

Focus on OCLC Cataloging

WorldCat today represents the combined investment of 72,000 libraries, archives and museums across 112 countries. It incorporates more than 470 languages, 170 million bibliographic records and 1.5 billion holdings. OCLC members have built WorldCat to be more than the world's largest bibliographic catalog—it is a valuable, flexible, cooperative tool for librarians worldwide. As information seekers go first to the Web for resources, WorldCat connects libraries to partners, publishers, search engines and users across a full spectrum of Internet services.

Superior record supply and hit-rate

Most small and medium-size libraries find cataloging copies for 98% of their needs. Libraries save money and time whenever they can find a record available for copy cataloging. Specific data for paperback editions, audiobooks, Braille, large print and other media are often available, making cataloging easier and more useful. And if you need to catalog an original item, OCLC provides credits to help offset your costs.

We never stop improving the quality of records

Records come into WorldCat through a variety of sources and are updated through the work of dedicated catalogers. Records are improved by: member librarians, through programs like the Expert Community Project, the Enhance program and change requests; OCLC Quality Assurance staff; and through automated systems that apply ongoing improvements through authority control, MARC updates, DDR (Duplicate Detection and Resolution) software, and other services.

Better visibility and access on the Web

To be useful today, library materials need to be visible and accessible. Since WorldCat.org went live, search engines and partner pages have guided more than 595 million people to the site. From there, more than 32 million have gone on to access local library materials and services. Because WorldCat also powers many delivery and resource sharing activities, users don't just *find* more of what they're looking for... they *get* it from libraries.

A worldwide community of practice

WorldCat provides strong support for knowledge organization. By aggregating the work and priorities of thousands of institutions, OCLC members are able to advocate with infrastructure and standards organizations on behalf of libraries. From MARC, CONSER and FRBR to Dublin Core and NACO—and looking forward to RDA—OCLC member libraries have an important voice in the industry.

Cooperative solutions for our shared future

Built by members, guided by their insights. WorldCat will continue to grow and change—but always with the goal of better serving libraries and their users. For forty years, WorldCat has been the basis for cataloging, resource sharing, discovery and delivery services. It will continue to represent the work of a unique cooperative whose public purpose represents a demonstrable commitment to promoting libraries and their evolution.



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