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# OCLC Membership

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# What is OCLC?

## *Organization:*

A not-for-profit, membership cooperative (under US tax law)

## *Public purposes:*

To advance libraries and librarianship

To further access to the world's information

To reduce the rate of rise of per unit library costs

## *Mission:*

Connecting people to knowledge through library cooperation

## *Vision:*

The world's libraries. Connected.

# “Not for profit” ≠ “Free”

- OCLC is a member-directed cooperative that sells services to libraries, directly or through distributors
- All revenue over expenses (targeted at 2%-4%) is invested in the cooperative
- No founders who own OCLC
- No shareholders who require dividends
- No one can buy OCLC

# Our members: Libraries



# A (very) brief history of OCLC



Fred Kilgour



Thompson Library  
The Ohio State University

# From Ohio to the world



- Tens of thousands of collections represented
- From over 170 countries and regions
- Locate, catalog, manage, lend and preserve library materials and artifacts

# National libraries in WorldCat

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA**

National Library Service, Barbados

Botswana National Library Service

British Library

Library and Archives Canada

National Library of Chile

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY OF CHINA**

National Library of The Czech Republic

Royal Library of Denmark

National Library of Finland

Bibliothèque nationale de France

German National Library

National Széchényi Library, Hungary

National and University Library of Iceland

Iraqi National Library and Archive

National Library of Ireland

National Library of Israel

National Library of Jamaica

## **NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY OF JAPAN**

National Library of Lebanon

National Library of Lithuania

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MALAYSIA**

National Library of Mexico

Koninklijke Bibliotheek, The Netherlands

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY OF NEW ZEALAND**

National Library of Poland

National Library of Russia

Russian State Library

National Library of Scotland

National Library of Serbia

## **SINGAPORE NATIONAL UNION CATALOG**

National and University Library of Slovenia

National Library of Spain

National Library of South Africa

Swaziland National Library Service

National Library of Sweden

Swiss National Library

## **NATIONAL CENTRAL LIBRARY, TAIWAN**

National Library and Information System  
Authority of Trinidad and Tobago

National Library of Turkey

Library of Congress, National Agriculture  
Library, National Library of Medicine, United  
States

National Library of Wales

National Archives of Zimbabwe Library



# OCLC office locations

## Australia

Melbourne, Victoria

## Canada

Calgary, Alberta

Brossard, Quebec

Winnipeg, Manitoba

## China

Beijing

## France

Asnières sur Seine

## Germany

Berlin

Böhl-Iggelheim

Oberhaching

## Mexico

Mexico City

## Netherlands

Leiden

Paterswolde

## Spain

Barcelona

## Switzerland

Basel

## United Kingdom

Sheffield

## United States

Dublin, Ohio

San Mateo, California

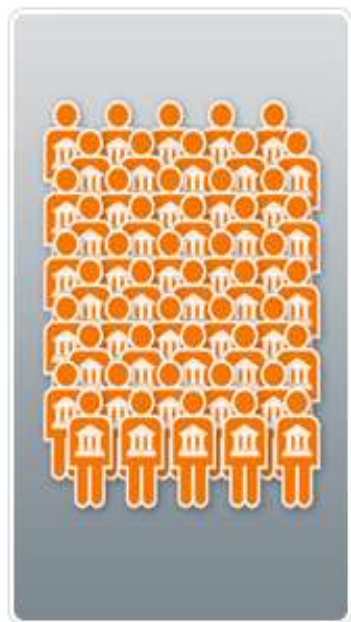
Seattle, Washington

*OCLC in Dublin, Ohio, US*



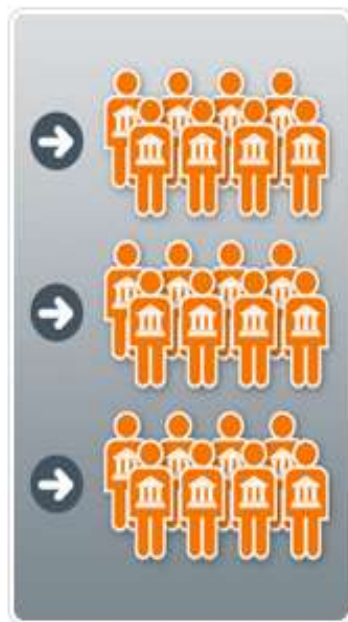


# OCLC's governance structure



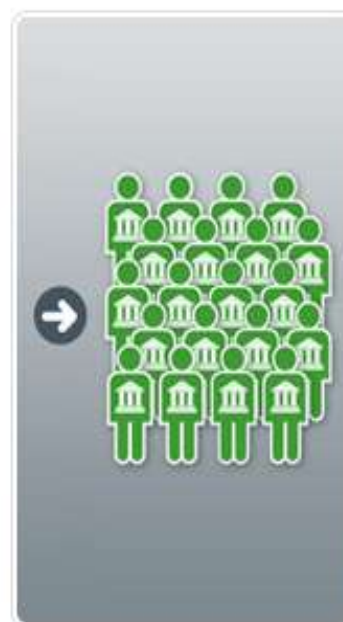
**Members**

**~16,000**  
institutions



**Regional Councils**

**3**  
councils



**Global Council**

**48 delegates**  
and **3 officers**



**Board of Trustees**

**15**  
trustees

# Regional Council meetings



**EMEA, South Africa  
February 2014**



**Asia Pacific, Thailand  
October 2013**



**Americas, USA  
January 2014**

# How to become a member

- Contact us via [membership@oclc.org](mailto:membership@oclc.org)
- There are no dues or fees to join
- Pay for the services you use
- To maintain membership:
  - Add your library's holdings to WorldCat; and/or
  - Share your resources via WorldShare Resource Sharing or QuestionPoint; and/or
  - Subscribe to an OCLC ILS or WorldShare Management Service

# OCLC's unique value

- Economies of scale
- Leading technology
- Innovative services
- Improved productivity
- Increased connections
- Public purposes

Connecting people to knowledge  
through library cooperation





# Weaving libraries into the web

**Weaving Libraries into  
the Web**  
OCLC 1998-2008

Edited by  
**Jay Jordan**

# Intelligent workflows



Connected to a global data network



Powered by library cooperation



# Partnerships

## Content partners



## Library services

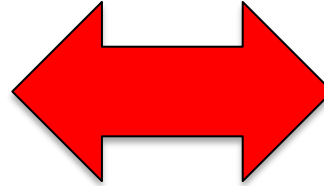


## Consumer services





# Our most important partnership



# Products for the community

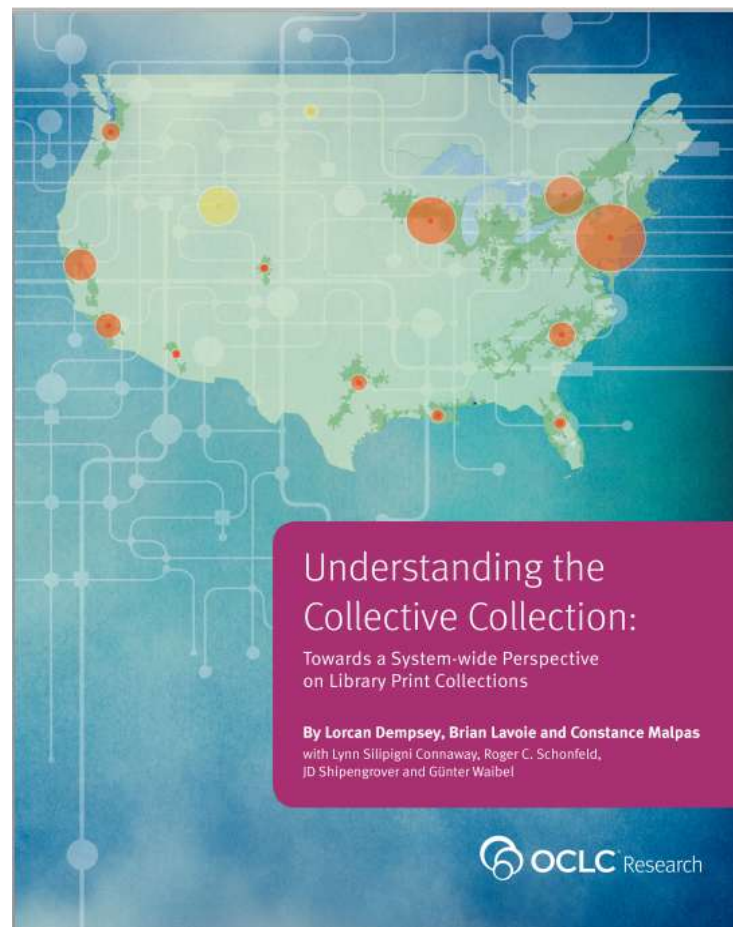
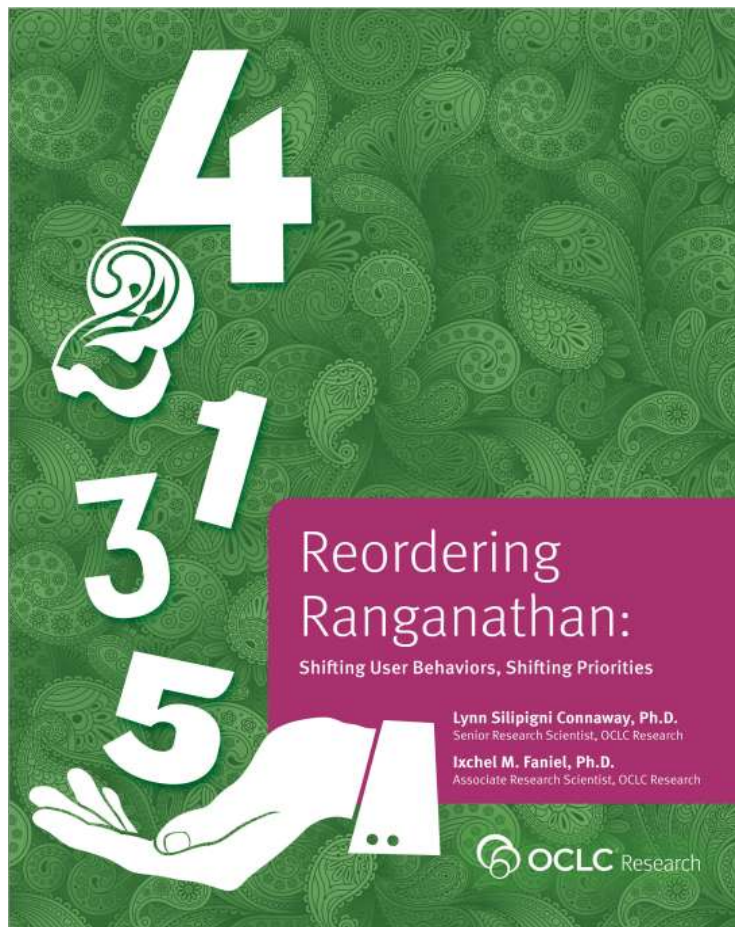
- Cataloging and metadata
- Resource sharing
- End user
- Management systems

# Service to the community

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- Research
- Reports
- IFLA/OCLC Fellows

# OCLC Research



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## Activities

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## ResearchWorks

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## ResearchWorks

Things to play with and think about.

**Welcome to OCLC ResearchWorks**, OCLC's research laboratory. ResearchWorks demonstrates a few of our ideas for applying new technologies to organize information. In some cases, they serve as examples of things you can develop or incorporate into your own systems.

**Just a note:** these are demonstrations. If something is not working on this page when you visit, let us know and please come back and try it again later.

## ResearchWorks Activities

[ArchiveGrid](#)

ArchiveGrid is a growing collection of over two million archival material descriptions that provides a foundation for OCLC Research collaboration and interactions with the archival community, and also serves as the basis for our experimentation and testing in text mining, data analysis, and discovery system applications and interfaces.

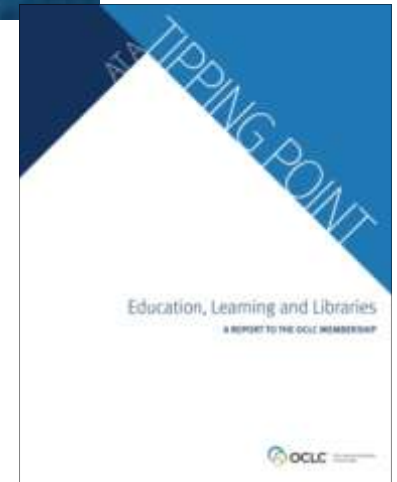
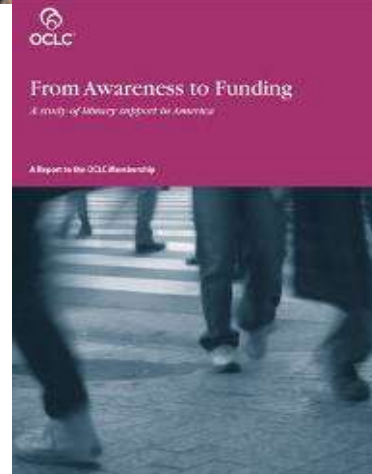
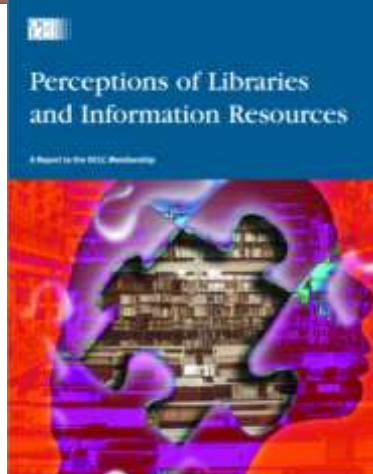
The activities listed on this page have prototypes or demonstrations you can explore and play with. These are explorations and works in progress. We invite you to play with these prototypes and [send us your ideas](#).

A few of these activities have generated software that you can download and build upon. Go to our [software](#) page for a list of only those activities.

The [OCLC Research Library Partnership](#) has sponsored the activities with this mark.



# Membership marketing reports



# 2014 Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Fellows





# 2015 Jay Jordan IFLA/OCLC Fellows



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Philippines



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# So what are the...

BENEFITS

# Better service for library users



# More comprehensive data





# International connections



By and for the members





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