



Imagination thrives
on access to

knowledge.

WorldCat Discovery helps people easily find and get resources from your library and in libraries worldwide through a single search of WorldCat and familiar, authoritative e-content collections. It also connects users to your collections via the popular websites where people typically start their research.

Empowering potential, one search at a time

Information searches begin long before someone types terms into a search box. Your library needs a discovery system that fits into the larger context of purpose and collaboration. You need one built with extensive user input and testing. You need one that balances technical requirements with ongoing research and changing trends. You need one that **leads to new breakthroughs**.

WorldCat Discovery goes beyond the search results to the breakthroughs. Connect people to the resources they identify, whether they access the full text electronically, get a print copy in your library, request items through interlibrary loan, or buy items from a content provider. Search results are only the beginning of new discoveries and innovation.

Deliver an intuitive search experience. Help people find and get what they need fast with opportunities to uncover global resources. Regardless of material format, they can find information in a library around the corner or across the globe.

Open the world to them. Connect people to WorldCat, the powerhouse of research databases built over the course of more than 45 years of library cooperation. WorldCat enables them to find exactly the resources they need to inspire bold ideas.

Build a bond that lasts. When people reliably find and access the resources they need, they're more likely to consider your library the next time they need information. WorldCat Discovery helps your library have a greater impact on campus and in your community.

Meet people where they start. Before they take their first steps to find information, make sure your collection is accessible in places where people begin their research. Two clicks bring online searchers from major search engines to your library's website and a path toward knowledge.

Support for your changing needs

Access to the separate FirstSearch® and WorldCat Discovery services will continue to provide search experiences that meet different user needs. A FirstSearch/WorldCat Discovery subscription enables use of both FirstSearch and WorldCat Discovery.

Beyond the search. Results.



To learn more about
WorldCat Discovery, visit
oc.lc/WorldCatDiscovery.



Provide a great user experience that's refined and expanded based on input from the WorldCat Discovery community. Task-based relevance algorithms and sort options work together to deliver the results you need every time.



Offer a single search box for resources in all formats instead of consulting multiple services and interfaces. WorldCat Discovery supports both novice and expert searchers. Enter keywords in the search box, or use Advanced Search options up front to refine searches, including through the use of database-specific indexes.



Empower your team with staff-specific views that include displays of OCLC numbers, OCLC symbols, and MARC records. Staff—and library users—also benefit from integrated, user-initiated interlibrary loan requests.



Make resources available wherever and whenever users want, automatically adjusting for desktops, tablets, and mobile devices. A fit-for-purpose interface delivers the experience users expect, with options to localize for your library's needs.



Connect users to the resources they need via links to full-text content you own and license through an integrated link resolver when your library's data is present in the WorldCat knowledge base. And reveal open-access collections, such as HathiTrust and JSTOR.



Get free training whenever you want it. Choose from instructor-led or self-paced classes, video tutorials, and documentation, all specific to WorldCat Discovery and available at no charge. Access this training at oc.lc/SupportDiscovery.

More content, less searching

WorldCat Discovery allows research to happen smarter and faster. You give users local and global resources, in all kinds of formats, at their fingertips. See how many resources by visiting oc.lc/content-discovery (PDF).

User needs drive enhancements

WorldCat Discovery keeps pace with your users' expectations. Strategic testing and community input guides refinements to search, relevance, and fulfillment.



**"...millions of
electronic resources"**

"We were able to maintain student access to library resources, even when our library was in a different city from the campus, because WorldCat Discovery makes it so easy for them to browse and get millions of electronic resources."

Lydia Putnam

Webmaster & Technical Services Coordinator,
Missio Seminary
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States

More impact. Smarter research.



“...right tool for open access”

“WorldCat Discovery... is the right tool for open access. The searching is way better. And you can use the advanced search tools to find what you want.”

Thomas Phillips

Director, Digital Theological Library

Improve the quality of your online catalog.

The Open Access Digital Theological Library (OADTL) has a clear ethical mission: to make all high-quality, open-access content in religious studies discoverable to the global community through a single curated, search experience. The library’s WorldCat Discovery interface makes this possible. A small team of OADTL staff locate legally available open content online, then spend about 45 seconds creating a WorldCat knowledge base record if none exists already. Because the OADTL curates this topic-specific open content collection, it’s easily and freely accessible to all. As Thomas explained, “We’re in this work of librarianship together, so let’s work together.”

Read other members’ experiences at oclc.org/stories.

We’re following your lead. Let’s get there together.

You work every day to help people navigate their information-seeking journeys, some that stretch across decades and planets. At OCLC, we approach discovery as a shared journey.

Our team of passionate librarians and information technology experts work to help your library have even more impact on the lives of your users. Every WorldCat Discovery enhancement, small or large, is influenced by feedback from library staff and users.

We combine that feedback with methodical testing, a mix of technology and library expertise, a broad view of the library community, and heart. We can’t forget the heart.

Visit oclc.org/WorldCatDiscovery to learn more.

Sign up for upcoming webinars and training classes, get information about the collections included in WorldCat Discovery’s central index, connect to support resources, order or register for WorldCat Discovery, learn about your transition, and more.

Because what is known must be shared.®

