Redesigned Advanced Search: Mandatory rollout FAQ

What if my library isn't ready to turn on the redesigned Advanced Search during the voluntary opt-in period?

Your library can wait until OCLC turns on the redesigned Advanced Search for all WorldCat Discovery libraries on 16 July 2025.

If I turn on the redesigned Advanced Search during the voluntary opt-in period, will I be able to turn it back off?

Yes, you will be able to disable the redesigned Advanced Search experience during the voluntary opt-in period and return to the classic experience. After the full rollout of the redesigned Advanced Search on 16 July 2025, you will no longer be able to disable the redesigned Advanced Search experience. However, you will continue to be able to configure certain aspects of the redesigned Advanced Search experience for your users.

What will happen on 16 July 2025, when OCLC launches the redesigned WorldCat Discovery Advanced Search experience for all WorldCat Discovery libraries?

Your library will automatically go live with the redesigned Advanced Search experience. You will continue to be able to configure certain aspects of the new experience, but you will no longer be able to revert to the classic Advanced Search experience.

Can we preview the page without enabling it for users?

Yes. Use this preview URL, which allows staff to view and explore the new interface before deciding to roll it out to users: **https://[LibraryPrefix].on.worldcat.org/discoveryPreview**

Why do I still see the message saying preview mode is enabled after I have toggled on the new advanced search?

Your browser is likely still in preview mode. Simply click "Turn off preview mode" and you will not see that message again. End users who have never accessed preview mode will not see that message.

Why can't I expand search results to include news articles or book reviews yet?

The search expansion toggles for news articles and book reviews will be added in the May 2025 release. These enhancements will allow users to broaden their results set when applicable.