Precataloged Sets of MARC Records

WorldCat Collection Sets

Save time and money with precataloged sets of MARC records

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The world’s libraries. Connected.
WorldCat Collection Sets provide you with precataloged sets of MARC records that match your newly purchased or existing sets of microform, nonmicroform or electronic content. Each set arrives ready to be downloaded into your library’s local system.

Instead of cataloging hundreds or thousands of individual titles, your library saves time and money by purchasing sets of existing catalog records. And your library’s holding symbol is automatically set in the OCLC WorldCat database, the world’s largest bibliographic database. With Collection Sets, you:

- Increase access to and use of your materials by making them more visible to your users
- Provide better service and increase user satisfaction by making these records available more quickly through your local system
- Share cataloging resources—your library receives OCLC account credit for contributing a set your staff has cataloged.

Streamlining your library’s workflow

We produce electronic files and attach your library’s holding symbol to the records in WorldCat. We then send you the records, which are ready to download into your local system.

Processing options

Various record processing options are available, including adding and deleting fields, as well as customizing call numbers (available for most microform sets).

Standing orders

In some cases, we can set up a standing order so that your library automatically receives the new records that have been added to a set since you purchased it. Billing for the update is automatic.

The value of holdings

Accurate holdings information you maintain with the WorldCat Collection Sets service helps Web searchers find your library and its resources through WorldCat.org and the WorldCat Local™ service. WorldCat holdings also help you to analyze your collection and compare it to others using the WorldCat Collection Analysis™ service, and help thousands of libraries keep materials moving through the WorldCat Resource Sharing™ service.
Getting started

More than 300 Collection Sets are available in a variety of subjects. See a list of available sets at www.oclc.org/worldcatsets/sets/.

Real successes

“Many of the WorldCat sets represent subject areas requiring cataloging expertise an individual library may not be able to draw upon. As a law library that has provided cataloging for several sets, our catalogers are able to approach these sets with a level of subject analysis that truly increases patron access.”

Richard Amelung
Head of Technical Services
Saint Louis University Law Library

“Our library often buys large sets of microforms and thanks to OCLC WorldCat Collection Sets we were able to provide access to many of these sets. This year we were able to increase our title count by 11,691 with minimal cost and minimal effort. We look forward to continued participation by libraries in providing cataloging that we are unable to create.”

Mary E. Johns
Electronic Information Services Librarian
Louisiana State University Law Library

To get started today, contact your OCLC representative or regional service provider for complete pricing information. Then complete an online order form at www.oclc.org/worldcatsets/ordering/ and select your record processing options.
Benefits

- Save time and money by downloading precataloged records rather than having to catalog items individually
- Make your collections available more quickly to your users and resource sharing libraries around the world
- Increase use of new and existing materials such as microfilm, microfiche and electronic resources

Requirements

None—OCLC membership is not required for purchase of WorldCat Collection Sets

Learn more

For more information on WorldCat Collection Sets and to see a list of available sets, visit www.oclc.org/worldcatsets/. To discuss pricing and place an order, contact OCLC Library Services at 1-800-848-5878 or +1-614-764-6000, or contact your regional service provider—find yours at www.oclc.org/contacts/regional/.

WorldCat Collection Sets—at a glance

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An important return on your OCLC investment

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