Easily manage your licensed electronic resources

WorldShare License Manager replaces separate systems and data silos, allowing your library to manage divergent e-content workflows in one place. This vendor-neutral service integrates seamlessly with your existing OCLC Cataloging Subscription and WorldCat® records as well as with WorldShare Management Services.

Managing licensed resources can be difficult

Your library may have a filing cabinet full of licenses from multiple vendors for your electronic resources. Library staff is responsible for maintaining these licenses—maybe through spreadsheets—and ensuring access for users. It takes a long time to collect all the information you’ll need to negotiate license terms. And if your licenses aren’t up to date, users get frustrated when they are denied access to content.

“With License Manager, we’re already starting to see vast improvements in our workflows. ...We’re able to know when things need to be renewed, and there’s a lot less confusion.”

Josh Hickman
Digital Resources Librarian, Beloit College

Streamline your e-resource workflows

WorldShare License Manager takes the complexity out of electronic resource management so your users can always access the e-resources you provide to them. License Manager allows you to keep all your license information in a single system, which makes it easy to maintain your active licenses and renew those that get the most use in your library. That means no more tracking history and current status in file cabinets and spreadsheets!

License Manager also provides statistics on what your users access so you can better negotiate with license providers, renew subscriptions to popular content and justify budgets to funding organizations. This alert-based system also helps you manage and update licenses with new terms or changes from providers and offers users an up-to-date A-to-Z list of your library’s electronic titles.

WorldShare License Manager simplifies electronic resource management by consolidating the information you need to keep licenses active and to show your users exactly what resources they can access. License Manager stores, shares, manages and reports on all information and actions related to licensed resources in a central, searchable system.
Control the lifecycle of your licensed electronic resources.

Save time...

- by automatically updating your holdings data in WorldCat
- by aggregating usage statistics from vendors that supply COUNTER reports
- by storing licenses from all vendors in one centralized, cloud-based location
- by accessing crowdsourced license templates or cloning previous licenses

...and money

- by discontinuing your separate resolver service
- by canceling unused licenses and negotiating better renewals for more popular content
- by comparing and sharing license agreements between libraries to ensure you’re getting the best offer

Maintain accurate links

License Manager allows you to automatically maintain your holdings in WorldCat. This ensures that your users can find the resources you provide to them. It also keeps the links your users click to access your content up to date without any additional effort from library staff.

Learn from others

All libraries manage licenses for content, so why not learn from each others’ experiences? License Manager allows you to prepare licenses using crowdsourced templates, including a SERU template to help manage your “Shared Electronic Resource Understanding.” You can also clone a local template that you’ve used in the past to minimize the time and effort required to renew.

Connect with existing ILS

License Manager allows KBART-formatted exports of a profiled knowledge base for integration with any library management system. License Manager is also available as an add-on to your WorldShare Management Services subscription or to an OCLC Cataloging Subscription with participation in the WorldCat knowledge base.

Visit oc.lc/LicenseManager for more information.

Learn how WorldShare License Manager can streamline tasks in your library, watch introduction and feature walkthrough videos, find upcoming webinars and events, read recent news stories, contact a Library Services Consultant and more.

Because what is known must be shared.