

Community, Innovation, Technology: Fifty Years of Sharing Knowledge







libraries become

members of OCLC



Ohio University (Athens, Ohio, USA) is first to catalog a book online using the OCLC Online **Union Catalog**

OCLC Research is founded

"Beehive" terminals are introduced for dedicated online cataloging

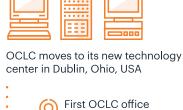
· · · OCLC Users Council established

1973

OCLC introduces the OCLC Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system WorldCat® records 4.5 M WorldCat holdings

is named president

Rowland C. W. Brown



in Birmingham, UK

Asia Pacific outside the US opens

OCLC expands services to

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OCLC begins publishing the Dewey Decimal

Classification® System (DDC®)

Dr. K. Wayne Smith is named president



18 WorldCat records



PRISM platform for OCLC Cataloging—and later, ILL,

Union Listing and other

services—is launched



Jay Jordan is named president

OCLC Library School

free OCLC access to library schools

Program provides



OCLC expands services to Latin America and the

Caribbean

Asnières-sur-Seine,

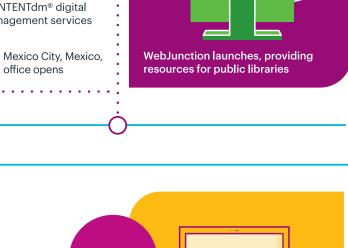
France, office opens

720 M WorldCat holdings WLN (Western Library Network) members join the OCLC cooperative

WorldCat records



office opens



Sisis GmbH joins OCLC in Oberhaching,

> The Research Libraries Group

(RLG) joins OCLC,

Library Partnership

later becoming

the Research

2004

Germany

OCLC publishes

OCLC Environmental Scan: Pattern Recognition

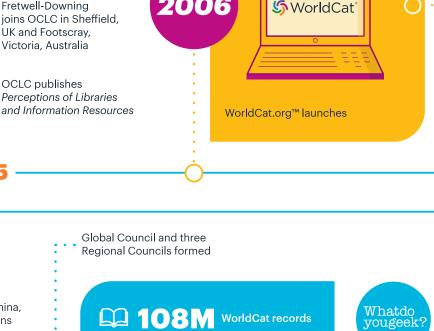
Fretwell-Downing ioins OCLC in Sheffield,

UK and Footscray,

Victoria, Australia

OCLC publishes Perceptions of Libraries

<u> 2001 – 2002</u>



"Geek the Library®"

community

awareness campaign begins



Number of

non-English

materials in

WorldCat exceeds

Beijing, China,

2005



2008

1.29 B WorldCat holdings

WorldShare*



OCLC publishes

Understanding the Collective

Collection

Dutch library

system provider

HKA (Huijsmans

ALA publishes

The Network

Reshapes the

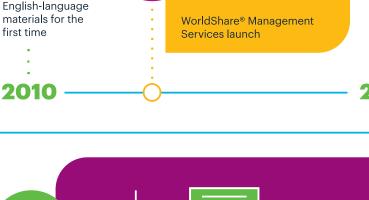
Dempsey on

Services, and

Libraries,

OCLC publishes The Library

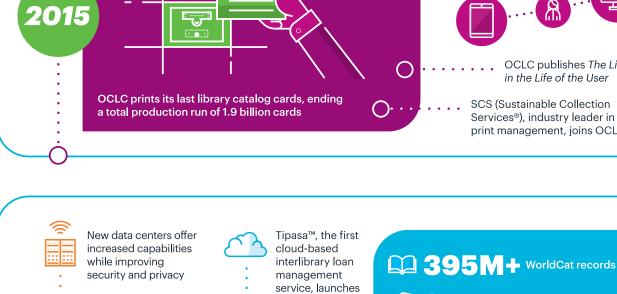
Library: Lorcan



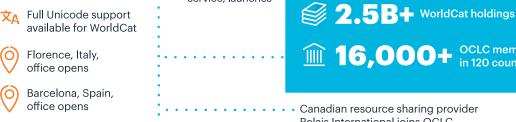
2011











2017



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