

WorldCat Install Update

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New Feature WorldCat.org: WorldCat Library Profile Pages

You will now be able to view a library profile for each WorldCat library. From the list of libraries on the item details page and from your favorite libraries list in the user profile – you can access this new page with even more valuable information about a library including location and contact info, links to the library's website, catalog and virtual reference. (Note: This information is pulled from the WorldCat Registry – library staff may want to check your [WorldCat Registry](#) information to make sure it is up to date.)

The library profile will also include a list of recent items added to WorldCat by this library. WorldCat will create this list each month for item holding set the previous month – this list will be ordered by items with the most holdings across WorldCat.

If your library offers the WorldCat Local service, this page will let user's know it is available and allow them to execute a search that takes them to your site for availability information and more.

And this is just the start, we plan to evolve this area with more exciting additions in the upcoming months.

Example:

The screenshot shows the WorldCat website interface for the Macalester College DeWitt Wallace Library profile. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Home' and 'Search', and a user account link: 'Create lists, bibliographies and reviews: [Sign in](#) or [create a free account](#)'. The WorldCat logo is on the left, and a search bar with a 'Search' button is on the right. Below the search bar is a link for 'Advanced Search'. The main content area features a '<< Return to Detailed Record' link and an 'Add to Favorites' button. The library's name 'Macalester College' is displayed with its logo, followed by 'DeWitt Wallace Library'. The address is '1600 Grand Ave, St Paul, Minnesota United States 55105-1801'. Contact information includes 'Voice: (651) 696-6610' and 'Fax: (651) 696-6617'. On the right side, there are links for 'Website', 'Online Catalog', 'Ask a Librarian', and 'Library Information'. A section titled 'Search & discover resources through this library' contains a search box with the text 'Search Macalester College:' and a 'Search' button. Below the search box, it says 'You are searching Libraries Worldwide (WorldCat)' with a dropdown menu and an 'Advanced Search' link. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Recent items added by this library to WorldCat'.

Enhancement WorldCat.org: E-mail Item Now with Editable Subject and Message

What it is:



The e-mail message sent from the E-mail option, now editable subject and message body fields.

What it means for the user

Now the user can customize the e-mail message they will receive. This message includes location and availability information for those items that your institution holds.

Example:

The screenshot shows a web form titled "E-mail" with the following fields and content:

- Enter recipient e-mail address(es):** A text box containing "robertsb@oclc.org".
- Enter your name:** A text box containing "Bob".
- Enter your e-mail address:** A text box containing "bobrobboy@yahoo.com".
- Subject:** A text box containing "Item reference for gender studies".
- E-mail Message:** A text area containing "I need this for final paper Theoretical perspectives on gender and development Jane L Parpart; Patricia Connelly; Eudine Barriteau Ohio State U/ACK Stacks, HQ1240 .T43 2000 (AVAILABLE)".

A callout box labeled "Editable fields." points to the Subject and E-mail Message fields. At the bottom of the form is a CAPTCHA section with the text "EVENTS juno" and a "Send e-mail" button.

Enhancement WorldCat.org: Author Names and Links to OCLC Identities

The author links on detailed records will now conduct a search on those author names in WorldCat.org and WorldCat Local. Links to OCLC Identities will be moved down to the Details section under a drop-down selector.

Example:

Don't shoot, it's only me : Bob Hope's comedy history of the United States

Author: [Bob Hope](#); [Melville Shavelson](#)

Publisher: New York : Putnam, ©1990.

Edition/Format: Book : Biography : English [View all editions and formats](#)

The screenshot shows the University of Washington Libraries WorldCat search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Search', and 'University of Washington Libraries'. A search box contains 'au:Bob Hope' and a 'Search' button. Below the search box, it indicates 'You are searching Libraries Worldwide (WorldCat)'. The search results are for 'au:Bob Hope' limited to 'Libraries Worldwide', sorted by 'Location and Relevance'. The results list shows '1-10 of about 1,604 (.69 seconds)'. The first result is 'The hoax' by Mark Gordon; Leslie Holleran; Joshua D Maurer; Betsy Beers; Bob Yari; William Wheeler; Lasse Hallström; Richard Gere; Alfred Molina; Marcia Gay Harden; Hope Davis; Julie Delpy; Stanley Tucci; Carter Burwell; Clifford Irving; Miramax Films.; Bob Yari Productions.; Mark Gordon Company.; City Entertainment (Firm); Miramax Home Entertainment (Firm); Buena Vista Home Entertainment (Firm); DVD video; Language: English; Publisher: Burbank, CA: Miramax Home Entertainment; Distributed by Buena Vista Home Entertainment, [2007]; Held by: University of Washington Libraries. The 'Author' section on the left lists 'Bob Hope (644)', 'Bing Crosby (95)', 'Jack Benny (24)', 'Johnny Carson (16)', and 'Elliott Nugent (15)'. The 'Format' section lists 'Visual Material (765)' and 'Videocassette (357)'.

Author link from detail section conducts an author search.

This screenshot is identical to the one above, showing the search results for 'au:Bob Hope'. The interface elements, including the search bar, navigation, and the first search result 'The hoax', are the same. The 'Author' section on the left remains visible, showing the list of authors and their respective counts.

Drop down from details links to OCLC Identities.

The screenshot shows the 'Details' section of a WorldCat Identities profile for Bob Hope. It lists the following information:

- Named Person:** Bob Hope
- Material Type:** Biography
- Document Type:** Book
- All Authors / Contributors:** [Bob Hope](#); [Melville Shavelson](#)

Below the details is a search bar with the text 'Find more information about:' followed by a dropdown menu containing 'Bob Hope' and a 'Go' button. A navigation bar at the bottom of the details section includes a '<< Back to item details' link.

The main page header features a search bar, a dropdown menu for 'Libraries Worldwide (WorldCat)', and a 'Go' button. Below the header is the 'WorldCat® Identities' logo with a 'Beta' badge. A navigation menu includes links for 'Jump To: Overview | Publication Timeline | Works About | Works By | Audience Level | Related Names | Useful Links | Fast Headings'. The main title of the page is 'Hope, Bob 1903-2003', and the 'Overview' link is highlighted in orange.

Problem Fix WorldCat.org: WorldCat List Widget display for private user profiles

Public lists created by users with the 'private' privacy setting on their WorldCat user profile will now display properly in the [WorldCat List Widget](#).

Problem Fix WorldCat.org and WorldCat Local: Redirect from List Sharing

The problem was with saving a list of records from a search in Local and sharing it via email. That message included links to WorldCat.org rather than to the WorldCat Local domain that sent the message. Fix is being installed so that the list sharing message will link to [domain].worldcat.org.

Enhancement WorldCat Local: Enhancement: Open 856 links in a new window

You now have the option to open 856 links in a new window. If you are interested in this option, please let us know.

What it means for the user

Some links, when opened in a frame, don't function properly so the user can not get to the resource. This feature should resolve that issue.

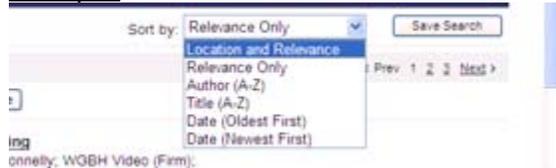
Enhancement WorldCat Local: Change default sort order

You now have the option to set the default sort order for WorldCat Local. This is the sort order in which the search results will display, however, users can change the sort order during their session. This new feature allows you to set the default sort order to:

- Location/Relevance(default)
- Relevance only
- Author (A-Z)
- Title (A-Z)
- Date (Oldest First)
- Date (Newest First)

Please let us know if you would like to change your default sort order.

Example:



Enhancement WorldCat Local: “Ask A” icon added to tool bar on detailed record

If your library has configured a “ask a” custom web link as one of the three links that now displays in the dropdown on the global header, a new icon will display on the tool bar (on the detailed record) with the print, cite, email options.

What it means for the user

When the user clicks on the icon a new window will open taking the user to the URL configured for the link.

Example:

