CatExpress

Use the power of WorldCat for fast, efficient copy cataloging
CatExpress® is a fast and easy Web-based copy cataloging solution. Its user-friendly interface was designed so your staff, new or veteran, can get more done, faster. And CatExpress gives them access to WorldCat, the world’s most comprehensive bibliographic database.

Copy cataloging is a key activity for any library. But it can be tedious for library veterans and intimidating for staff with less experience. CatExpress is the perfect solution, balancing ease of use with the power of WorldCat®, the most comprehensive database of bibliographic records available. Simply search for and retrieve records for copy cataloging from WorldCat and export them to your local system.

CatExpress helps you put materials on shelves faster than ever before. It requires very little training, and because it’s Web-based, there’s no software to install or maintain. OCLC provides detailed online tutorials and user FAQs to make using it even easier.

Additionally, CatExpress provides the power of Dewey® through the Web as an add-on service. This option gives you access to an enhanced version of the 22nd edition of the Dewey Decimal Classification® (DDC®) database or to the 14th abridged edition of the DDC database. When you add this option, a new tab appears in CatExpress and the WebDewey® service is available with a single click.

Accuracy that saves you time

This is where the richness of the WorldCat database really pays off. With more than 95 million records for materials in all formats, from books to DVDs to ejournals and more, WorldCat provides remarkably inclusive search results. More than 9,000 libraries around the world contribute to WorldCat—some are your neighbors, others are a continent away. Many contribute records for the very materials you hope to match.

Subscription levels: it’s your choice

CatExpress is available as a subscription-based service for individual libraries or groups. Annual subscription pricing for individual libraries is based on the number of titles you expect to catalog—from 250 to 7,000 titles annually. If you have heavier copy cataloging needs, you may consider Connexion®, OCLC’s integrated cataloging service.

Records delivered with your new materials

An additional option for CatExpress users is to receive OCLC-MARC records for materials you order through your materials vendors through WorldCat Cataloging Partners. It also sets your library’s holdings automatically in WorldCat.

This option is based on your CatExpress subscription and offers three service levels. Additionally, the total number of records your library receives through CatExpress and WorldCat Cataloging Partners combined count toward your CatExpress subscription level. This easy-to-use, cost-effective option merges the functionality of the two services, offering records from both sources.

Automatic record upgrades

Another option that you can add on to CatExpress is the Bibliographic Notification service. Every day, it compares all upgraded OCLC MARC records to the records your library has holdings attached to, and then sends you upgraded records based on a detailed profile that tells what updates are important to you. You receive new records by Electronic Data Exchange (EDX) or download them from OCLC Product Services Web, then load the upgraded records into your system. Reports summarizing the type of upgrades and quantity of records being delivered are also available.
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For detailed information on CatExpress, complete with answers to frequently asked questions and a Web tutorial, visit the OCLC Web site at www.oclc.org/catexpress/

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