Cooperative cataloging for the 21st Century

OCLC members’ contributions have created the WorldCat network. The more libraries participate, the more valuable the network becomes for everyone.

The goals of cooperative cataloging haven’t changed in the 40+ years during which OCLC® members have built WorldCat® into the largest library database in history. By sharing this vital work among member institutions, we distribute costs, improve efficiency and make it easier for information seekers to find what they need in libraries around the world.

New ways to participate

In 2009, OCLC members participated in an experiment to expand participation in the collective maintenance of WorldCat. The Expert Community pilot phase gave members with full-level cataloging authorizations more ability to improve and upgrade WorldCat master records. This change was made based on feedback from the cooperative, and 1,690 members participated in the pilot phase, making improvements to 108,766 records. The new functionality that was implemented for the experiment is now available for continued use by all catalogers in the OCLC cooperative.

Another example of how OCLC members continue to build WorldCat is the astonishing growth of the WorldCat database through batchloaded contributions from libraries and consortia around the world that want their holdings represented on the WorldCat network. In 2009, 241.8 million items were cataloged by batchloading processes, greatly enriching WorldCat’s value for researchers, students and citizens outside North America, and adding significantly to the proportion of WorldCat representing materials in languages other than English.

Depth, flexibility and value

At first, the record for a work held in both WorldCat and the Library of Congress may seem quite similar, but there are often many more versions represented in WorldCat. Specific data for paperback editions, audiobooks, Braille, large print and other media have been added, making cataloging easier and more useful for the other members who can then share those records. Metadata in hundreds of languages and scripts is also available in many cases.

While a single bibliographic record might not directly reflect its point of origin, the diversity of input methods ensures that more types of libraries, publishers and partners can contribute to the cooperative. This, in turn, means more records, less

WorldCat Local metasearch puts more in your search box

Information seekers no longer need to log in to multiple interfaces or navigate numerous results sets to find and get to the information they need—WorldCat® Local metasearch now provides single-search access to library resources. A single set of search results integrates records from remotely indexed databases and a central index of WorldCat records and content licensed from OCLC. The search results include electronic and digital items, databases, music, video, maps, journals, theses, as well as print. This upgrade is available at no additional charge to WorldCat Local libraries.

“WorldCat Local metasearch represents a new approach for consolidated access to library resources,” says Mela Kircher, Associate Product Manager, WorldCat Local. “Library users can now find items from multiple information providers all

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Web-scale Management Services move forward

OCLC staff is working closely with a Library Advisory Council and four pilot library groups to continue development of OCLC Web-scale Management Services, a next-generation Web-based suite of library management services for metadata management, acquisitions, circulation, license management and workflow. Discussions are underway with additional libraries to schedule migrations to the production system later in 2010.

Pilot participants include CPC (Craven, Pamlico, Carteret) Regional Libraries in North Carolina; Idaho Commission for Libraries, including Boundary County Public Library, Payette County Public Libraries and the Cooperative Information Network (CIN); Orbis Cascade Alliance and Linfield College Libraries; and Pepperdine University Libraries. These libraries are already testing circulation and patron management modules, and will continue iterative testing and product feedback as new functionality becomes available.

“Libraries are looking for new ways to address the complexities of managing disparate collections, maintaining multiple workflows, and supporting increasingly complex IT environments,” said Andrew Pace, OCLC Executive Director for Networked Library Services. “This is an ambitious project and it is essential that libraries are fully engaged in its development. Our collaborative effort will continue through general release and beyond because these services are being built to accommodate ongoing enhancements. We are fortunate to be able to work closely with library leaders and leading libraries to help build the first cooperative Web-scale Management Services for libraries.”

The collective vision for Web-scale Management Services is to move services to the network or “cloud” whereby libraries use the same shared hardware, services and data, rather than hosting hardware and software on behalf of individual libraries. The cooperative nature of this project leverages the powerful ethos of library resource sharing—opening up opportunities for cooperative intelligence by making sharable data available to all users—a “network effect” not available when library management systems are simply hosted by another organization.

“Our relationship with the OCLC team has grown in recent years with our adoption of CONTENTdm®, ILLiad™ and now WorldCat Local—innovative, cutting-edge tools which support seamless access to information,” said Mark Roosa, Dean of Libraries, Pepperdine University. “We see this pilot project as a way to bring similar improvements and efficiencies to our circulation and acquisition functions.”

“A Web-based approach, in particular, makes a great deal of sense to us; we want to manage information, not hardware,” said Mr. Roosa.

“The Boundary County Library is participating in OCLC’s Web-scale Management pilot because OCLC has proven time and time again that combining forces achieves more—from WorldCat to WebJunction®, and more and more,” said Sandy Ashworth, Director, Boundary Public Library, in Idaho.

Americas Regional Council update

The Americas Regional Council represents the needs and perspectives of all members throughout the Americas. Here are some important activities and meetings to help you connect with members throughout our vibrant community:

**The Americas Regional Council’s Annual Meeting**


**Visit the Americas Regional Council Member-to-Member Web site; join service groups**

Our Member-to-Member site is a social networking site that facilitates ongoing conversations among members. We are adding several service groups to this site, so that you can connect with your colleagues throughout the Americas: [http://arcm2m.ning.com/](http://arcm2m.ning.com/).

Keep in touch! Send questions and comments to [regionalcouncil.americas@oclc.org](mailto:regionalcouncil.americas@oclc.org) or to the Council’s Executive Committee via [www.oclc.org/us/en/councils/americas/committees/](http://www.oclc.org/us/en/councils/americas/committees/).

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in one place. This not only saves time, but helps them make better use of the resources libraries provide for them.”

“The ideal way to offer metasearch is to load databases and index them centrally, and WorldCat Local is on target to making this happen,” says David Wuolu, reference and Systems Librarian, Alcuin Library, College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University, Collegeville, Minnesota.

Expansion has already begun. In March, OCLC announced plans to centrally index the metadata of Gale’s *Academic OneFile and General OneFile* databases, adding some 100 million records of authoritative, full-text articles from peer-reviewed journals, newspapers and magazines.

Over time, the central index will provide access to the majority of available content, and will be complemented by searching remote indexes to incorporate the diverse materials libraries make available to their users.

For more information, visit: [www.oclc.org/worldcatlocal/overview/metasearch](http://www.oclc.org/worldcatlocal/overview/metasearch).
Cost and better data. Records come into WorldCat from original cataloging and batchloading; from the smallest public libraries to the largest national libraries in the world; from publishers and an increasing number of partners who benefit from being able to go to a single, comprehensive source for library data.

**Controlling costs**

Original cataloging and authority work are among the most labor-intensive processes in which libraries invest. By sharing the effort to build WorldCat, the world’s largest cooperative cataloging network, OCLC members drastically reduce the cost of cataloging and authority work for all. Most small and medium-size libraries are able to find cataloging copy for 98 percent or more of the items in their collections, thus minimizing the need for original cataloging and freeing highly trained library staff to focus on other library priorities.

In addition, for those items that do require original cataloging, OCLC provides credits to offset the costs involved with use of OCLC systems. To support and lower the costs of serials control, and on behalf of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging, OCLC hosts the CONSER database and its cooperative program of serial experts who work together in an atmosphere of collegiality and trust. To support and streamline efforts to build a large, shared name authority file, OCLC provides an infrastructure and services around its copy of the LC/NACO Authority File, enabling OCLC-NACO members to significantly reduce the costs of authority work for the library community while improving the catalog user’s discovery experience.

**The value of cooperation**

The scope and flexibility of OCLC cataloging allows more libraries of more types and sizes to participate. This, in turn, leads to better cost savings and efficiency for all members. Working together, we will continue to expand opportunities for library participation in what is an example of true cooperation.

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On March 17, OCLC announced a strategic shift in focus from reselling eContent to strengthening the WorldCat platform. Chip Nilges, OCLC VP for Business Development, told *Library Journal*, “It’s a strategic repositioning from hosting and reselling content to building WorldCat out as a platform that libraries can use to manage and provide access to their entire collection, including eBooks and articles.” Here is a brief summary of what is changing:

**NetLibrary assets sold to EBSCO Publishing.** The sale of all NetLibrary assets, including the NetLibrary eBook and eAudiobook platform, service and operations in Boulder, Colorado, was effective March 17. OCLC and EBSCO are working closely together to ensure a smooth transition for libraries, and services will continue without interruption. The NetLibrary eBook and eAudiobook platform will continue to be accessible at www.netlibrary.org. More details are available at www.oclc.org/netlibrary/questions/.

**Databases moving to EBSCOhost service.** EBSCO Publishing has acquired the rights to license a number of vendor databases currently provided by OCLC through the FirstSearch® service. The list of the databases is available at www.oclc.org/firstsearch/content/questions/.

**Databases moving to WilsonWeb service.** OCLC and H.W. Wilson will work together to transition library subscriptions for H.W. Wilson databases provided on FirstSearch to the WilsonWeb platform over the next 16 months. Wilson will continue to index many of its databases in WorldCat.org® and WorldCat Local, a program that began in 2008. The list of the databases is available at www.oclc.org/firstsearch/content/questions/.

**FirstSearch database content refocused.** OCLC will continue to offer content on the FirstSearch platform. Content will be primarily library-owned content databases including WorldCat, the FirstSearch Base Package and other library content databases. The list of databases that OCLC will continue to offer on FirstSearch is available at www.oclc.org/firstsearch/content/questions/.

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**Stay in touch with your cooperative!**

OCLC members—libraries, archives and museums around the world—are all owners of the OCLC cooperative. Delivered monthly to your e-mail in-box, *OCLC Cooperative eNews* will help keep you informed on membership news, views, events, support and training—everything you need to know about what’s happening at OCLC.

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Product Updates

Cataloging and Metadata

RDA: Resource Description and Access
OCLC is making preparations to support the RDA testing planned by the three U.S. national libraries (the Library of Congress, the National Agricultural Library and the National Library of Medicine). Preparations include a MARC Update Project that will include MARC 21 changes that support the creation of RDA-based records. OCLC Contract Cataloging services will be participating in the RDA testing efforts, which are expected to begin following the release of RDA Online.

Expert Community Experiment is now the Expert Community
In August 2009, OCLC concluded the Expert Community Experiment that enabled cataloging members to make more changes to almost all WorldCat records. The Experiment was a success, with a total of 1,690 member libraries participating during a six-month period. The functionality of the Experiment continues as a permanent Expert Community. Members with full-level cataloging authorizations have the ability to improve and upgrade master bibliographic records in many ways they previously were unable to do.


Batch Processing Services: easier and more efficient ordering and processing
Batch Services is updating its technical infrastructure to improve the ordering process—from order placement to order processing. Enhancements have been made to bibliographic batchload order processing and Local Holdings Record Updating services. The new automation offers convenience and time savings for libraries maintaining up-to-date holdings in WorldCat. Current and complete holdings enhance implementation and use of many OCLC Products and Services, including WorldCat Local, which uses Local Holdings data to qualify local searching by branch or collection and enrich record displays with item-specific data.

WorldCat Global Metadata Network
OCLC continues to have record high numbers for loading records into WorldCat—many from national libraries and large consortia outside the United States—to extend the global relevance and reach of the WorldCat database. WorldCat now contains 175 million records with 1.55 billion holdings from libraries around the world. More than half of WorldCat represents materials in languages other than English.

OCLC Record Use Policy
In September 2009, the OCLC Board of Trustees convened a Record Use Policy Council, who were charged with drawing upon the fundamental values of the OCLC cooperative and engaging with the global library community to develop the next generation of the WorldCat Record Use Policy.

In late March 2010, they recommended to the OCLC Board of Trustees a new draft policy that is aligned with the present and future information landscapes. The new policy will replace the “Guidelines for Use and Transfer of OCLC Derived Records” that was developed in 1987. The draft was distributed to Global and Regional Councils in early April 2010. During April and May the Record Policy Council will incorporate member input, and a new proposed policy will be submitted to the Board of Trustees at the end of May 2010.

See www.oclc.org/worldcat/catalog/policy/council/.

OCLC Metadata Services for Publishers
OCLC has launched new OCLC Metadata Services for Publishers, based on the Next Generation Cataloging pilot. The service enriches publisher ONIX title metadata, supports the early addition of new title metadata to WorldCat, and enhances quality and consistency in upstream title metadata.


Content and Collections

OAIster accessible through WorldCat.org
OAIster™ records are now accessible through WorldCat.org, and will be included in WorldCat.org search results along with records from thousands of libraries worldwide that add their holdings to WorldCat. OCLC has also released a freely accessible, discrete view of the OAIster records available at http://oaister.worldcat.org. OAIster records will continue to be indexed in WorldCat.org and integrated into WorldCat.org search results, and available through the FirstSearch service to subscribers to the FirstSearch Base Package.

Digital Collection Services

CONTENTdm now offers expanded Microsoft Windows and Linux support
OCLC is pleased to introduce CONTENTdm Digital Collection Management Software version 5.3. It supports additional platforms for the CONTENTdm Project Client and CONTENTdm Server. The Project Client now runs on Microsoft Windows 7 (32- and 64-bit) and Windows Vista (64-bit), and the Server now runs on Linux (64-bit) and Windows Server 2008 R2.

In addition, a new import feature enables institutions with records already in WorldCat to import metadata and OCLC numbers easily into CONTENTdm. Streamlined import of
metadata and OCLC numbers from WorldCat into CONTENTdm will
be particularly useful to users who manage the mass digitization
of items with existing WorldCat records.

This release also includes improved sorting and editing
functionality in the Project Client’s project spreadsheet. Users
can now sort all metadata fields (columns) displayed in the
spreadsheet. And during editing of metadata in the project tab,
the thumbnail image and checkbox are now frozen in the far left
columns, which helps users keep spreadsheet records in context
while editing and viewing metadata. Other enhancements
include improvements to Upload Manager error reporting and
OCR License resetting. The new release is available to current
CONTENTdm licensees at no additional charge.

Management Services and Systems

Hosted EZproxy service coming soon

OCLC plans to launch the Hosted EZproxy® service in the first
half of calendar year 2010. The Hosted EZproxy service is
designed to help libraries with limited IT resources deliver
a quality experience with eContent access for remote users.
Having a hosted access-and-authentication service means
a library will always have the latest network infrastructure,
bandwidth and security, while freeing library IT staff for other
tasks. The Hosted EZproxy service will:

• Reduce barriers for small and mid-size libraries, with little or
  no technical expertise, to remotely access eContent
• Enable access to a wider array of content (both OCLC and
  external)
• Provide a platform for future Identity Management services
• Enable infrastructure for future collection/usage analysis.

Networked Library Services

WorldCat Collection Analysis enhanced

Recent enhancements to WorldCat® Collection Analysis include:

• Interdisciplinary Studies: Libraries can now limit their
  analysis by category and subject, as well as division,
  which allows libraries to look at their collections at a more
  granular level in a way that facilitates analysis based on
  interdisciplinary studies as defined by the library.
• Languages: The following languages have been added:
  Azerbaijani, Belarusian, Burmese, Estonian, Georgian,
  Icelandic, Irish, Kannada, Kazakh, Kurdish, Kyrgyz,
  Lithuanian, Ottoman Turkish and Uzbek.
• Expiration dates for each secondary comparison
  (automatically deleted after 120 days if not accessed),
  which will remind you to access comparisons prior to the
  expiration date.
• The Quarterly Update was completed in January 2010 and
  includes data pulled from WorldCat on December 29, 2009.
• With WorldCat Collection Analysis, each library-created peer
  comparison result reflects the data with a FRBRized view,
  which provides results that better reflect library uniqueness
  and overlap.

Learn more: www.oclc.org/collectionanalysis.

OCLC Research

Webinar series highlights innovation

The TAI CHI (Technical Advances for Innovation in Cultural
Heritage Institutions) webinar series highlights specific
innovative applications—often locally developed—that
libraries, museums and archives may find effective in
their own environments; and teaches technical staff new
technologies and skills. Learn more:
www.oclc.org/research/events/taichi.htm.

VIAF marches on

The Virtual International Authority File (VIAF), a joint project with
the Library of Congress, the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and the
Bibliothèque nationale de France, explores virtually combining
the name authority files of the three institutions into a single
name authority service. By late 2009 there were 18 personal
name authority files from 15 organizations participating in VIAF.
NACO catalogers are encouraged to use the VIAF as a tool for
resolving conflicts and disambiguation of personal names as
needed. A VIAF beta is available online at viaf.org.

Reference and Discovery

Recent enhancements to WorldCat Local

Several important enhancements to WorldCat Local include:

• WorldCat Local chat: Institutions that have a QuestionPoint®
  Qwidget or other chat clients will now be able to provide
  their users the opportunity to chat directly with a librarian
  from within WorldCat Local.
• Use of LHRs for serials information: OCLC has enhanced
  the display of serials holdings information in WorldCat
  Local through the use of Local Holdings Records (LHRs) in
  WorldCat. When enabled, LHRs are used to display serials
  data in detailed records instead of pulling this information
  from local library OPACs.
• New direct links to library OPACs from WorldCat Local
  “quick start.” These links help library users connect more
  easily to item availability details in local library catalogs.
  This increases access to materials for any library with an
  ILS that does not interoperate with WorldCat Local. The new
  links display in the “Find a copy in the library” section of the
detailed record display.
**More fulfillment options.** WorldCat Local “quick start” libraries may now set up a different fulfillment option at each of two levels of relevance in search results. WorldCat Local libraries may set up a different fulfillment option at each of the four levels of relevance in search results. This gives you the option to present users with “get it” options that are most appropriate for each level of relevance.

**WorldCat Local now redirects visitors to their local WorldCat Local or WorldCat Local “quick start” site when their IP address is recognized.** Library staff can quickly enable this redirect option through the Service Configuration module.

**Recent social activity on WorldCat.org**
Traffic and social activity on WorldCat.org continues to grow (as of February 1, 2010):

- Click-throughs to WorldCat.org (total): 619,149,263 (roughly 16 million/month)
- Click-throughs from WorldCat.org to Libraries (total): 33,953,598 (almost 1 million/month)
- Profiles created in WorldCat: 437,607
- Lists created in WorldCat: 240,287

See what’s going on with WorldCat.org from an end-user point of view at [http://worldcat.org/blogs](http://worldcat.org/blogs).

**Recent enhancements to WorldCat.org**
A number of enhancements have been made to WorldCat.org in the past few months. They include:

- Updating the URL to include titles, which makes URLs more intuitive, mashable and search-engine friendly. (All previous URL constructions will continue to work.)
- New colorful, customizable materials to help promote your library’s WorldCat Local instance or inclusion in WorldCat.org. Download at [www.oclc.org/worldcat/promote/](http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/promote/).
- The WorldCat Mobile pilot now includes cover art when available and can connect users to their local library catalog. (Libraries can set their deep links through the WorldCat Registry to have this link enabled.)

**WorldCat page added to Facebook**
Now you can become a fan of WorldCat on Facebook. Simply visit [www.facebook.com/pages/WorldCatorg/81565002545](http://www.facebook.com/pages/WorldCatorg/81565002545). You can also follow WorldCat on twitter at: [http://twitter.com/worldcatorg](http://twitter.com/worldcatorg).

**WorldCat Registry data behind many OCLC services**
WorldCat® Registry data powers many aspects of OCLC services. The WorldCat® Mobile pilot uses WorldCat Registry data for the “Find a Library” and “WorldCat Libraries Search.” New “Search for a Library” and “library info” pages on WorldCat.org also pull from the Registry.

**Recent WorldCat Registry enhancements:**

- A new field has been added to the WorldCat Registry to help users sign up for a library card once they find their local library through WorldCat.org. This new field, called a “Library Card Form Page,” lets libraries add the URL for the library card sign-up form to their Registry profiles.
- Authorized users are now able to set a preference for library contacts information. The contacts default can now be changed to make them visible to all who access the Registry.
- A new visualization diagram shows where your Registry data goes—and shows the importance of keeping your profile up-to-date. Learn more: [www.oclc.org/registry/where/](http://www.oclc.org/registry/where/).
- Incorporation of WorldCat Registry institution data into the OCLC Policies Directory.


**QuestionPoint: Five millionth inquiry answered!**
QuestionPoint librarians answered the 5 millionth question in November 2009 (answered by the University of Queensland). More than 2,200 libraries in 30 countries use QuestionPoint for virtual reference.

**Recent enhancements.** These include integration with Mosio’s Text a Librarian software, a new qwidget for Facebook, a new Mobile Webkit Widget, custom qwidget skins and formatting, and much more.

**Volunteers keep Global Knowledge Base current.** With over 21,000 active records in nine languages, the Global Knowledge Base provides a shared resource of information for all QuestionPoint subscribers. Fifteen volunteer editors from three countries help keep the Global Knowledge Base current. Both the Global Knowledge Base and a library’s own local knowledge base can be offered on the library’s Web site for users to search.

**New QuestionPoint libraries.** The National Library of Wales, the National Library of Chile and the University of Botswana have joined the QuestionPoint family of libraries.

Keep up-to-date with QuestionPoint by subscribing to the QuestionPoint blog, available at [http://questionpoint.blogs.com](http://questionpoint.blogs.com).

**A reference service that never sleeps**
With both academic and public library cooperatives, approximately 1,500 libraries participate in the 24/7 Reference Cooperative, including 13 statewide services, the nationwide Enquire service in the United Kingdom, 15 major regional services and numerous special libraries providing expertise in eight major subjects.
Resource Sharing and Delivery

Redesigned Policies Directory released
The OCLC Policies Directory is the repository of interlibrary loan policies for WorldCat® Resource Sharing libraries. A new, redesigned version was released in January 2010. The changes include a new user interface, hardware platform and underlying database. The new interface is based on feedback received during usability testing with existing Policies Directory users. In addition, WorldCat Registry data is now incorporated into the Policies Directory interface.

Direct request for articles in WorldCat Resource Sharing and ILLiad
OCLC is working with staff at IDS Project and Atlas Systems on a pilot project to automate delivery of articles through the cooperative. This pilot program provides unmediated access to electronic journal articles via data from WorldCat knowledge bases and electronic rights management tools. The first phase of this project is expected to release in August 2010.

ILLiad version 8 available
In November 2009, OCLC and Atlas Systems released version 8.0 of the ILLiad Resource Sharing Management software with significant enhancements to staff processing workflows. This new version of ILLiad has been entirely rewritten to allow for a better overall staff user experience. Client layouts allow unlimited customization of forms, while a redesigned home page provides at-a-glance info about the state of ILL operations. The new ribbon user interface makes it easier to train staff on ILLiad processes, while the new tabbed interface cuts down on form clutter and allows multiple requests processing. See: http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/announcements/announcement411.htm.

ILLiad hosted service
OCLC can provide server hosting to ILLiad users and a free migration service to those wishing to move their ILLiad components to the hosting service. This service includes all of the hardware and software components needed, as well as all back-ups, system and software upgrades, firewall and virus scanning, and 24-hour on-site monitoring by operational personnel. For more information: www.oclc.org/illiad/about/.

Resource Sharing Community portal for ILLiad users
Share your experience, find answers or connect with other ILLiad users at the new Resource Sharing Community portal, built using WebJunction platform, at ResourceSharing.WebJunction.org.

Report on ‘greening’ ILL
OCLC Research and OCLC Delivery Services engaged a consultant to explore ways to provide ‘greener’ interlibrary loan services. A report is due in April 2010. Learn more:

• http://resourcesharing.webjunction.org/best_practices/resources/bparticles
• http://hangingtogether.org/?p=767

Web Services

OCLC Developer Application Gallery
A new Application Gallery is available to showcase the applications and projects that people have created with OCLC Web Services. You can browse by function or by Web service at: www.oclc.org/applicationgallery/.

WorldCat Basic API launched
In December 2009, OCLC launched the new WorldCat® Basic API, a smaller version of the WorldCat® API, for developers to use. Intended to be primarily useful to individual developers, this basic-level API returns keyword search results with authors, titles, ISBNs, OCLC numbers and automatically formatted citations, along with a link to WorldCat.org. The API will use OpenSearch, returning results in RSS and ATOM.
Participation

Membership brings together institutions of all sizes with a common goal: to improve access to the world’s information. It’s a global mission that touches librarians individually.

Real benefits

Libraries that take full advantage of OCLC membership and services receive value, increase efficiency and support the future of librarianship. Among the benefits of membership:

- **Build and use WorldCat**. Share the world’s largest union catalog. More than 1.5 billion pieces of information about who holds what and where.
- **Tap 40 years of expertise**. Benefit from dedicated research and access best practices.
- **Reduce costs**. Receive discounts on OCLC products and services.
- **Maximize your collections**. Make your collections available to the world through cataloging, resource sharing, reference and beyond.
- **Access deeper resources**. Gain access to rare and highly valued materials.

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**An important return from your OCLC membership**

With more than 175 million records and 1.5 billion holdings, WorldCat is the world’s most comprehensive bibliographic database. WorldCat connects librarians, students, researchers and other library users to 4,000 years of recorded knowledge. It is the foundation for many OCLC services that lets your library process, manage, share and preserve information while reducing costs.

Learn more about WorldCat and watch new records enter the database live at:

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