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### Coming soon

Information seekers will soon be able to search the content of all OCLC electronic resource services through the WorldCat.org, WorldCat Local and WorldCat Local “quick start” interfaces to locate materials provided by their local library or in other libraries around the world.

The first step toward full integration, OCLC plans to release enhancements to the interfaces for WorldCat.org, WorldCat Local and WorldCat Local “quick start” that will simplify access to OCLC FirstSearch® databases, NetLibrary™ eBooks and eAudiobooks, Electronic Collections Online™ eJournals, ArchiveGrid® archival collection descriptions and CAMIO® (the Catalog of Art Museum Images Online). As a result, users will be able to retrieve an integrated set of search results from these resources with locally-available materials displayed first.

These enhancements will enable libraries that subscribe to these OCLC electronic resources to offer their users access to them through a new interface—at no additional charge. Existing interfaces for FirstSearch, NetLibrary, CAMIO and ArchiveGrid will continue to be available through at least 2011 to ensure a smooth transition for library staff and library users.

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—Wendy Duff, Associate Professor,  
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