

The value of cooperative cataloging with OCLC



In the 21st century, the values of cooperative cataloging in WorldCat® will continue—the OCLC® cooperative will build and deploy a comprehensive supply of cataloging data to distribute costs, improve efficiency, promote the visibility and sharing of library collections around the world, and make it easier for information seekers to find what they need from libraries. What will change is the scale. More types of data will come in from more sources, and more services will be built on top of that data. And OCLC members will be there, making it happen and receiving the benefits of cooperation.

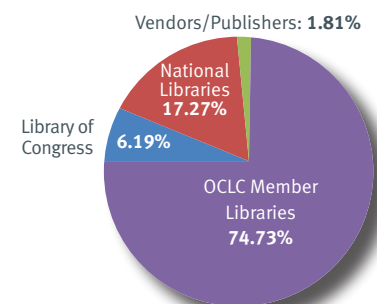
What's included?

An OCLC Cataloging subscription includes so much more than cataloging records. Your subscription delivers value in many ways:

- Access to WorldCat—an incomparable source of cataloging records from the world's largest catalog; nearly 75 percent are OCLC member-contributed.
- Your choice of cataloging services for finding and downloading records: Connexion®, CatExpress® and Z39.50 Cataloging for cost-effective online cataloging and batch processing services. All easy, fast ways for members to send holdings and keep them in synch with WorldCat.
- Automated adding and updating of holdings information for electronic serials through the eSerials Holdings™ service.
- Through the WorldCat knowledge base, data about your library's electronic content combines with automated linking features to enable better, easier access to these materials.
- Records automatically delivered to support streamlined workflows via WorldCat® Cataloging Partners, Bibliographic Record Notification (BibNote), and MARC records for government documents through the GovDoc™ service.
- Support for a vibrant, worldwide expert community that collaboratively improves bibliographic records, creates and maintains high quality serials and authority data, and supports international knowledge organization programs (e.g., CONSER, NACO, VIAF).
- Stewardship and enrichment of WorldCat through OCLC-provided automated record enrichment; duplicate detection and resolution (DDR); systemwide MARC updates; and RDA (Resource Description and Access) compatibility.
- Contribution credits for original cataloging, record enrichment and holdings deletion.
- The opportunity to collaborate with OCLC members and staff to identify opportunities, explore solutions and communicate the results in print, online and in person.
- Access to a variety of development resources such as the WorldCat® Search API, the WorldCat® Registry API, the OpenURL Gateway, Identifier Services (xISBN and xISSN) and the OCLC Terminologies service.

Sources of records in WorldCat

Libraries from around the world use WorldCat records to update and maintain their own catalogs. For many libraries, the majority of records found in a local catalog come from copy cataloging of records originally created by OCLC member institutions. While records come in to WorldCat from a variety of sources, the ongoing work of dedicated OCLC member catalogers still provides the most valuable data used to keep collection information accurate, and make collections shareable, visible and useful to information seekers. This, in turn, significantly reduces the need for original cataloging at a member's library, saving time and freeing up staff for other important work.



The variety of record sources for WorldCat also continues to grow. The diversity of methods for contributing to WorldCat ensures that more types of libraries and other institutions can contribute to the cooperative and make their collections highly visible to a worldwide audience. This, in turn, means more records, less cost and better visibility and resource sharing. Records come into WorldCat from online cataloging and batchloading; from the smallest public libraries to the largest national libraries in the world; from archives, museums and research institutions; from publishers and an increasing number of partners who benefit from being able to go to a single, comprehensive source for library data.

The scope and flexibility of OCLC cataloging allows more libraries of more types and sizes to participate. This leads to better cost sharing and efficiency for you. WorldCat is a truly an example of what libraries can do when we work together. The more we cooperate, the better our shared future becomes. Contact OCLC Library Services to learn more: libservices@oclc.org.