Imagination thrives on access to knowledge.

*WorldCat Discovery* helps people easily find and get resources from your library and in libraries worldwide through a single search of WorldCat and familiar, authoritative e-content collections. It also connects users to your collections via the popular websites where people typically start their research.
Reach people when and where they need you most.

Users want to search for information in an easy and familiar format. Give your users access to electronic, digital and print collections in your library and in library collections around the world via a single search of WorldCat and thousands of e-content collections. Reach them on popular websites where they most often start their research. With each positive experience, they’ll likely return for future needs that lead to new breakthroughs.

Give everyone an easy way to find library resources through WorldCat and a central index of electronic collections. With one search on WorldCat Discovery, people can find and get items from your library’s electronic, digital and physical collections, including materials from major publishers and content partners around the world, as well as items from other libraries.

Allow users to find information through a single search. Users can search all formats of library resources through a single search box. Experienced users can continue to construct more complex searches, including use of database-specific indexes and command-line searching.

Help people find your library’s resources as part of their normal research habits. Beyond your library’s web presence, “Find in a Library” links on popular websites put your collections in places where people usually begin their research. These links direct users to WorldCat.org™, where they can click through to your library’s website.

Connect users to the resources they find, whether they access the full text online in your licensed collections or in open-access collections, get a copy in your library, request items through interlibrary loan or buy them from a content provider.

Show the value of your library. When users reliably find and access the resources they need, they’re more likely to consider your library the next time they need information. And when your resources are well used, it’s easier to justify your materials budget.

Already use FirstSearch or WorldCat Local?

Both FirstSearch® and WorldCat Discovery will continue to be offered separately. We will actively gather feedback about how to best develop an improved WorldCat search experience. WorldCat Discovery will replace WorldCat Local at a date yet to be determined. To try WorldCat Discovery, request your unique URL at oc.lc/start-discovery.
Worldwide coverage, local impact.

Find materials in libraries worldwide through WorldCat. It’s the powerhouse of research databases built over the course of more than 40 years of library cooperation. WorldCat enables library users to find exactly the resources they need in library collections.

Meet staff needs with staff-specific views that include displays of OCLC numbers, OCLC symbols and MARC records. Staff also benefit from integrated interlibrary loan requests.

Make resources available wherever and whenever users want them with a mobile-ready interface that automatically adjusts for desktops, tablets and mobile devices.

Save staff time with an integrated link resolver and a built-in A-to-Z list when your library’s data is present in the WorldCat knowledge base. This allows your users to quickly connect to the full-text content you own and license. And they can get to full-text resources in open-access collections, such as Hathi Trust, JSTOR and Project Gutenberg.

Provide a great user experience by configuring WorldCat Discovery to reflect your library’s branding, selecting searchable content collections, presenting appropriate delivery choices, linking to an OpenURL resolver or OPAC and more.

Find more content with less searching.

WorldCat Discovery helps people find and get the resources you have invested so much time, money and effort providing for them. Through a single search of WorldCat and a central index of e-content collections, they have access to a wide variety of materials, including more e-books than any other discovery system.

To see just how much content users can access, visit oc.lc/content-discovery (PDF).

“Global scale...”

“The major feature of WorldCat Discovery as a discovery tool is the global scale in which this service can help librarians. This type of tool has long been a dream of librarians and is now available and is particularly suitable for our institution.”

Elisabetta Morani
Head Librarian, John Cabot University
Rome, Lazio, Italy
Help your users easily find and get resources from collections of your library and libraries worldwide represented in WorldCat.

“So much easier...”

“It’s so much easier for our students to get what they need, and every faculty member I’ve introduced to it thinks it’s the best thing ever.”

Lydia Putnam
Technical Services Manager, Biblical Theological Seminary
Hatfield, Pennsylvania, United States

Improve the quality of your online catalog.

Until recently, librarians at Biblical Theological Seminary weren’t confident that the resources in their online catalog would actually be on the shelves. After getting WorldCat Discovery through WorldShare® Management Services, however, students and faculty can find and access resources like never before. The library’s e-book usage “has rocketed” because they’re listed in search results with print books. Users are also requesting more items through interlibrary loan and accessing more items at nearby partner institutions. And the staff is confident that the resources in the online catalog are available to all users.

Read other members’ experiences at oc.lc/stories.

Get free training whenever you need it.

OCLC offers a variety of WorldCat Discovery training resources to meet your personal training needs and help you make the most of everything WorldCat Discovery has to offer. You can choose from instructor-led or self-paced classes, video tutorials and documentation, all specific to WorldCat Discovery. And courses are available at no charge to WorldCat Discovery subscribers.

Access this training at oc.lc/SupportDiscovery.

Showcase your digital collections.

WorldCat Discovery libraries receive CONTENTdm® “quick start,” a fully functional and hosted version of CONTENTdm that allows you to launch your digital collections program. When you add these collections to WorldCat, they are discoverable through WorldCat Discovery. (CONTENTdm “quick start” is currently available in the Americas, Australia, and New Zealand.)

Visit oc.lc/WorldCatDiscovery to learn more.

Sign up for upcoming webinars and training classes, get information about the collections included in WorldCat Discovery’s central index, connect to support resources, order or register for WorldCat Discovery, learn about your transition and more.

Because what is known must be shared.®