WorldCat® Discovery

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Introduction

The following release notes are for the **July 27, 2017** release of WorldCat Discovery.

WorldCat Discovery July release highlights

Users can efficiently share personal lists and items with call numbers and personal notes. In addition, the display of more record metadata in search results helps users better understand items and make connections between works.
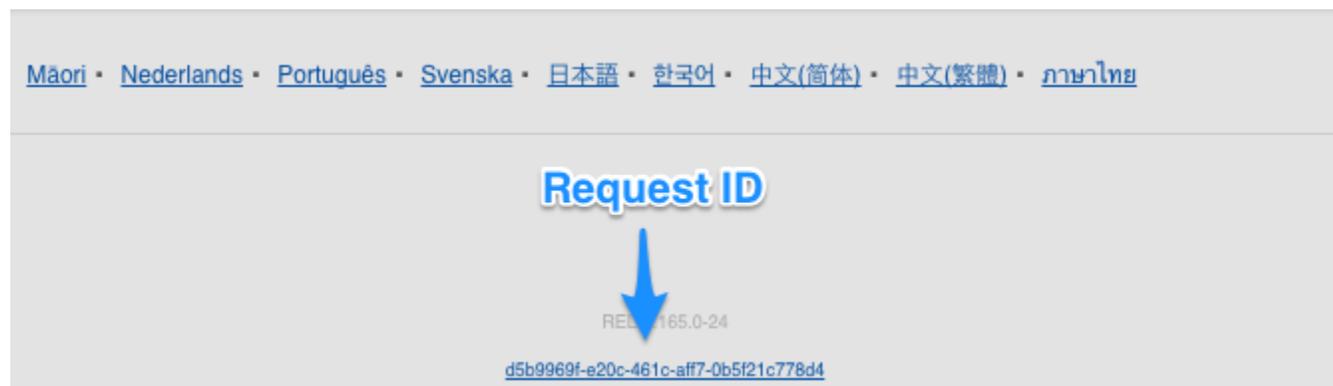
Librarians can sort search results to feature items owned by a large number of libraries.

Recommended actions

- ❏ If your library uses WorldCat Discovery to primarily perform librarian-initiated interlibrary loan requests, we recommend setting your default sort algorithm to "Most Widely Held." This will ensure your staff find items with the most holdings quickly, similar to the WorldShare Interlibrary Loan and FirstSearch searching experiences. Please read here for more details on this change.

Include Request ID with problem reports

When reporting an issue with WorldCat Discovery, it is extremely helpful to include the **Request ID**. The Request ID is found at the bottom of the screen on which the issue occurred. Including this information allows us to directly trace what happened on the request we are troubleshooting.

New features and enhancements

Efficiently share Personal Lists and "My Items"

Find many items at once with call numbers on Personal Lists and "My Items"

Lists in WorldCat Discovery display multiple call numbers associated with a saved record. The call numbers will update each time the list is viewed in order to deliver accurate location information:

Share personal lists with faculty, students and staff

In addition to citing lists, users can now email an entire personal list to a user-entered email address:

The email recipient will see the user's institution URL in the subject, as well as each item and all of its associated metadata, such as custom notes and call numbers:

Library records from **[your institution URL]**

D do-not-reply@oclc.org <do-not-reply@oclc.org>
Monday, July 17, 2017 at 5:52 PM
To: Holloway,Jay

The Ohio State University

Material science of polymers for engineers
by Tim A. Osswald, Georg Menges

eBook [2012]
Publication: Munich [Germany] : Hanser Publishers, [2012]
ISBN: 9781569905241 156990524X 9781628701999 1628701994
OCLC Number: 843888543
Database: WorldCat

Note: I believe this is the item you are looking for - please reach out to our help desk if you have any further questions!
Call Numbers:

- TP1120 .O848 2012eb - Web E-books

Scope statement shows origin of search results

The scope statement now displays above search results to give users a quick reference to scoping levels applied to their search. In addition to the "Library" facet, users can view the scope statement to determine if the search results come from libraries worldwide or only from their local library.

"Most Widely Held" sort option supports interlibrary loan requests

Earlier this year, WorldCat Discovery updated the clustering algorithm used to group editions and formats. The change ensured that when multiple editions of an item are available, the most recent, locally-held edition displays in the search results. This aligns with existing user research and was successfully confirmed by a usability study conducted by OCLC in May of this year.

While student researchers expect the most recent edition to display on the search results, library staff who want to initiate interlibrary loan requests need to know which libraries own needed items. The new "Most Widely Held" sort option presents an unclustered list of results, arranged by the number of OCLC symbols attached to each record. No change in configuration is needed to present an unclustered view when searching with the "Most Widely Held" sort option.

Make better decisions about items with more record metadata

The following fields now display in the description area of WorldCat Discovery detailed records:

Description label	MARC Field	New MARC Subfields	Benefit
Added entry relationship information	700, 710, 711	$i (required), $t*, $x***	User may see the relationship between the work, the link, and the link's entries.
Uniform Title with Added Entry	730	$i, $t*, $x***	User may see how the item relates to another work – e.g. a supplement or adaptation.
Additional physical form entry	776	$a, $i, $s, $t*, $w**, $x***, $z****	User may see information about the other available physical forms of the target item in a horizontal relationship.
Issued with	777	$a, $i, $t*, $w**, $x***	User may see information about a publication which was separately cataloged, but which was issued with or included with the item in a horizontal relationship.
Improved linking in Preceding and Succeeding entries	780 and 785	$t*, $x***	Improved linking will help users navigate to Preceding and Succeeding entries on the detailed record.

* All $t links will now search the title phrase index with "ti=".

** Only $w with (OCoLC) will be linked and will search the OCLC index with "no:". All others will not be linked.

*** All $x links will now search the ISSN index with "in:".

**** All $z links will now search the ISBN index with "bn:".

Known issues

Refreshing 'Did you mean' suggestions for a better search experience

This month, our members experienced a degradation in 'Did you mean' search suggestions. On July 27, we will temporarily suspend the display of search term suggestions as we work to resolve this issue. The solution planned for the WorldCat Discovery October release will provide additional benefits such as:

- Showing the corrected word in context of an entire query
- Globalizing spelling suggestions based on a user's location
- Including names in suggestions
- Blocking numbers and index names, such as OCLC numbers or "jail," from suggestions
- Preserving all of a user's punctuation and capitalization in the 'Did you mean' suggestion

Thank you for your patience as we work to deliver more accurate, meaningful 'Did you mean' suggestions in the coming months.

New content

This is a list of new databases added to WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org since our last update.

You can enable these databases as search options in the Licensed Content and Databases module of the OCLC Service Configuration site. **Please remember that your library must have a valid subscription to these databases in order to enable them.**

The complete list of databases is available at
http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/support/discovery/contentlisttargetID.xlsx

Available in WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org

From Emerald Group Publishing Limited

> **Emerald Business, Management and Economics eBook Series Collection -** Emerald ebooks in business, management, and economics.

> **Emerald eCase Collection -** Scholarly publisher for journals and books in business and management.

> **Emerald eCase Collection** (US) - Scholarly publisher for journals and books in business and management.

> **Emerald Social Sciences eBook Series Collection** - Emerald ebooks in social sciences.

From Publishing Technology

> **Ingenta Connect** - Ingenta Connect is an online distributor of published scientific, professional, and academic research.

From Brill

> **Lexikon des gesamten Buchwesens Online** - The aim of the Lexikon des gesamten Buchwesens ("Dictionary of the Book") is to render the complete knowledge about the book in an academically reliable and exact manner, in alphabetical order.

Important Links

Office hours

- http://www.oclc.org/support/services/discovery.en.html

Product website

More product information can be found here.

Support website(s)

Support information for this product and related products can be found at:

- WorldCat Discovery support resources
- WorldCat Discovery training
- Release notes
- OCLC customer support
- Browser compatibility chart