WorldCat Selection
Streamline your library’s selection process

Integrated, Automated Materials Selection

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Select
Streamline
**WorldCat Selection™ service** helps you save time and money by streamlining your selection and ordering process for new library materials, and delivering the corresponding WorldCat records.

**Multiple vendors—one view**

OCLC and Cornell University Library staff have worked together to develop this service, which is based on software known as the Integrated Tool for Selection and Ordering at Cornell University Library (ITSO CUL).

WorldCat Selection allows selectors of new materials at your library to view notification records from multiple materials vendors in one central, comprehensive system.

With WorldCat Selection, it’s easier for you to get WorldCat® records for newly selected materials into your integrated library system early in the technical services process.

“We have now migrated from ITSO CUL to WorldCat Selection and continue to see these great savings in staff costs [approximately $100,000 per year], but more importantly, with immediate access to the broad array of member copy from WorldCat at the point of order, our users reap the benefits of shorter turnaround from order to shelf.”

Scott Wicks
Associate University Librarian
Central Library Operations
Cornell University Library

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"ITSO CUL software has enabled Cornell’s acquisitions operation to increase productivity and reduce costs associated with selection and ordering," said Scott Wicks, Associate University Librarian, Central Library Operations, Cornell University Library. Cornell estimates that the software tool accounts for 40 percent of its firm orders and has saved approximately $100,000 per year in staff costs.

WorldCat Selection reduces your library’s costs by automating the acquisition workflow—specifically the selection process. You still control the selection process, but you eliminate the need to send items via paper slips or to select items in multiple vendor systems. Additionally, MARC records are exported from WorldCat and loaded into your integrated library system, eliminating the need to search and rekey data one record at a time, or import data from multiple sources.

Reduce your library’s costs

Materials vendors

Your library’s relationship with your materials vendors won’t change. You’ll still work with them to create profiles of new materials to be selected for library notification.

We are working continually to add more vendors to the service. For a current list, please visit the Web site at www.oclc.org/selection/partners.
WorldCat Selection service—at a glance

Benefits
Streamline your materials selection by allowing selectors of new materials to view notification records from multiple materials vendors in one central system.

- Save staff time by eliminating the need to rekey or import data from multiple sources since MARC records are exported from WorldCat.

- Avoid unintentional duplication of material acquisition by enabling all the selectors at your library to see everyone’s selection decisions including selectors at other institutions within your group.

- Make materials available to patrons more quickly by decreasing turnaround time from notification through selection, order and receipt.

Features
Administrators can define criteria to distribute records to selectors based on data provided by vendors such as customer ID or collection area, and data included in the WorldCat record such as call numbers or keywords.

- Administrators can turn on an option to automatically remove duplicate records if the same title is received from multiple sources; define which record should be retained based on either a priority order by source (vendor) or date received.

- Selectors can define criteria to automatically exclude records based on keywords, fixed field elements and/or source (vendor).

- Selectors can automatically reject items on demand if held by your library in WorldCat or if the record was sent to multiple selectors and was already selected by another.

- Acquisitions can export corresponding WorldCat records for newly selected materials.

How it works
First, you profile with your materials vendors to determine the notification items you want to receive.

Materials vendors inform OCLC of notification items for your library based on the frequency you determine.

OCLC loads the items for your library into WorldCat Selection.

Selectors log into WorldCat Selection to view notification items for their collection areas, viewing records from multiple vendors in one system.

- Selectors take actions such as select, reject, forward to another selector, or defer.

- Acquisitions staff export all selected records from all selectors and all vendors, load them into your ILS and complete the order electronically from the ILS.

- Maintain holdings in WorldCat during the cataloging process using Connexion®, WorldCat Cataloging Partners, Batch Processing™ and more.

An important return on your OCLC investment
With more than 110 million records and 1 billion holdings records, 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 let your library process, manage, share and preserve information and reduce costs. Learn more about WorldCat and watch new records enter the database live at www.oclc.org/worldcat/.

For detailed information on WorldCat Selection, please visit the OCLC Web site at www.oclc.org/selection/

You also may receive updates about the service by registering at www.oclc.org/email/subscribe.htm

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