An integrated suite of cloud-based library management applications

“WorldShare Management Services fit the strategic direction of our organization. We wanted to reduce the cost of managing our systems and collections so that we could focus on providing direct support to our students and faculty, and on new projects like institutional repositories. We believe WMS will help us improve services for our users, with greater economy for our institutions.”

KIRSTEN LEONARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PRIVATE ACADEMIC LIBRARY NETWORK OF INDIANA (PALNI)
The power of worldwide cooperation comes to library management

OCLC WorldShare® Management Services are an integrated suite of cloud-based library management and discovery applications packaged together to give librarians a comprehensive and cost-effective way to manage library workflows and improve access to library collections and services. The applications include acquisitions, circulation, license management, metadata management, interlibrary loan, analytics and discovery.

Continuing the mission of the OCLC library cooperative

Libraries share many common challenges: they are faced with scarce resources, changing user needs and increasingly diverse collections, systems and workflows. To manage these challenges, libraries need new ways to save time and money while continually improving service delivery.

Realize results with WMS

WorldShare Management Services (WMS) offer libraries cost savings, workflow efficiencies and the ability to deliver new value to users by sharing data, work and resources with other libraries. More specifically, with WMS your library will be able to:

Streamline and improve workflows. With WorldCat® data as its foundation, WMS allows libraries to improve workflows and drastically reduce the time it takes to perform routine tasks, including e-resources management and cataloging. Libraries have also been able to reallocate full-time staff to undertake new initiatives, such as cataloging special collections, creating LibGuides for users and redesigning library websites.

Realize significant cost savings. Traditional ILS systems often require additional costs for servers and to maintain software. These costs are eliminated with WMS—a cloud-based system. Additionally, there are no fees related to the purchase of separate serials management, course reserves, openURL resolver and A to Z list services, all of which are included with a WMS subscription.

Manage print and electronic resources efficiently. WMS integrates all of your electronic and print resource management workflows—including selection, acquisitions and maintenance—within the same Web-based WorldShare® interface. This helps to streamline and automate the management of electronic collections and puts electronic materials in your users hands more quickly.

Improve discovery for your users and increase library visibility. Your WMS subscription includes WorldCat® Discovery Services, which provide your users with a single search of your electronic, digital and physical resources as well as materials held by thousands of libraries worldwide. And, through OCLC’s syndication partners, it gives your library more visibility on the Web with leading search engines like Google and other popular sites.

Get better information about your library’s activities. A WMS subscription includes a range of predefined/parameterized reports based on local library data. These include a local holdings report and dashboards that provide visual, at-a-glance views of key performance indicators about your library’s activities. A report authoring tool is available at an additional cost, as is the WorldShare® Collection Evaluation service, which provides peer comparisons based on OCLC cooperative data.

Shared library data, infrastructure and effort

Shared library data. Serving as the foundation of WMS is WorldCat—the most comprehensive global network of data about library collections and services. Built by OCLC® member libraries around the globe, WorldCat includes more than 300 million items in every conceivable electronic, digital and physical format.

Shared infrastructure. The WorldShare® Platform—an open, flexible platform—provides the technical infrastructure on which all WorldShare applications are built. It also offers access to APIs and other Web services.

A community effort with real local impact. Your library and thousands of others have shared data for over 40 years using WorldCat. With WMS, libraries can now share vendor records, serials patterns, publisher and knowledge base data, and more. WMS provides libraries the unique opportunity to share innovation, applications, infrastructure, vision and success.
WorldShare Management Services offer streamlined library workflows through the Web-based, WorldShare interface.

**Unified acquisitions for physical and electronic collections.** WorldShare® Acquisitions provides built-in access to WorldCat records and vendor data, streamlining both the selection and acquisition processes. Holdings are automatically created for the physical and electronic resources you acquire.

**Centralized circulation and patron management.** With WorldShare® Circulation, all functions are handled centrally. The intuitive Web interface streamlines tasks and reduces training efforts.

**Control of whole collections...and any individual record.** WorldShare® Metadata Services offer complete metadata management capabilities for your entire collection, across licensed, digital and physical resources. They provide the latest cataloging tools and technology, as well as flexible workflows.

**Centralized management of the entire license life cycle.** Available as an add-on service, WorldShare® License Manager helps you more effectively manage license agreements, rights, access and resolution to full text from a single interface.

**Fast and simple resource sharing.** WorldShare® Interlibrary Loan simplifies borrowing and lending workflows and expands fulfillment options beyond traditional interlibrary loan. It integrates discovery and delivery of licensed, digital and physical materials.

**A contemporary discovery experience.** WorldCat® Discovery Services serves as the end-user discovery interface for WMS. Its single-search box provides users with access to your library’s materials—including e-books and full-text articles—as well as to materials in group catalogs and thousands of libraries worldwide.

**Better decision-making tools.** WMS includes a range of predefined/parameterized reports based on local data. A report authoring tool is available at an additional cost, as is the Collection Evaluation service.

A WorldShare Management Services subscription also includes a link resolver with full functionality, an A to Z list, course reserves, scheduling and materials booking, evaluative content, cover art, a mobile interface for a range of devices and an OAI-PMH harvesting tool.

Libraries share their success with WorldShare Management Services

**Expanding our e-collection.** The Criss Library at the University of Nebraska Omaha, which serves 15,395 students and 2,171 faculty and staff, went live with WMS in March 2013.

The move to WMS is enabling the Criss Library to keep pace with current and emerging trends in technology.

Stephen R. Shorb, Dean of the Library, said the move to WMS also helped the library acquire 430,000 e-book titles with the cost savings they experienced and helps set the stage for future staff reallocation to create an institutional repository.

**Easier workflows lead to “undiscovered treasure.”**

With WMS, staff at the Perkins Library at Doane College reclaimed time for projects that had gone untouched, better serving the 3,000 students at the liberal arts school in Crete, Nebraska.

Director Julie Pinnell said, “One of the things our cataloger said to me was it’s so much easier to catalog with WMS. And now that she has more time, she’s been able to work on our archive, which is our library’s undiscovered treasures.”

**Significant savings.** Located in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Bucknell University is the largest private liberal arts university in the U.S. with 3,550 students. As a result of implementing WMS, the library experienced significant savings through reduced hardware costs and streamlined technical services. According to Jennifer Clarke, Assistant Director of Development and Access Services, the move to WMS enabled Bucknell to hire two staff to support a new digital scholarship center that is housed in the library.
Learn more:

- **Visit** the WMS website at: [http://oclc/WMS](http://oclc/WMS)
- **Hear more** from the WMS community about their experiences at: [http://oclc/WMSmembers](http://oclc/WMSmembers)
- **Register** to attend an upcoming WMS webinar at: [http://oclc/UpcomingEvents](http://oclc/UpcomingEvents)
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"WorldShare Management Services in many ways surpasses the vision that I had several years ago. I had been primarily thinking of management of physical items. So WorldShare has gone beyond my expectations, especially in terms of management of electronic resources. I think WorldShare Management Services is ahead of its time and lays the groundwork for the next five to 10 years of transformative change."

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