UnityUK®

Open the UK to your users through sharing.

How can your users get the most from resources across the UK?

In an environment where users want information as quickly as possible, it is vital that you have a system in place that can provide the material they need. Provided by OCLC, in partnership with The Combined Regions (TCR), UnityUK is the UK’s only national network for resource sharing. UnityUK brings together the union catalogues previously known as UnityWeb, LinkUK, and RevealWeb into one single union catalogue. It also allows staff to search other data sets, such as the British Library files.

Offer them a web-based resource sharing and interlibrary loan service.

UnityUK is a fully integrated ILL service for request management and catalogue searching, providing access to over 9,000,000 records and more than 47,000,000 holdings. In excess of 300 UK libraries are currently contributing to the service.

OCLC works with both TCR and the UnityUK member community to shape the future of the service and interlending in the UK. Community events and activities encourage members to share best practices, develop ideas, and discuss future plans for the UnityUK service.

UnityUK is a resource sharing and interlibrary loan service, which delivers union catalogue management, cross database searching, holdings and item location, and an integrated interlibrary loan workflow.
Boost your library’s value to users by increasing the resources available.

Your users are unlikely to be able to get copies of all the resources that they may want on their own. With UnityUK, you can open up the wealth of UK resources available to them through this national network. **Together, we can fulfil their needs.**

Access accurate, up-to-date information for every request. Data quality underpins the ongoing success of UnityUK. Regular member contributions mean the catalogue is kept updated. The ongoing data improvement programme ensures that the data is kept accurate and clean.

Reduce turnaround times and streamline workflows. As the request process is fully automated, staff no longer need to fill out paperwork, send faxes, and chase libraries for requests; they are only notified if there is a problem. All request work is completed within one interface, streamlining workflows and reducing the need to log in and out of multiple screens.

Make your holdings more accessible. The UnityUK union catalogue is loaded into the WorldCat® database, making your library’s holdings available on the open web and accessible through major search engines as well as WorldCat.org™. This allows the public to search for and view holdings of UnityUK libraries and beyond—for free, from anywhere.

Find the Service Pack best suited to you. There are two UnityUK Services Packs: Full Service and Search Only. The Search Only option has been designed for libraries who use their library management system to place and manage requests. Contributing to UnityUK is free, so you do not have to subscribe to make your holdings available through the service.

Simplify your billing with Interlibrary Loan Fee Management (IFM). As a full service subscriber, IFM allows you to reconcile resource sharing charges and receipts directly through a monthly OCLC invoice—no need for a British Library claim form.

“UnityUK provided us with the ability to manage the workflow in a more structured manner, and we could communicate to our customers the stage their request was at.”

Debra Carter
Library Service Team Assistant, Library Support Unit, Essex Libraries, Colchester, United Kingdom

Visit oc.lc/unityuk or contact uk@oclc.org to find out more.

Learn how UnityUK can make your resources more accessible, expand the limits of what you can provide to your users, and connect you with libraries throughout the UK.

Because what is known must be shared.