WorldCat gets one new record every second. As of December 2021.
“Records through WorldCat updates have the wonderful effect of making it appear like 9,000 other catalogers are working just for you.”

Becky Culbertson
Electronic Resources Cataloging Librarian
Shared Cataloging Program
California Digital Library
OCLC member contributions to WorldCat

Number of WorldCat records enhanced by OCLC member libraries:

Last year: 1,010,187
(December 2020 - December 2021)

Last month: 83,261
(December 2021)
OCLC Community Center

- Learn from peers in online discussion boards
- Stay informed with updates from OCLC on releases and events
- Collaborate on new ideas and product enhancements
- Get involved with focus groups and feedback sessions

Join the community at oc.lc/community
The power of cooperative cataloging

In the past year, OCLC member libraries copy cataloged 95% of their items from WorldCat saving an average of 10 minutes per title.
The power of cooperative cataloging

By copy cataloging

17,101,022 titles

libraries collectively saved

2.9 million hours
Virtual AskQC Office Hours

Join OCLC’s Metadata Quality staff to learn about WorldCat quality issues and ask questions about cataloging. Each session briefly focuses on a specific topic and then opens for general discussion.

Join us at oc.lc/askqc
OCLC member contributions to WorldCat

Number of records processed through the member merge program:

Last six months: 53,110
(July - December 2021)

Last month: 6,883
(December 2021)
“Encompassing libraries from all sectors, of all sizes, and at various stages of development, WorldCat epitomizes global library collaboration, crossing borders, languages, and cultures to provide an unrivalled, unifying bibliographic platform.

Peter Sidorko
Former OCLC Global Council President
The University of Hong Kong
OCLC member contributions to WorldCat

Number of WorldCat records enriched and replaced by the cataloging community:

Last six months: 1,137,379
(July - December 2021)

Last month: 178,077
(December 2021)
WorldCat knowledge base: A new infrastructure for e-resource management

The WorldCat knowledge base connects library users to the electronic content provided by their libraries. The latest update is the result of a major multi-year investment that strengthens OCLC’s foundation and provides benefits across many products and services. To learn more about this effort and our commitment to ongoing innovation, please watch a short video featuring Mary Sauer-Games, OCLC’s Vice President of Global Product Management.

Read more at oc.lc/blog
OCLC member contributions to WorldCat

Sources of WorldCat bibliographic records (as of December 2021)

- OCLC and member libraries: 62.29%
- National libraries: 23.78%
- Vendors/publishers: 11.49%
- Library of Congress: 2.44%

(Items published since 2010)