WorldCat Install Update
Install date: Sunday, November 8

Enhancement WorldCat Local: Improvement to treating some item types as a different item type

Improvements have been made to treating one item type as a different item type by configuring certain tags, subfields and/or values contained in the data.

Your library may have serials that display in a non-serials format -- i.e., an annual serial, travel guides, annual reports, etc., with an OPAC availability display that is consistent with your library's monograph availability display, Many times, OPACs have different availability displays for monographs and serials. If you fill out the section in Service Configuration under OPAC Status, Circulation and Lending Policies pointed out below, we will know what the trigger is in the WorldCat master record so that we return availability appropriately in your WorldCat Local. For example, if you have an annual serial, and the WorldCat master record contains a value of "Annual" in the 310 $a field, and you've specified that when we find this value in the master record for an item, we should treat it as a monograph when interoperating with your OPAC, we will look for an availability display in your OPAC that is consistent with the way monographs display.

With this install, we have removed some hard-coding that automatically applied these rules when we encountered values of "Annual ", "Biennial" and "Irregular" in an item's 310 $a. To determine if you need to configure this section of the OPAC Status, Circulation, and Lending Policies module (see example below of how to configure this tag or any tag), we suggest that you conduct some test searches after the Sunday, November 8 install on representative items in your WorldCat Local. If the search returns the correct availability, you have no need for further action.

If the availability doesn't look like you expect, you can make changes in OCLC Service Configuration OPAC Status, Circulation, and Lending Policies module. Select the "yes, treat some WorldCat Local type as a different item" radio button and enter the appropriate information. If you need additional help, please contact Customer Service.
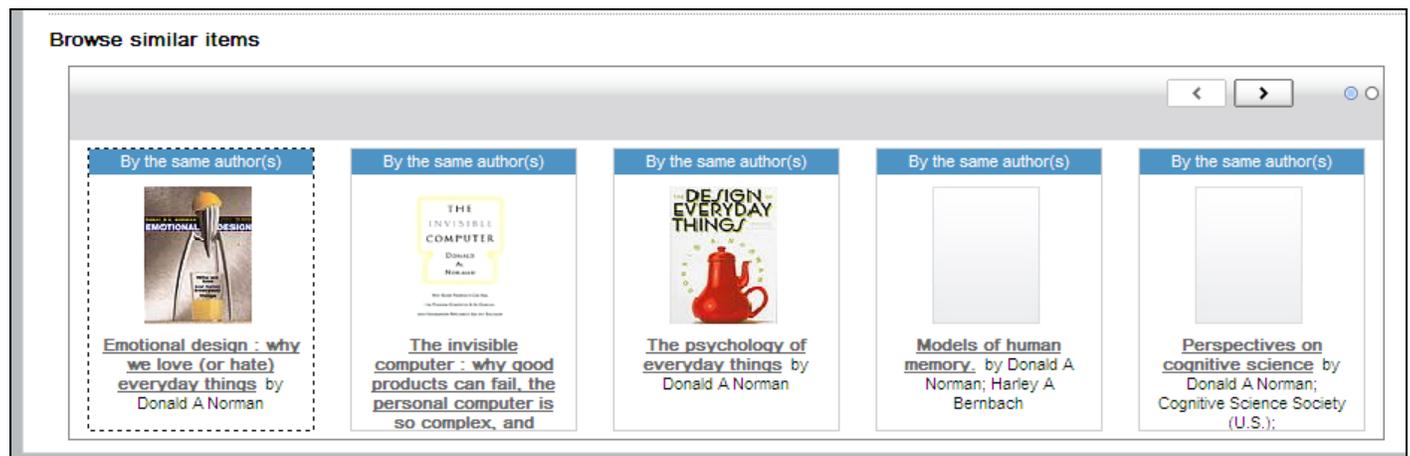
Enhancement WorldCat Local: Improvement to browse similar items

Improvements have been made for displaying results in the browse similar items carousel on the detailed record in WorldCat Local. You will see significant improvements in the author and series results, some improvement with subjects. We will continue to work on improving subject similar items.
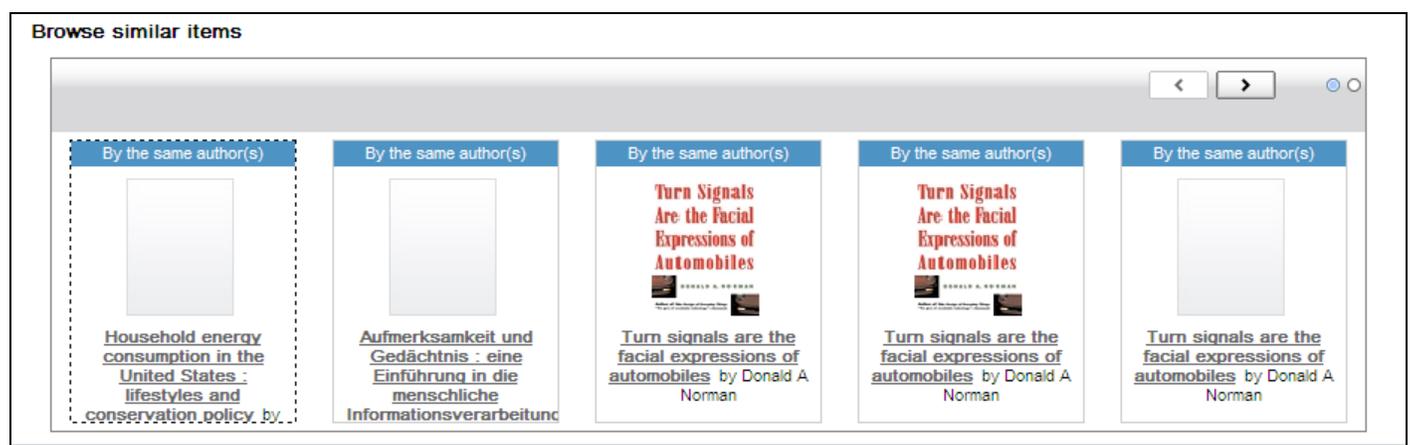
Some of the changes made:

- Turned on FRBR in the carousel so we would not see as many duplicates on the suggestions
- Using authors in "lastname,firstnames" format to better match indexing.
- For series, made use of the non-filing indicator when applicable so, e.g., skip "The" if that is not indexed.
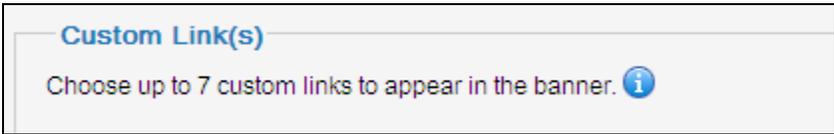
With improvements:

Prior to improvements:

Enhancement WorldCat Local: Additional Custom Web Links

You can now configure four additional custom web links that will display under the library name in the global menu.
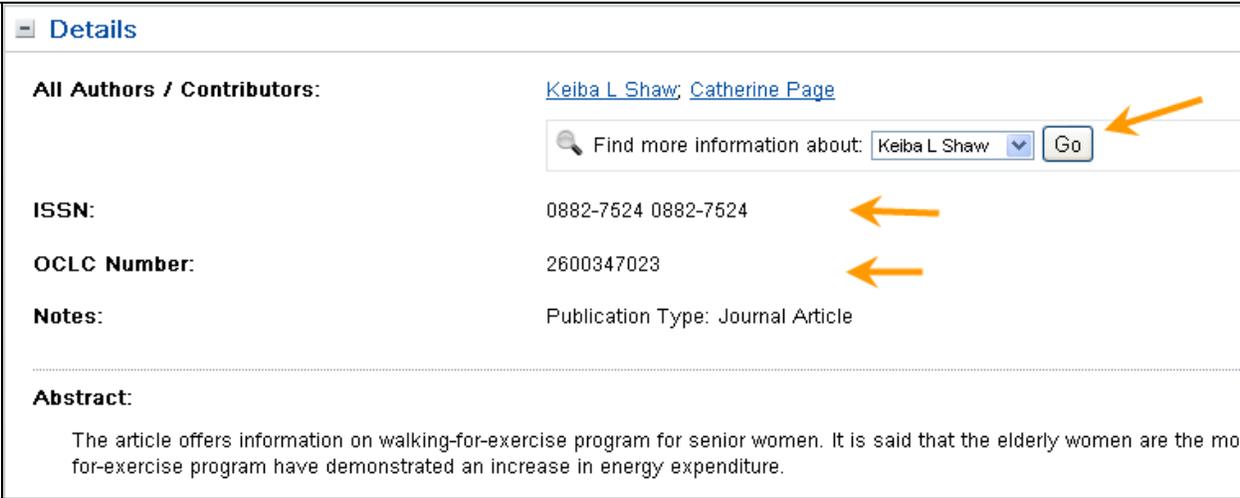
The links can be configured under My Worldcat.org; custom web links.

Enhancement WorldCat Local: Changes to Details Section Remote Database Records

- "Find more information about" box has been removed. Very few journal article authors have enough information to make a search of Identities useful. Also, the "Find more information about" box is not on the OCLC licensed content either.
- Duplicate ISSNs have been removed.
- The temporary OCLC number has been removed.
- The name of the remote database now displays.

Before the install

After the install

Enhancement WorldCat.org/WorldCat Local: Parenthetical Support in Search Query

You can now use parenthesis to create more precise searches in WorldCat.org and WorldCat Local. A search on dog (walking OR feeding OR grooming) will   return results for dog walking OR dog feeding OR dog grooming.

Enhancement to WorldCat.org/WorldCat Local: Saved Search Fixed

Users were unable to save a search. Users received the following error message upon saving a search:

This feature has been restored. Upon saving a search, users will now receive confirmation that their search has been saved and a link to their profile to view their saved searches: