A view of your cooperative fast facts from 2009
OCLC

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OCLC is a global membership organization of libraries, archives, museums and other cultural heritage organizations. The cooperative’s members bring knowledge resources to millions of information seekers worldwide.

Our Vision
The world’s libraries. Connected.

Our Mission
Connecting people to knowledge through library cooperation.

Our Public Purpose
Furthering access to the world’s information and reducing the rate of rise of per-unit library costs.
In 2009, national libraries added more than 4 million records and 12 million holdings to WorldCat. These flags represent countries and territories with libraries of any type that have participated in the OCLC cooperative, listed in the order in which they first connected with OCLC.
representing a diversity

WorldCat records by format

Books
117,892,696

Visual materials
4,246,495

Computer files
1,020,308

Serials
5,540,020

Sound recordings
4,384,960

Maps
2,175,800

Scores
2,908,368

Mixed materials
936,004

Languages:
- English
- French
- Chinese
- Russian
- Latin
- Polish
- Finnish
- Malay
- Yiddish
- Vietnamese
- French
- Serbo-Croatian (Cyrillic)
- Greek (ancient)
- Korean
- Polish
- English
of resources and cultures,

Date ranges of records in WorldCat

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Top 50 languages of the 479 in WorldCat

Language composition of WorldCat

English 46.2% non-English 53.8%
and cooperatively connecting

72,035 institutions represented in FY09

30.9 million new cataloging records added in FY09

10.3 million interlibrary loans made in FY09

72.3 million searches performed on FirstSearch in FY09

165 million total records and 1.5 billion total holdings as of 12/16/09
595,310,617 visits to www.WorldCat.org from 08/06 to 12/09

32,674,282 click-throughs to libraries from www.WorldCat.org from 08/06 to 12/09

10,000+ libraries accessible through www.WorldCat.org and partner sites

220,000+ WorldCat lists created by users

WorldCat.org mobile pilot introduced in 6 countries in 2009
“Cloud-sourcing” collection management

Compares holdings across several collections of research materials. Explores how research libraries can operate more efficiently, and reduce inventory and related costs by 20% or more.

WorldCat Identities added to WorldCat.org

With 30 million personal and corporate authors, WorldCat Identities displays works written by and about an author, a graphic publication-history timeline plus related information.

The Virtual International Authority File (VIAF)

A joint project with the Library of Congress, the Deutsche Nationalbibliothek and the Bibliothèque nationale de France, VIAF explores virtually combining the name authority files of these and other participating organizations into a single name authority service.

Details about OCLC Research publications are available at: www.oclc.org/research/publications/
“From Awareness to Funding”
Explores attitudes and perceptions about library funding and evaluates the potential of a large-scale marketing and advocacy campaign to increase public library funding in the U.S.

“Online Catalogs: What Users and Librarians Want”
Presents findings indicating that although library catalogs are often thought of as discovery tools, the catalog’s delivery-related information is just as important to end users.

OCLC market research reports are available at: www.oclc.org/reports/

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