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Introduction

The following release notes are for the May 2015 install of WorldCat Discovery Services scheduled for May 7th. This release brings new features and enhancements and we have addressed some bugs reported by our users. Many of the enhancements can be directly attributed to valuable feedback from our users.

Course Reserves is being introduced in this release for WorldShare Management Services (WMS) libraries. In the coming months it will be available to WorldCat Local libraries and to WorldCat Discovery libraries that purchase the Course Reserves option.

We have posted documentation on which fields are displaying in WorldCat Discovery, you can link to that document from our main documentation website and from here. This information has been highly requested by our libraries.

Include Request ID with problem reports

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

Enhanced e-Link button text
Based on your feedback about the “Access online” button text, we have changed the e-Link button text to “View online”. We are actively investigating modifications to other button text as well.

Expanded e-Linking options to include master WorldCat record Non-open access 856 links
Also in response to various requests, we are expanding our e-Linking options to allow a library to display all master record 856 links.

e-Linking across all sources will display in the following order. It will continue to work as it does today, where the first link in the list, per the order below, will be pulled up to the “View online” option on the search results page and at the top of the item’s action panel:

1. WorldCat knowledge base links
2. LHR 856 links
3. Local OPAC 856 links
4. Master Record links to open access content (see rule set below)
5. All other Master Record links (those that fall outside of the open access rule set)

The Open access rule set recognizes the following link type as open access content/free content:

1. Qualifying .gov/ .edu documents (i.e. GPO.gov, ERIC, etc.)
2. HathiTrust records denoted as freely available
3. Internet Archive (Archive.org)/ Project Gutenberg (Gutenberg.org)
4. Links to full text/full view from WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway items (i.e. OAIster, ContentDM, etc.)
5. Records denoted Unrestricted online access via the MARC 506 (first indicator=0 or $f=Unrestricted online access)

WorldCat Discovery libraries can configure this new link type source in OCLC Service Configuration. For WorldCat Discovery, the settings for the e-linking are found in My WorldCat.org > Full Text and Open Access Links > Search Results page as shown in the screen display below.
Additional Search Box Parameters

This month we have added support for the Scope parameter in your external search box. Currently, you can set up the search box to include the Database and Sort parameters and with this release you will now be able to include the Scope parameter.

Your Scope values are MY_LIBRARIES, LEVEL2_LIBRARIES, LEVEL3_LIBRARIES and ALL_LIBRARIES.

The Scope values are included in the table below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Scope Option</th>
<th>Scope Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Scope to Level 1 (the institution)</td>
<td>MY_LIBRARIES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scope to Level 2 (group)</td>
<td>LEVEL2_LIBRARIES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scope to Level 3 (group)</td>
<td>LEVEL3_LIBRARIES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scope to WorldCat Libraries Worldwide</td>
<td>ALL_LIBRARIES</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Here are examples of how to build the search query, from a simple query without parameters to examples with new scope parameters.

- https://my-library.on.worldcat.org/external-search?queryString=dog
- https://my-library.on.worldcat.org/external-search?queryString=dog&scope=MY_LIBRARIES
- https://my-library.on.worldcat.org/external-search?queryString=dog&scope=LEVEL3_LIBRARIES
- https://my-library.on.worldcat.org/external-search?databaseList=&queryString=dog&scope=MY_LIBRARIES&scope=LEVEL2_LIBRARIES&scope=LEVEL3_LIBRARIES

Here are examples of building search queries to include parameters of database, sort and scope.

- https://my-library.on.worldcat.org/external-search?queryString=dog&scope=MY_LIBRARIES&sortKey=DATE_D&databaseList=1461
- https://my-library.on.worldcat.org/external-search?databaseList=638&queryString=dog&sortKey=LIBRARY_PLUS_RELEVANCE&scope=ALL_LIBRARIES

Added Conspectus Topic (subject) Facet

In WorldCat Discovery for all users, we have added the Conspectus topic (subject) facet, utilizing the top levels of Conspectus: Division and Category. Upon an initial search, the topic facet is populated with Division headers associated with all items in that results list. Counts are also associated with and displayed for the Conspectus results. We have implemented this to display additional results consistent with our Top 6 results and the See All feature.
Hot Link Author Names

We have hot linked author names on search results, side panel, and detailed view to trigger an "au: search", as well as authors on Editions and My List. Here is an example of clicking on one of the authors in the search results.
Database Groups

Database Groups are now supported in WorldCat Discovery. Changes were made to the Discovery advanced search page to accommodate database groups. Minor changes were made to the Licensed Content module in OCLC Service Configuration to include Discovery along with WorldCat Local as consumers of database groups.
How to Configure Database Groups

Database groups are configured in OCLC Service Configuration under Metasearch Content/Licensed Content and Databases module, the “Organize your databases” section. A database group can contain one or more databases. A database can belong to multiple database groups.

Create a group by choosing which of your enabled databases you want in the group and giving the group a name. Then click “save group.” Create another group by clicking “Create a new database group.”

Once you have created your groups, you can configure the order you want the groups to display on the advanced search screen.

Make sure you save the page when you’re done configuring!

Advanced Search Changes to Support Database Groups

Changes have been made to way you add and remove databases on Advanced Search. We’ve replaced the panel that slides in when you click the “Add and remove databases” button. Now the database groups and list of databases appear in collapsible sections. When you first go to Advanced Search, the number of databases listed and the names of the selected databases are visible (screen shot A below). These are followed by the names of database groups and the number of databases in
the group. The names of the databases in each group are not visible by default (screen shot B). You click on the arrow beside the database group name to see the list of databases in the group. You may select individual databases from a group, or you can click on the “Select all in group” button to select them all. If not all of the enabled databases are in a group, then the system creates a group called “Other databases” which contains the ungrouped databases.

Screen shot A

Screen shot B
Performance Improvements

We have made some changes with our May release that will significantly improve response time for all WorldCat Discovery libraries. The fixes we made will be installed on Thursday and we will continue to monitor performance and address any issues we find, whether reported by our members or based on our own analysis.
WorldCat Discovery: Course Reserves

Description

WorldCat Discovery allows a library using WorldShare Management Services (WMS) to create courses and place library materials on reserve for these courses. Students can easily search the library’s collection to find titles on reserve for courses in which they are enrolled or considering taking. Additional roles allow library staff to maintain each course and its items on reserve.

Access course reserves

Libraries that have activated course reserves for their institution will see a Course Reserves link on the Discovery landing page.

Selecting the link displays the Course Reserves search box. All users can search and display courses and related items on reserve. Users with additional roles as course maintainers and course managers have additional privileges described below.
Search for courses

All students and staff members can search for a course by course name, instructor name, department and prefix. Search results are based on “match any words” criteria. A student or a staff member does not need to sign in to search course reserves. Search results include only active courses by default.

Search results:

1. **CLCIV 140 : Greek Philosophy**
   - 0 course materials
   - Instructor(s): Gerald Whitehead
   - Department: Classics
   - Active
   - Start Date: 1/8/15
   - End Date: 5/20/15

2. **CLCIV 110 : Greek Drama**
   - 2 course materials
   - Instructor(s): Gregory Hodge
   - Department: Classics
   - Active
   - Start Date: 1/8/15
   - End Date: 5/20/15

Users can include inactive courses when searching.

Selecting a course from the result list displays the course details and items on reserve.
Course Reserves

CLCIV 110 : Greek Drama

2 course materials

Instructor(s): Gregory Hodge
Department: Classics

Active
Start Date: 1/8/15
End Date: 5/20/15

Description: Reading and discussion of representative tragedies and comedies from Ancient Greece. Special attention will be given to the Oresteia cycle of Aeschylus and the Theban plays of Sophocles.

Date created: 4/28/15

Reserved Materials

1. The complete Sophocles
   - Available DCLC Library Main Branch MAIN-STACKS
   - by Sophocles, Peter Burian, Alan Shapiro
     - Print book 2010-2011
   Database: WorldCat
   Held by: OCLC WorldShare Management Services - Test Library

2. The three Theban plays
   - Available DCLC Library Main Branch MAIN-STACKS
   - by Sophocles, Robert Fagles, Bernard Knox
     - Print book 1984
   Database: WorldCat
   Held by: OCLC WorldShare Management Services - Test Library
Create a course
A staff member with a course manager role can create a new course in WorldCat Discovery. Once the staff member has signed in and selected the Course Reserves option, the Course Manager view appears. The Course Manager View displays all the courses that the institution has created in the Course Reserves module. Select “Create a Course” to provide the necessary information about a new course (code, title, instructor, etc.).

A course will be marked active or inactive based on starting and ending dates provided by the user. For example, if the start date precedes the present date and the end date is in the future, then the course will be marked active. When the end date is reached, the system will automatically change the course status to inactive.

Edit a course
Once the course is created, a staff member with a course manager role can edit the data by selecting the Edit Course option in the action menu. Update data as required.

Add titles to a course
Items can be reserved only if the institution holds them. A staff member with either a course manager or course maintainer role can add titles to the course by selecting the Reserve Course Materials option in the action menu.

Search for a title to add to the course. Use the Reserve button to select the appropriate title.

A reserve overlay is displayed. Use the pulldown menu in the “I want to reserve” section to select the specific copy of a monograph or volume of a multi-part work. The Reserve button will reserve the item for the course.

Remove titles from a course
A reserved item can be removed from the course by selecting the remove icon on the course detail page. Course manager and course maintainer roles are required to remove titles from a course.

Delete a course
A staff member with a course manager role can delete a course by clicking the delete option in the course reserve action menu on the landing page and search results page.
Features not yet supported

- Temporary items. Institutions that need to reserve materials not owned by the library should create an item in WorldShare Management Services for this purpose. Temporary items will be accommodated in Course Reserves later this summer.
- Multiple instructors for a course. This feature will be delivered in a subsequent release.
- Cross-listing of courses. This feature will be delivered in a subsequent release.

Because of the very different data structure between course reserves in WorldCat Local and WorldCat Discovery, we do not have plans to migrate course information at this time.
New Content

Available in WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org

This is a list of new databases added to the central index since our last update.

The central index provides content for WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Local and WorldCat.org.

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.

Please find below and in the attached document the database names and providers for reference. Documentation of the complete list of databases is available at http://www.oclc.org/content/dam/support/discovery/contentlisttargetID.xlsx

Individual collections from Alexander Street Press

American Song – North America

Please note that this database is being replaced by American Song – Canada and American Song – United States. If your library has previously configured American Song – North America, please configure these new databases based on your library’s subscription with Alexander Street Press. OCLC will remove access to American Song – North America from the WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local services, effective May 8, 2015.

American Song – Australia

The database includes songs by and about American Indians, miners, immigrants, slaves, children, pioneers, and cowboys. Included are the songs of Civil Rights, political campaigns, Prohibition, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, anti-war protests, and more.

American Song – Canada

The database includes songs by and about American Indians, miners, immigrants, slaves, children, pioneers, and cowboys. Included are the songs of Civil Rights, political campaigns, Prohibition, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, anti-war protests, and more.

American Song – Japan

The database includes songs by and about American Indians, miners, immigrants, slaves, children, pioneers, and cowboys. Included are the songs of Civil Rights, political campaigns, Prohibition, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, anti-war protests, and more.
American Song – Outside North America

The database includes songs by and about American Indians, miners, immigrants, slaves, children, pioneers, and cowboys. Included are the songs of Civil Rights, political campaigns, Prohibition, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, anti-war protests, and more.

American Song – United States

The database includes songs by and about American Indians, miners, immigrants, slaves, children, pioneers, and cowboys. Included are the songs of Civil Rights, political campaigns, Prohibition, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, anti-war protests, and more.

Classical Music Library – Australia

The database provides access to classical music labels, including EMI, Decca, Deutsche Grammophon, Hyperion, Artemis-Vanguard, Sanctuary Classics, Vox, and many more.

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Jazz Music Library – Australia

The database is a comprehensive collection of jazz with thousands of jazz artists, ensembles, albums, and genres, representing every jazz genre and time period and featuring jazz artists from around the world.

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**JSTOR Iberoamérica Collection from JSTOR**

A multidisciplinary collection of journals published within or about the Ibero-American world. The collection serves scholars across the humanities and social sciences in Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain, Portugal, and beyond.

**Available in WorldCat Discovery and WorldCat Local**

**MA Healthcare from Mark Allen Group**

Resources for professionals at all levels of the health services.
Important links

Office hours

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

Product Web site

More product information can be found here WorldCat Discovery Services

Support Web site(s)

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

- WorldCat Discovery support resources
- WorldCat Discovery Services training
- Release Notes
- OCLC Customer Support
- Browser compatibility chart

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