Together we make breakthroughs possible.

OCLC® is a global library cooperative that provides shared technology services, original research and community programs to libraries, including our thousands of members in 100+ countries. Together we support access to the world’s collected knowledge, and in doing so, ignite research, innovation and learning.

Because what is known must be shared.
Whether we’re supporting advancements on the leading edge of science, or helping children build a strong learning foundation, shared knowledge is the common thread. People can find the answers they need to solve important problems in their lives, in their communities and in the world. **Together we make breakthroughs possible, both big and small.**

**We advance** understanding and drive innovation.

*We conduct research that helps institutions stay ahead of their most pressing challenges.* We ensure that the promise of new technologies makes a difference in the lives of librarians, researchers and learners. We provide shared services that help libraries to operate more efficiently, enabling them to focus more time and resources on their goals. And we deliver tools and data that member libraries need to fulfill their commitments to the communities and campuses they serve.

**We connect** people to the information they need.

*OCLC libraries collectively steward a vast quantity of knowledge.* Working together, we make this information more visible and accessible to end users through shared WorldCat® data, partnerships and other programs. This sharing of ideas creates connections both inside and outside the library community. It unites thinkers and doers around common purposes. And it helps researchers and learners achieve their goals by putting the world’s knowledge in reach.

**We move** forward with purpose.

*We have greater impact when we collaborate as OCLC.* When we come together as a network, we can address shared challenges at scale. And we can better understand the needs of all researchers, students and innovators. Learning from each other, leaning on each other, we chart a clearer course across the ever-changing information landscape.
Our staff have been freed to do more work that directly impacts student outcomes.

Joseph Hafner, Associate Dean of Collection Services, McGill University Library

McGill’s cataloging backlog filled several rooms. Working with OCLC cataloging experts, the library was able to get through everything in its backlog of hundreds of thousands of items. Getting these items on the shelves allowed room for more common space for students and a new digitization lab. More importantly, staff members now have time to focus on work that can really impact the lives of students and faculty.

OCLC at a glance

FOUNDED
1967 as a nonprofit, member-driven library community

MEMBERS
16,000+ in more than 100 countries

LIBRARY TYPES SERVED
Research, academic, public, school, medical, law, corporate, government, special, state and national libraries, groups and consortia

MAJOR SERVICES
Library management
  • WorldShare Management Services
  • EZproxy®
Discovery
  • FirstSearch®
  • WorldCat Discovery
Cataloging and Metadata
  • WorldShare Metadata Services
  • The Dewey Decimal Classification®
Digital collection management
  • CONTENTdm®
Virtual reference
  • QuestionPoint®
Resource sharing
  • WorldShare Interlibrary Loan
  • ILLiad®

SCOPE
40+ million search requests processed each day by OCLC systems

RESEARCH
Devoted exclusively to the challenges facing libraries and archives in a rapidly changing environment

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING
WebJunction®
Together, we advance further, faster, in our mission to share knowledge.

By joining together, member libraries benefit from reduced costs and increased access to information held in libraries around the world.

Being part of OCLC also provides access to library research, community programs and professional development opportunities.

OCLC membership brings:

- **access to WorldCat**—the most comprehensive global network of data about library collections and services—2 billion holdings and growing
- **a connection to a global network** of libraries for learning and collaboration
- **cost savings** through shared and cloud-based solutions
- **library-centered research**, including membership reports
- **advancement of librarianship** through scholarships and development programs such as the IFLA Fellows program
- **an opportunity to guide the cooperative** through voting, council participation and user groups

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**Sharing traditions to build business**

“Our vision is to champion Philippine specialty coffee and support Filipino coffee producers. The spark for that vision came from a library.”

**Carmel Laurino**, Co-Founder, Kalsada Coffee

The founder of Kalsada Coffee was inspired to become a champion of modern-day Filipino coffee growers by an early 20th century photograph of merchant men hawking Philippine coffee that she found in a digital library collection. Working directly with farmers, the company embraces the journey from farm to cup, giving growers a new spot in the marketplace and a stronger voice in the world. Library research continues to play a vital role for them as they work to build a new business—for themselves and their Filipino partners—on the foundation of a proud tradition.

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