WorldShare Management Services save you time and money by helping you easily manage your electronic, digital and physical materials through a cloud-based library system. With WorldCat® as its foundation, WorldShare Management Services enable you to draw on the collaborative data and work of libraries worldwide for more efficient workflows.

Find more time to connect with your community.
Do things differently so you have time to do different things.

Libraries strive to give their users access to the most advanced technology and tools possible to help them find and use the information resources they need, despite library budget and staffing constraints. Now, you have an opportunity to update your workflows with advanced, integrated solutions for your day-to-day tasks. The time and money you save can then be applied to meaningful engagement with the communities you serve to help make breakthroughs possible.

**Give staff more time to take on new initiatives.**
WorldShare Management Services (WMS) integrate all your electronic and print resources workflows, including maintenance, within a single web-based interface. With access to WorldCat data, the WorldCat knowledge base and OCLC’s latest cataloguing tools included, WMS simplifies and automates the management of your collections. WMS libraries report significant time savings. In fact, many now receive, invoice and catalogue new materials simultaneously. These streamlined workflows enable cataloguers to spend more time on original cataloguing for unique materials.

**Help your users easily find and get what they need.**
WMS’s single-search discovery interface, WorldCat Discovery, directs people to your library from the popular websites where they begin their searches. Your users can search all your collections at once, including e-books, databases and streaming media. They can easily search other libraries at the same time and request access to the information they need through integrated interlibrary loan. Further, the WorldCat central index includes resources from more than 280 top publishers, including ProQuest, EBSCO, Gale and Elsevier, giving your users comprehensive coverage and access.

**Reduce IT support and simplify library operations.**
WMS’s cloud-based applications allow you to retire your old servers and to stop installing software updates on each library computer. Because of WMS’s multi-tenant architecture, updates happen automatically, so you always have the latest version with the latest enhancements. Full release notes, free training resources and support accompany each application’s upgrade.

**Future proof your library with an advanced system.**
More than 25 APIs enable your library to build applications to customise your workflows. WMS also interoperates with many third-party solutions, such as self-check machines, student record systems and financial management systems, so you can integrate your existing technologies into your new, simplified workflows. The next-generation WorldShare Platform offers reliability and safeguards private data.

**Inform decisions and prove the value of your library.**
WMS’s integrated, custom reports allow you to review information about acquisitions, circulation, cataloguing and e-resources whenever you want to. Reports are easy to build and export and don’t require SQL expertise. You can use this data to make the best choices for your library about how to spend your time and money. These reports also help funding organisations understand the impact of your library.
Streamline tasks for your whole staff.

**WMS is a complete, cloud-based library management system.**

WMS offers all the applications needed to manage a library: acquisitions, circulation, metadata, resource sharing, license management, reports and a single-search discovery interface for library users.

A WMS subscription also includes reports, a full-function link resolver, an A-to-Z list, course reserves, cover art, a mobile-ready discovery interface using responsive design and an OAI-PMH harvesting tool at no extra charge.

The OCLC Community Center enables WMS libraries to find information they need in one place 24/7, including product updates, documentation, training and tutorials, events and discussion boards.

WMS helps you achieve your library’s mission through collaboration and sharing beyond your local community or group to a global cooperative of libraries.

**Shared data.** OCLC member libraries built and continuously improve WorldCat. WorldCat data serves as the foundation of WMS, providing bibliographic data to simplify many workflows. Beyond WorldCat, WMS allows libraries to share serials patterns, licence terms, vendor records and other information, decreasing redundant tasks across libraries.

**Shared infrastructure.** The WorldShare Platform provides a shared technology infrastructure for WMS libraries. This allows everyone to benefit from shared servers, simultaneous and automatic software updates and simplified communication with other libraries. Your library may already be on the WorldShare Platform using some of OCLC’s other services.

**Shared community.** WMS libraries join an active community within OCLC, a nonprofit library cooperative. This community of librarians collaborates to share best practices and to suggest WMS enhancements to OCLC staff members. WMS was designed with direct feedback from OCLC member librarians, and the WMS community continues to guide its development and advancement.

"WorldShare Management Services enables us to focus on library services instead of management software...As an international university, we are very pleased to be cooperating on a worldwide scale through the WorldShare platform."

Matthijs van Otegem
Director University Library
Erasmus University Rotterdam
Rotterdam, South Holland, Netherlands
Save time and money with library services that work together to help you manage your library.

“Manage e-resources…”

“[WMS] allows us to manage e-books, journal subscriptions ... patron-driven acquisition ... . All of those things really help us manage e-resources in a way that we didn’t before.”  

Josh Petrusa  
Associate Dean for Collections & Digital Services, Butler University  
Indianapolis, Indiana, United States

When Butler University implemented WMS, the library staff was finally able to update their old, largely paper-based workflows. Even though two-thirds of the library budget supports e-resources, the library staff managed them in spreadsheets and didn’t collect usage data effectively. The switch to a new system helped them reconsider workflows and align services to better focus on top priorities. They’ve also simplified e-resource management and implemented a new patron-driven acquisition programme. Acquisitions staff now choose the best record in WorldCat when ordering, which allows cataloguing staff to focus on special collections projects. And WMS is so easy to learn that student workers have taken on more responsibility as well.

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

Add-ons to meet your unique needs.

• Control the lifecycle of your licensed electronic resources by consolidating the information you need to keep licences active with WorldShare License Manager.

• Benchmark and compare your collections with others to support collection development decisions with WorldShare Collection Evaluation.

• Build custom reports, charts and data visualisations to meet reporting requirements and to help others understand your library’s data with WorldShare Report Designer.

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