

 **WorldCat**[®] Discovery Services

WorldCat[®] Discovery Services is a new suite of cloud-based applications that replaces the current OCLC FirstSearch[®] and WorldCat[®] Local services. With WorldCat Discovery Services, searchers can discover more than 1.8 billion electronic, digital and physical resources in libraries around the world, through a single search of WorldCat and a central index representing more than 2,100 e-content collections. It provides a new way to search WorldCat and enables libraries to offer a rich discovery experience.

WorldCat Discovery is a continuation of the previous subscription to WorldCat on FirstSearch provided by Washington Group Services or via the Pacific Northwest FirstSearch Group, with new and expanded functionality for library staff and library users.

What's New for Washington Group Services and the Pacific Northwest FirstSearch Group

New features WorldCat Discovery provides:

- A new user interface that adapts automatically to mobile devices
- Access to a central index that represents more than 2,000 e-content collections
- Staff-specific features such as a MARC record display and initiation of ILL requests into OCLC WorldShare[®] Interlibrary Loan.
- Full-text content from 8+ million open-access materials
- A library-specific URL and custom branding
- Use of CONTENTdm "quick start" at no additional charge to help manage your digital collections

Your library's up-to-date holdings in WorldCat deliver additional benefits:

- Local resources display first in search results
- Visibility of your library's collections in websites, services and search engines where users typically begin their research
- Resolution from citations in results to full text in content to which your library subscribes (enabled by library data in the WorldCat knowledge base)
- An A to Z list that helps users locate resources provided in your collection (enabled by library data in the WorldCat knowledge base)

What Stays the Same for Washington Group Services and the Pacific Northwest FirstSearch Group

- **Access to WorldCat**, the world's most comprehensive bibliographic database. With more than 339 million records, WorldCat contains information contributed by more than 9,000 libraries worldwide. You currently access the WorldCat database through FirstSearch. You'll continue to receive end-user access to the WorldCat database through WorldCat Discovery.
- **Access to Washington Group Services and Pacific Northwest group library collections** in addition to the ability to see resources in libraries worldwide.
- **Integration with interlibrary loan.** Staff and users can choose from integrated delivery options: link directly to full text, link to your OPAC, borrow from another library or buy items from content providers.
- **Multiple search capabilities.** **Keyword, advanced and command-line searching** and the ability to limit to individual databases benefit expert searchers and library staff.

Additional fee-based options:

Individual Washington libraries may tailor their use of WorldCat Discovery by purchasing additional options to use in conjunction with the service included in the Washington group's subscription:

- **Item location and availability.** Show users what's available in local library collections (branches, departments, etc.) plus availability status from a local OPAC.
- **Group views.** Maximize and reinforce the value of your library's group affiliations by listing materials held by libraries in groups you are part of, immediately after titles your library holds.
- **Course reserves/reading lists.** Build temporary collections of resources organized by course, subject or readers' advisory list.
- **Remote database search.** Include your collections that are not available in the central index.
- **Custom reporting.** Gain insight into user behavior through customized reports from Adobe® Analytics®.

Timeline for transition to WorldCat Discovery:



Next steps

Getting started with WorldCat Discovery is easy.

1. Register to begin

Complete the "Start your Transition" form at <http://oc.lc/RegDiscovery> to receive your library's WorldCat Discovery URL.

You'll also be added to the WorldCat Discovery listserv once you register.

2. Take advantage of training

Instructor-led and self-paced [training](#) options, video tutorials and documentation are available.

3. Update your WorldCat Registry information

Your library's catalog and IP address ranges in the WorldCat Registry are used by WorldCat Discovery Services.

4. Identify your subscription database content

Identify your library's content collections in the central index list to determine which collections you can enable in OCLC Service Configuration.

5. Update your WorldCat holdings and add local data to the WorldCat knowledge base

Your library's up-to-date e-resource data in WorldCat and the [WorldCat knowledge base](#) enable users to identify resources in your collections and link to full-text e-content. WorldCat knowledge base use is provided to all libraries with an OCLC cataloging subscription.

Questions?

Learn more about WorldCat Discovery at <http://oc.lc/WorldCatDiscovery>.

Contact OCLC Customer Support (support@oclc.org) with your questions about WorldCat Discovery.

Contact Will Stuvenga at will.stuvenga@sos.wa.gov with questions about your library's membership in Washington Group Services, and how it relates to the WorldCat Discovery transition.