WorldCat Local “quick start” available to libraries with a subscription to WorldCat

WorldCat Local “quick start” delivers local and global resources in a single search

Now included at no additional charge with a WorldCat® on FirstSearch® subscription, WorldCat Local “quick start” is the first step toward the only cooperative, Web-scale library system. WorldCat Local™ connects users’ search experience with library management systems—today, that means WorldCat, catalogs, local availability and resource sharing. Soon, OCLC will pilot Web-scale delivery and circulation, license management, print and electronic acquisitions and more.

Put your library at the top of the list!

WorldCat Local “quick start” gives libraries that subscribe to the WorldCat database on FirstSearch a library-branded view of WorldCat.org that ranks local library holdings first in search results and provides interoperability features with many existing library systems. Participating OCLC libraries will benefit from increased visibility of their collections and faster access to the unique resources they make available.

Libraries interested in increased visibility of consortial resources, comprehensive access to electronic resources from OCLC and non-OCLC services, and interoperability with multiple ILS systems should consider subscribing to the WorldCat Local service.

Features

WorldCat Local “quick start” includes:

- Display of local library holdings first in search results, followed by the holdings of libraries all over the world
- Local branding of the WorldCat search box, URL and user interface
- Links to existing OpenURL full-text resolvers
- Integration of existing OCLC delivery/interlibrary loan services (WorldCat Resource Sharing™, ILLiad™) and systems
- Interoperability with a single, local library catalog for real-time item availability information and place holds
- Standardized usage reports.

What people are saying...

“Wow, this is terrific! Makes my job much easier, and gives me faster access to more knowledge and an easier way to distribute it to my students.”
- Macalester College faculty

“The new search catalog, WorldCat, is amazing compared to the old library search. Bravo!”
- University of Washington student

Getting started

Is your library ready to take the first step toward a cooperative, integrated library system? The most important thing you can do is to make sure the majority of your library’s holdings are represented in the WorldCat database. Access to all formats of materials in your library collections help ensure that users find the information they need when using your library’s unique WorldCat Local “quick start” search box and Web page.

For more information, see: www.oclc.org/worldcatlocal/quickstart

or contact your library services representative at: libservices@oclc.org

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