WorldShare Management Services (WMS) is a complete cloud-based library management platform that supports your strategic priorities with actionable data, a user-focused experience, and an API-first framework that connects the library to all your institution’s systems. WMS helps libraries provide immediate access to information with optimized delivery.
Cooperation, innovation, and choice have been the heartbeat of WMS since its inception. Give users on-demand access to resources within your library and beyond through intuitive discovery and optimized delivery. Give staff more time for high-impact projects by breaking down silos, flattening workflows, and leveraging the power of thousands of libraries in the WorldShare community to make breakthroughs possible.

You define success, WMS helps you get there.

Simplify electronic and print resource management in a single interface.
WMS is built for efficiency. Integrating your electronic and print workflows into a single web-based interface makes workflows up to four times more efficient than legacy systems or other cloud platforms. It’s easy to identify, acquire, describe, and give users the electronic and print resources they want. And with interwoven WorldCat® data, both staff and users benefit from decreased processing time.

Magnify potential with group collaboration.
WMS group functionality is so much more than shared resources. Without changing interfaces, users can find and request items held in your library or in your group. Circulation is streamlined through shared visibility into patron files and hold fulfillment, all without sacrificing local control of circulation policies and practices.

Exceed user expectations with intuitive discovery.
WMS delivers a powerful user experience with a single intuitive interface to search across your full collection and all databases, find items in other libraries, view item availability, place holds, review accounts, renew items, and more. With WorldCat as the foundation, WMS connects users to unparalleled global resources through OCLC’s powerful network of libraries.

Innovate and connect with APIs.
A wide range of APIs, included with your WMS subscription, enables you to build applications to customize workflows. WMS integrates with your campus technology systems—including financial management, learning management, and student record systems—so you can seamlessly incorporate existing technologies into your workflows.

Prove library value with actionable data.
The right data is critical. As a fully integrated platform powered by a state-of-the-art data analytics warehouse, WMS delivers actionable data from all departments in formats you prefer. And there’s no need for technical expertise. Custom reports, visualizations, and the ability to evaluate collection holdings against other libraries can help drive key decisions across the library and support your important role in student success.
The future is cooperative.

Everything you need to manage your library

WMS offers everything you need to manage your library: e-resource management, acquisitions, discovery, circulation, metadata management, resource sharing, reports, and APIs.

WMS helps you achieve your library’s mission through collaboration and sharing beyond your local community or group to a global network of libraries.

Shared data. OCLC member libraries helped build and continuously improve WorldCat and the WorldCat knowledge base. WorldCat data serves as the foundation of WMS, providing electronic journal coverage data and bibliographic descriptions to simplify workflows. WMS goes beyond foundational, shared metadata to allow libraries to share serials patterns, license terms, vendor records, and other information, which decreases redundant tasks across libraries while still allowing for local control.

Shared infrastructure. The WorldShare Platform provides a shared technology infrastructure for WMS libraries. This allows everyone to benefit from shared servers, simultaneous and automatic software updates, and simplified communication with other libraries. Your library may already be on the WorldShare Platform using some of OCLC’s other services.

Shared community. WMS libraries join an active community within OCLC. This community of librarians collaborates to share best practices and to suggest WMS enhancements to OCLC staff members. WMS was designed with direct feedback from OCLC member librarians, and the WMS community continues to guide its development and advancement.

A WMS subscription also includes reports, a full-function link resolver, an A-to-Z list, course reserves, cover art, a mobile-ready discovery interface, a mobile app for library workers, and an OAI-PMH harvesting tool at no extra charge.

The OCLC Community Center enables WMS libraries to find information they need in one place 24/7, including product updates, documentation, training and tutorials, events, and discussion boards.

“[WMS] allows us to manage e-books, journal subscriptions ... patron-driven acquisition ... All of those things really help us manage e-resources in a way that we didn’t before.”

Josh Petrusa
Associate Dean for Collections & Digital Services
Butler University
Indianapolis, Indiana, United States
Save time and money with library services that work together to help you manage your library.

“effective shared cataloging...”

“WMS... allows for effective shared cataloging incorporating national authority files and makes possible the integral management of both electronic and print collections.”

Javier García García
Subdirector de Procesos y Servicios Bibliotecarios
Universidad Complutense Madrid
Madrid, Spain

To support one of the largest universities in Europe, the Complutense University Library takes a leading role in collaborating with innovative global partners to further promote and secure the future of all libraries. In addition to partnering with HathiTrust and Google, Javier and his team selected WMS to cooperate on a global shared platform and to make their collections more visible. The library maintains both electronic and print resources in WorldCat for its users and global resource sharing. And Complutense students and faculty now have a new level of bibliographic searching experience that includes all the content of WorldCat.

Read other members’ experiences at oc.lc/stories.

Add-ons to meet your unique needs

- **Pivot, train, and test** with the WMS sandbox, a full-featured environment where you can safely train staff and test configurations and APIs on a current and complete set of your library’s local data without impacting your WMS production environment or data.
- **Connect to your institution’s financial systems** to easily manage invoices, fees, late fines, and more.

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Sign up for webinars, see recent announcements about WMS, watch videos of librarians who use WMS, learn more about included and optional services, and more.

Because what is known must be shared.