, location and circulation status, and resource sharing without having to know your library’s workflows.

Simple, network-level implementation means no local installation of hardware or software. WorldCat Local integrates with your current ILS and other services.

Your library users see the easiest-to-get items first, and have access to WorldCat libraries worldwide.

Deliver your library’s resources at the point of need. Your search box can be placed on any Web page or Web-enabled workspaces, such as eLearning courses.

Meet users’ Web-influenced expectations with simple keyword search and global social networking tools, such as list sharing, reviews, ratings and personal profiles.

Social Web activities are provided at a global level, in addition to local and regional Interaction.

WorldCat Local provides increased Web visibility for your library because users can reach your library from Google, Yahoo! and other partner Web sites.

Features

Local configuration options for interface, content and integration work together with existing circulation and delivery services.

A single search box with an advanced search option delivers information from multiple sources.

Faceted browse allows users to refine their searches.

Users see a unified record display of descriptive information, shelf locations/status and fulfillment options.

Six interface languages are available, including Chinese, Dutch, English, French, German and Spanish.

Users are able to write reviews, provide ratings and create lists of library items.

Your library holdings data is discoverable on the Web through major search engines.

Perfect solution for library groups: WorldCat Local also offers a way forward for libraries participating in group borrowing arrangements. WorldCat Local can be set up to work with a grouped set of library catalogues or a union catalogue. A user can then be seamlessly directed to the holdings of other libraries, if a request for an item cannot be immediately satisfied by your library.

OCLC helps libraries in more than 100 countries provide users with bibliographic, abstract and full-text information when and where they need it. OCLC and its member libraries cooperatively produce and maintain WorldCat, the world’s most comprehensive bibliographic database. Please contact us to learn more about OCLC in your part of the world.

OCLC supports numerous integrated library systems (ILS) to ensure seamless interoperability with your library system and WorldCat Local.

WorldCat Local is configurable with popular resource sharing services, including WorldCat® Resource Sharing, VDX® and INN-Reach from Innovative Interfaces.

WorldCat Local is most effective when your library’s holdings, including digital and eContent collections, are current in the WorldCat database.

OCLC Library Services representatives will consult with your library to determine the fastest and easiest way to get your library ready for WorldCat Local.

Please contact your regional OCLC office at: uk@oclc.org.

For more information

To order WorldCat Local, please visit our Web site at: www.oclc.org/worldcatlocal

To download the WorldCat Local Planning Guide, please visit: www.oclc.org/services/brochures