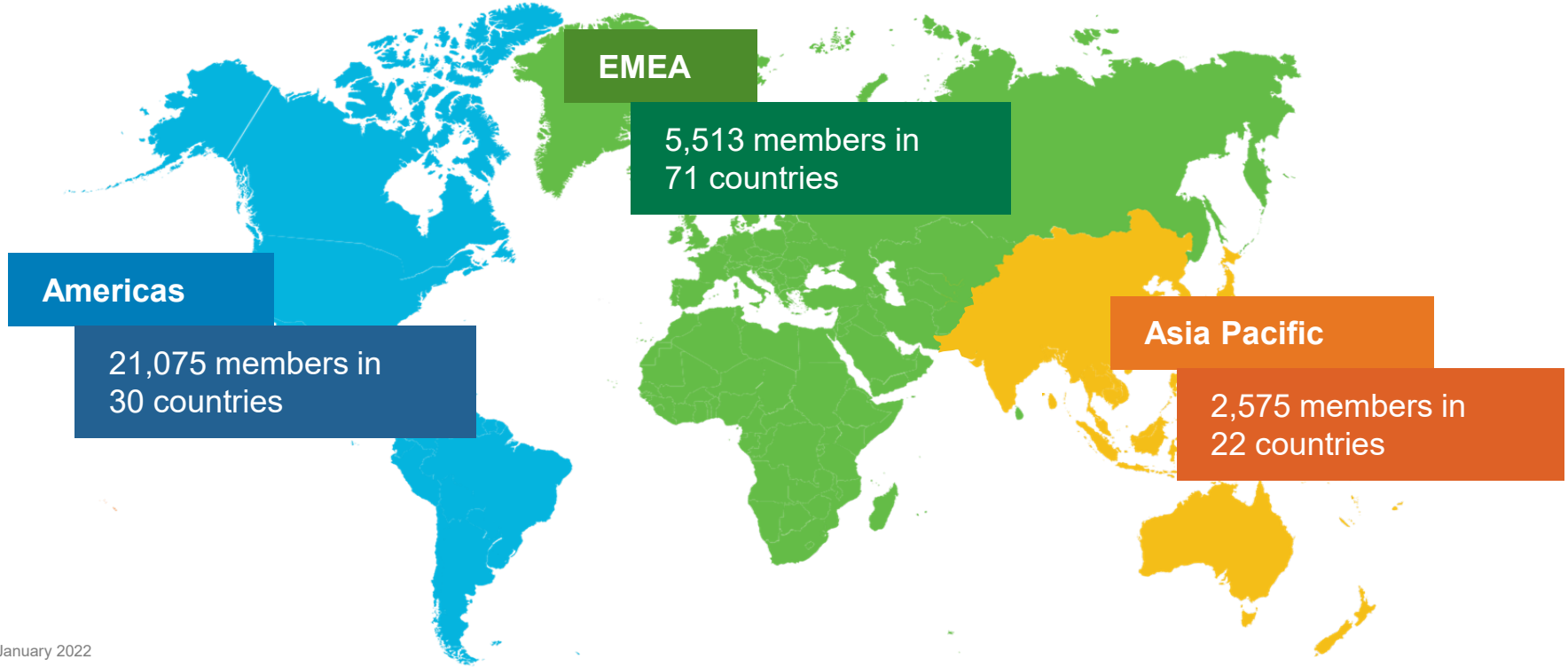
OCLC’s global library network



As of January 2022

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WorldCat®

526
million records

3.2
billion holdings

WorldCat gets
one new record
every second

As of April 2022

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OCLC's metadata quality team

Last year:

21,900,000
records enhanced

317,000
duplicates removed

7,800
authority records enhanced

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From July 2020 to June 2021

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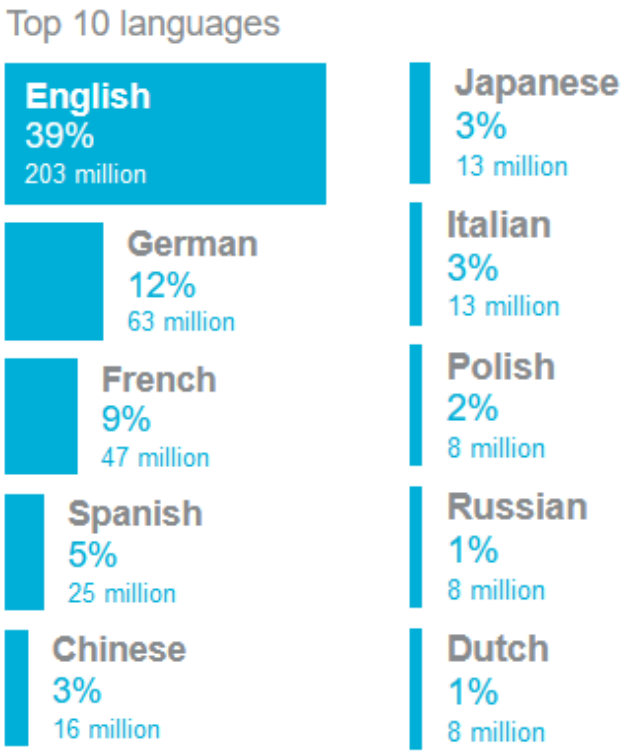
Contributions to WorldCat

Languages in WorldCat

483

languages represented in WorldCat



As of December 2021

Community enhancements

Number of WorldCat records enriched and replaced by the cataloging community

Last year:

2,367,782

(2021)

Last month:

205,551

(April 2022)

Constantly improving

OCLC's WorldCat Metadata Quality Team reviews, deletes, merges, and enhances an average of **4 million** WorldCat records per month

Power of cooperative metadata

In the past year, OCLC member libraries copy cataloged

95%

of their items from WorldCat

saving an average of
10 minutes per title

Power of cooperative cataloging

By copy cataloging

17,101,022 titles

libraries collectively saved

2.9 million hours

last year

“…well placed to develop linked data”

“As a major data hub, **OCLC is well placed to develop linked data services** for the library community.”

Chew Chiat Naun
Head of Metadata Creation
Harvard Library

HARVARD LIBRARY

Ask QC office hours

Join semi-monthly virtual Q&A sessions with the OCLC metadata quality team

oc.lc/askqc

“…global library cooperation”

“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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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

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Community enhancements

Number of records processed through the member merge program

Last year:

105,208

(2021)

Last month:

7,686

(April 2022)

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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 Manageme

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