

Summary of the Policy for Use and Transfer of WorldCat® Records

The *Guidelines for the Use and Transfer of OCLC-Derived Records* have been updated to become the *Policy for Use and Transfer of WorldCat Records*. The policy is scheduled to become effective mid-February 2009. Until that time, the Guidelines will remain in force.

OCLC® encourages and supports the widespread, non-commercial use of WorldCat records for scholarship and research to advance innovation that benefits libraries, museums, archives and their users. The “Policy for Use and Transfer of WorldCat® Records” is intended to foster such use while protecting the investment OCLC members have made in WorldCat, and ensuring that use of WorldCat records provides benefit to the membership.

YOU ARE FREE:

1. To use, reproduce, incorporate into works and display WorldCat records.
2. To transfer WorldCat records of your library’s, archive’s or museum’s own holdings.

UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. Noncommercial Use. Use of WorldCat records for commercial purposes requires a separate agreement with OCLC.
2. Noncommercial Transfer. WorldCat records may not be sold, sublicensed, or otherwise transferred for a fee, other economic gain or commercial purposes.
3. Attribution. OCLC encourages you to identify WorldCat and OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Inc. as the source of WorldCat-derived records.
4. Reasonable Use. Use must not discourage the contribution of bibliographic and holdings data to WorldCat or substantially replicate the function, purpose, and/or size of WorldCat.
5. Modification. OCLC encourages you not to remove the OCLC number, the link to the policy, and any other means of attribution from WorldCat-derived records.
6. Conveyance. The policy terms and conditions remain in effect following the transfer of WorldCat records.

This brief summary of the Policy for Use and Transfer of WorldCat® Records is for informational purposes only. Please read the complete Policy and all supporting documents carefully when considering use or transfer of WorldCat records.

For more details, see: www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/records/guidelines/

