



WORLDCAT LOCAL @ AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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REASONS FOR PARTICIPATION

- OCLC approached AU with opportunity to participate in a trial of WCL
- Support from University Librarian and Director of Information Delivery Services to explore new opportunities
- Library looking for new Discovery options for patrons in conjunction with WRLC consortia
- Opportunity to update AU Library holdings in WorldCat



TRIAL & IMPLEMENTATION

- Team formed to work through trial set up – Electronic Resources Librarian, Head of Access Services, Cataloging Coordinator, & E-Resources Applications Administrator
- First step was reclamation batchload project to get AU holdings updated with OCLC
- Interface options, Search Result options, Open URL Resolver and ILL options, Consortial Loan Service request options, and Status, Circulation, and Lending Policies defined based on format and WRLC location codes
- Trial linked on AU Library website
- OCLC representative visited Library to talk about WCL development
- Team offered presentations for Library staff about the trial
- Library Administration approved full subscription and implementation in August



WORLD CAT AU

<http://americanuniversity.worldcat.org/>



CHALLENGES

- Cataloging practices in the consortia differ from library to library
- Consortial Loan Request service took some development on OCLC's side to work properly
- Defining all of the consortial locations Status, Circulation, and Lending Policies time consuming
- Pushing out local links from AU holdings does not work smoothly
- Balancing AU Library staff and WRLC time spent on WCL implementation
- Marketing two new Discovery Tools



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- Launch WorldCat AU alongside WRLC consortial AquaBrowser tool in mid-October
- Focus group usability testing on “Classic” catalog, WorldCat AU, and AquaBrowser in late October
- Online survey eliciting feedback on new tools
- Individual usability testing on “Classic” catalog, WorldCat AU, and AquaBrowser planned for Spring 2010
- Refine Search Result options, Open URL Resolver and ILL options, Consortial Loan Service request options, and Status, Circulation, and Lending Policies
- Test and set up Metasearch functionality

