

Methods for enabling open access content

Depending on your library's subscriptions and use of OCLC products and services, use the instructions below to add open access collections to your WorldCat knowledge base and display links to this content in your discovery interface of choice.

There is little risk to enabling open access content. You can easily disable the features if you do not like the results.

Search and select open access collections in Collection Manager

If you have access to WorldShare Metadata Collection Manager, you can search and select open access collections.

How to:

1. Log in to the WorldShare interface, navigate to the **Metadata** tab and open the **Manage Collections** accordion.
2. Make sure the "My Library Holdings Only" box is **unchecked** and click the search button. This will display a list of all available collections in the global WorldCat knowledge base.
3. From here, filter for open access collections by checking the box for "Contains Open Access content". Select a collection to add it to your library's knowledge base. Once you have selected a collection, you can edit the collection details.

Note: It is not necessary to configure each collection's settings as the system defaults are set to what most libraries prefer. Settings for maintaining holdings in WorldCat are disabled by default for open access collections and there is no proxy set-up needed.

WorldCat Discovery libraries may need to enable links as described in this document below.

If you want MARC records delivered for your collection, there are other significant settings. Please see the WorldShare Metadata Collection Manager pages if you are interested in [receiving WorldCat MARC records](#) for collections in your knowledge base.

View the full [list of collections in the knowledge base](#).

Enable full-text links for WorldCat Discovery

If you're a WorldCat Discovery or WorldShare Management Services institution, you can enable open-access link resolution using Service Configuration. Once you have configured this, your open-access collections will appear as held by your library and appear higher in the results set in your WorldCat Discovery interface.

How to:

1. Log in to OCLC Service Configuration interface and open the My WorldCat.org section.
2. Select Full Text and Open Access Links from the menu.
3. Check the box for "Links from the WorldCat knowledge base to full text content" under Detailed Record. This will automatically select the setting for links to appear on the detailed record and the brief record on the search results page. If for some reason you do not want links in the search results, adjust the Search Results setting.

Display links from 856 and 956 fields to open access content

WorldCat Local, WorldShare Management Services and WorldCat Discovery libraries with a cataloging subscription can enable the display of links from 856 and 956 fields to open access content. Once these are enabled for display, they will show up in the detailed record results of your discovery interface.

How to:

1. Log in to [OCLC Service Configuration](#) and open the **My WorldCat.org** section.
2. Select **Full Text and Open Access Links** from the menu.
3. Towards the bottom of the **Search Results page – display the following links** section, check the box "**Links from Master WorldCat record 856 and 956**" and from there, uncheck the boxes beside any link sources that you do not wish to display.

In the **Full Text and Open Access Links** section, you'll notice there are various options for setting up links from master WorldCat records. Check these boxes as needed. Notice that links managed by the setting "**Links from the Master WorldCat record 856 to Non-open access content/free content**" may require payment to access content. If you wish to suppress these links, uncheck the box beside this option.

Note: We recommend that you display 856 and 956 links with caution. Many, but not all links, are truly open access. OCLC has no way to weed out those that are not. For example, if Cornell did original cataloging in WorldCat and included an 856 link that ends in cornell.edu, the link will surface as open access even though the resource is not actually available to those without authentication for Cornell. Also, not all links are guaranteed to be current. It is possible that some links will not resolve, turning up a 404-error message.

Enable links for all open access collections

PLEASE NOTE: For greater control and granular maintenance of open access content, we recommend that you select individual open access collections in the knowledge base (see instructions above) instead of enabling links for all open access collections.

How to:

1. Log in to the WorldShare interface, navigate to the **Metadata** tab and open the **Manage Collections** accordion.
2. Click **Settings** and open the **Knowledge Base** accordion.
3. Scroll down to the **“Open Access in Resolver”** setting and check the boxes for the desired open access content you’d like to display.

For more info on settings see the [WorldCat Knowledge Base Settings](#) document.

Enabling all links for access at the institution level will not set holdings in WorldCat for these items and thus the titles will not display as held by your library. The items will appear as held by libraries worldwide. If you want to set holdings in WorldCat, select individual open access collections and use the collection-level setting.