



# Methods for Enabling Open Access Content

OCLC WorldShare Management Services, WorldCat Local, and WorldCat Local “quick start” Libraries

There are three easy methods to enable open access content. You can:

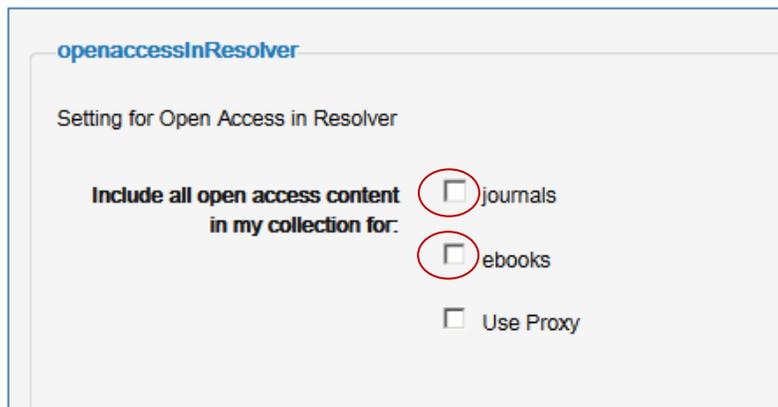
- [Enable knowledge base links from all open access collections](#) to appear in both the brief search results page and item-level detailed records.
- [Search for and add knowledge base links from specific open access collections](#). Links will appear in both the brief search results page and item-level detailed records.
- [Display links from Master WorldCat Record 856 and 956 fields to open access/free content](#) (WorldCat Local & WorldShare Management Services Libraries only)

Instructions for and advantages of each method are below. There is little risk to enabling open access content. You can easily disable the features if you do not like the results.

## Enable links from all open access collections

### How to:

1. Go to [OCLC Service Configuration](#) - WorldCat knowledge base – Settings.
2. Find the Open Access in Resolver setting. Check the box “journals” and/or “ebooks”:



### Advantages:

- Creates “View Now” links from all open access collections in the WorldCat knowledge base at once.

### Notes:

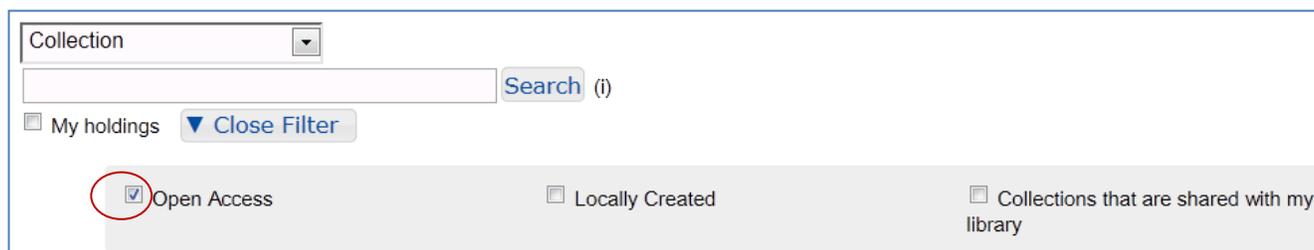
- Does not set holdings in WorldCat for these items using the library’s OCLC symbol. Does not display these items as if they are held by the library.
- Items appear as held by libraries worldwide, below the library’s holdings in the WorldCat Local search results. Items not held by your library according to WorldCat will appear as held by other relevancy levels according to the holdings symbols in WorldCat.

## Search for open/free collections from the Collection Management module

### How to:

#### 1. Select open access collections:

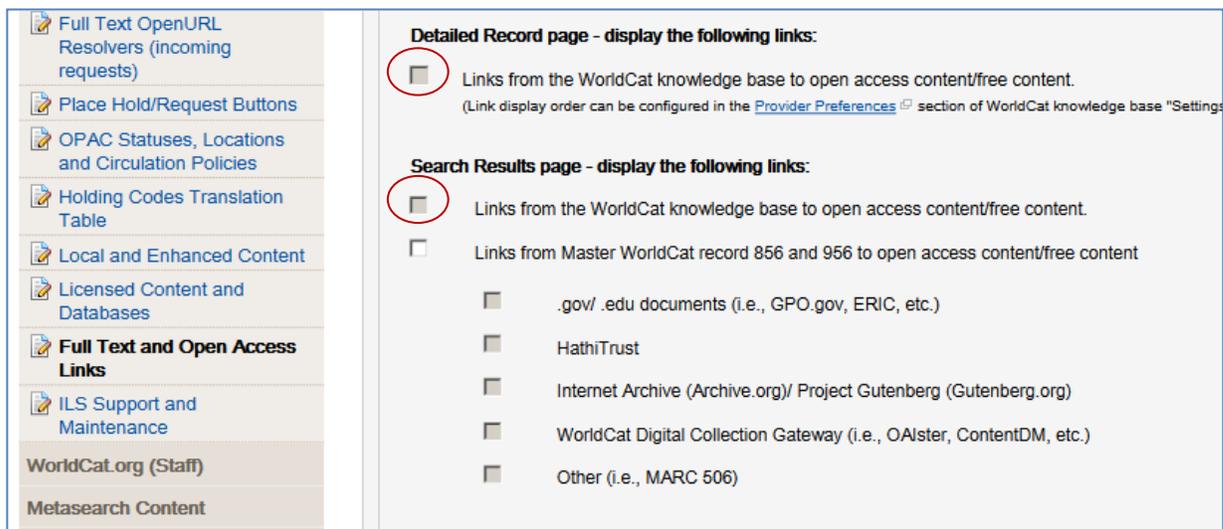
- Go to [OLCL Service Configuration](#) - WorldCat knowledge base - Collection Management.
- Search for open access collections by checking the “Open Access” filter (pictured below)
- Select collections as you desire. If the collection is customizable (if it has a pencil and paper edit icon) and you only want to add some of the titles, click the collection name to view the list of titles and turn on individual titles as you desire.
- After you have selected a collection (or some titles in the collection) you will be able to edit collection details in the properties tab.



The screenshot shows a search interface with a 'Collection' dropdown menu, a search input field, and a 'Search (i)' button. Below the search field, there are several filter options: 'My holdings' (unchecked), 'Open Access' (checked and circled in red), 'Locally Created' (unchecked), and 'Collections that are shared with my library' (unchecked). A 'Close Filter' button is also visible.

#### 2. Enable the links:

- Go to [OLCL Service Configuration](#) - My WorldCat.org - Full Text and Open Access Links.
- Check the box “Links from the WorldCat knowledge base to open access/free content.”



The screenshot shows the 'Full Text and Open Access Links' configuration page. On the left is a navigation menu with options like 'Full Text OpenURL Resolvers', 'Place Hold/Request Buttons', 'OPAC Statuses, Locations and Circulation Policies', 'Holding Codes Translation Table', 'Local and Enhanced Content', 'Licensed Content and Databases', 'Full Text and Open Access Links', 'ILS Support and Maintenance', 'WorldCat.org (Staff)', and 'Metasearch Content'. The main content area is titled 'Detailed Record page - display the following links:' and contains a list of checkboxes. The first checkbox, 'Links from the WorldCat knowledge base to open access content/free content.', is checked and circled in red. Below it is a note: '(Link display order can be configured in the [Provider Preferences](#) section of WorldCat knowledge base "Settings')'. Underneath is another section titled 'Search Results page - display the following links:' with a list of checkboxes. The first checkbox, 'Links from the WorldCat knowledge base to open access content/free content.', is also checked and circled in red. Other checkboxes include 'Links from Master WorldCat record 856 and 956 to open access content/free content', '.gov/ .edu documents (i.e., GPO.gov, ERIC, etc.)', 'HathiTrust', 'Internet Archive (Archive.org)/ Project Gutenberg (Gutenberg.org)', 'WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway (i.e., OAster, ContentDM, etc.)', and 'Other (i.e., MARC 506)'.

### Advantages:

- If desired, you can use the “Set holdings in WorldCat” option so that these items are shown as held by the library and appear higher in the results set for WorldCat Local.

### Notes:

- You can set lending instructions for these items if desired (most libraries do not).

## Display links from Master WorldCat Record 856 and 956 fields

### How to:

1. Go to [OCLC Service Configuration](#) - My WorldCat.org - Full Text and Open Access Links.
2. Select the box “Links from Master WorldCat record 856 and 956” and check desired sources.

The screenshot shows the configuration page for displaying links. On the left is a navigation menu with options like 'Full Text OpenURL Resolvers', 'Place Hold/Request Buttons', 'OPAC Statuses', 'Holding Codes Translation Table', 'Local and Enhanced Content', 'Licensed Content and Databases', 'Full Text and Open Access Links', 'ILS Support and Maintenance', 'WorldCat.org (Staff)', and 'Metasearch Content'. The 'Full Text and Open Access Links' option is selected.

The main content area is titled 'Detailed Record page - display the following links:' and contains a checkbox for 'Links from the WorldCat knowledge base to open access content/free content.' Below this is another section titled 'Search Results page - display the following links:' with a checkbox for 'Links from the WorldCat knowledge base to open access content/free content.' and a circled checkbox for 'Links from Master WorldCat record 856 and 956 to open access content/free content.' A red bracket groups the following source options: '.gov/ .edu documents (i.e., GPO.gov, ERIC, etc.)', 'HathiTrust', 'Internet Archive (Archive.org)/ Project Gutenberg (Gutenberg.org)', 'WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway (i.e., OAlster, ContentDM, etc.)', and 'Other (i.e., MARC 506)'.

### Advantages:

- Can select by source.
- Display in the detailed record – Find a copy online / “my library.”

### Notes:

- Many, but not all links, are truly open access. OCLC cannot weed out those that are not. For example, if Cornell did original cataloging in WorldCat, and included a 856 link that ends in cornell.edu, the link will appear even though the resource is actually only available to those authenticated to Cornell.
- Not all links are still working – users may get a 404 error message.
- Links do not appear as “view now” links in the brief search results list.