

# Together we make breakthroughs possible.

**OCLC® is a global library cooperative**

that provides shared technology services, original research, and community programs to libraries, including our 18,000 members in 120+ countries. Together we support access to the world's collected knowledge, and in doing so, ignite research, innovation, and learning.

Because what is known must be shared.®



# Knowledge connects the dots.

Whether we're supporting advancements on the leading edge of science, or helping children build a strong learning foundation, shared knowledge is the common thread. People can find the answers they need to solve important problems in their lives, in their communities and in the world. **Together we make breakthroughs possible, both big and small.**



## **We advance** understanding and drive innovation.

**We conduct research that helps institutions stay ahead of their most pressing challenges.** We ensure that the promise of new technologies makes a difference in the lives of librarians, researchers, and learners. We provide shared services that help libraries to operate more efficiently, enabling them to focus more time and resources on their goals. And we deliver tools and data that member libraries need to fulfill their commitments to the communities and campuses they serve.



## **We connect** people to the information they need.

**OCLC libraries collectively steward a vast quantity of knowledge.** Working together, we make this information more visible and accessible to end users through shared WorldCat® data, partnerships, and other programs. This sharing of ideas creates connections both inside and outside the library community. It unites thinkers and doers around common purposes. And it helps researchers and learners achieve their goals by putting the world's knowledge in reach.



## **We move** forward with purpose.

**We have greater impact when we collaborate as OCLC.** When we come together as a network, we can address shared challenges at scale. And we can better understand the needs of all researchers, students, and innovators. Learning from each other, leaning on each other, we chart a clearer course across the ever-changing information landscape.

# Libraries today are faced with a rapidly changing information environment.

To meet users' demands while managing costs, libraries need reliable access to cutting-edge technology and services. OCLC members address these challenges cooperatively through shared data and infrastructure, streamlined workflows, and partnerships that increase the collective influence of libraries.



A complete set of library management applications and platform services built on an open, cloud-based platform.



A set of databases that together comprise the most comprehensive global network of data about library collections and services.



## Sharing discoveries to build bridges

"The preservation and the sharing of knowledge can connect us all in unexpected and wonderful ways."

**Hsueh-hua Chen**, University Librarian,  
National Taiwan University

During World War II, many unique Japanese historical documents were destroyed, including the Rekidai Hoan, a record of more than 400 years of diplomatic correspondence. In 1985, a researcher discovered a forgotten copy in a Taiwanese library. Cooperation between Okinawa University and National Taiwan University has since made this historic find accessible to the world's scholars. Learn more: [oc.lc/rekidaihoan](http://oc.lc/rekidaihoan)



To learn more about OCLC, visit [www.oclc.org](http://www.oclc.org)

## OCLC at a glance

### FOUNDED

1967 as a nonprofit, member-driven library community

### MEMBERS

18,000+ in more than 120 countries

### LIBRARY TYPES SERVED

Research, academic, public, school, medical, law, corporate, government, special, state and national libraries, groups and consortia

### MAJOR SERVICES

#### Community engagement

- OCLC Wise™

#### Library management

- WorldShare Management Services
- EZproxy®

#### Discovery

- FirstSearch®
- WorldCat Discovery

#### Cataloging and Metadata

- WorldShare Metadata Services
- The Dewey Decimal Classification®

#### Digital collection management

- CONTENTdm®

#### Resource sharing

- WorldShare Interlibrary Loan
- Tipasa®

### ANNUAL REPORT

See the latest annual report: [oc.lc/annualreport](http://oc.lc/annualreport)

### RESEARCH

Devoted exclusively to the challenges facing libraries and archives in a rapidly changing environment

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

WebJunction®

# Together, we advance further, faster, in our mission to share knowledge.

By joining together, member libraries benefit from reduced costs and increased access to information held in libraries around the world.

Being part of OCLC also provides access to library research, community programs, and professional development opportunities.

## OCLC membership brings:

- **access to WorldCat**—the most comprehensive global network of data about library collections and services—2.7 billion holdings and growing
- **a connection to a global network** of libraries for learning and collaboration
- **cost savings** through shared and cloud-based solutions
- **library-centered research**, including membership reports
- **advancement of librarianship** through scholarships and development programs such as the IFLA Fellows program
- **an opportunity to guide the cooperative** through voting, council participation, and user groups



## Connecting Native American students with their past

“It was so appreciated that the library told their story in their way and honored their particular culture.”

**Bonnie Allen**, Dean of James E. Walker Library, Middle Tennessee State University

During four summers (2009–2012), students from the Native American Studies Department at the University of Montana photographed 65,714 pages from 126 boxes of Bureau of Indian Affairs records. Through this work they built connections to their tribes’ history and, in some cases, to their own direct ancestors. These images are now available on the Montana Memory Project and the Digital Public Library of America. Learn more: [oc.lc/montanamemoryproject](http://oc.lc/montanamemoryproject)

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