



Connect to the
world's collected

knowledge.

WorldCat is the world's most comprehensive database of information about library collections. OCLC delivers quality, discoverability, and value. Member libraries provide the foundation. Partners support WorldCat growth.



Share what makes your library great to make all libraries better.

When your collection exists only within the walls of your library, it's invisible to most researchers around the world. Even your library's website and online catalogue rely on people to find them first. You need to get your resources into the online places people start their research. By connecting information seekers to the resources in your collection, **you help make breakthroughs possible.**

Contribute your expertise. Update your local catalogue with high-quality records from WorldCat, knowing that cataloguers and OCLC staff around the world are constantly enhancing them.

Provide access to knowledge. Expose your library's full resources online through WorldCat, driving people to your library for information deeper than what they can find through a basic internet search.

Share your collections. Put your collections in front of the largest resource-sharing community in the world using WorldCat data. WorldCat records support full Unicode, which allows you to fully describe your resources and request the correct items from others.

Prove your value. Compare your collection to others through your access to worldwide library holdings in WorldCat. This comparison helps you make collection development decisions using solid data about peer institutions and those in your consortium.

Make your collections visible. Take advantage of cutting-edge technological advancements possible because of the collaborative nature of WorldCat. New linked data opportunities help cataloguers identify authoritative resources and increase your library's online presence.



"Scholarship..."

"Modern scholarship would not have been possible without the creation of WorldCat."

Scott Seaman

Dean of Libraries
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio, United States

Inside WorldCat

Data current as of July 2021

WorldCat represents a long-lasting collaboration among OCLC, member libraries, and material providers, which makes library collections findable and accessible around the world.

3,100,000,000 +
total holdings



Last year, OCLC member librarians copy catalogued **94% of their items from WorldCat**, saving an average of **10 minutes per title** and around **3 million hours** collectively.



Every second
WorldCat gets a
new record

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516,000,000 +
total bibliographic records



SOURCES OF WORLDCAT BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORDS

Items published since 2010



483
languages & dialects



...



39% English
61% Non-English

OCLC staff improve WorldCat every day

Our WorldCat Quality Team is dedicated to improving the WorldCat bibliographic catalogue, knowledge base, and registry. Our team of cataloguers who focus on bibliographic and authority records—most of whom hold an MLS degree—create and enhance WorldCat records both by hand and through automated, monitored systems.

• **317,498**
• records merged
• **26,130,064**
• records enhanced
• July 2020 – June 2021

Your full collection, available worldwide

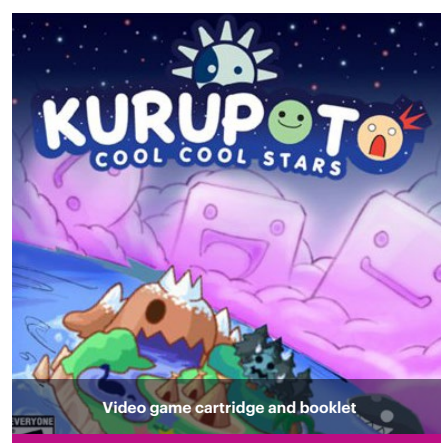
Beyond books, WorldCat includes both unique and widely held items from library collections around the world. From bestsellers to local history artifacts, from microfilm to streaming media, WorldCat puts your entire collection in front of researchers globally.



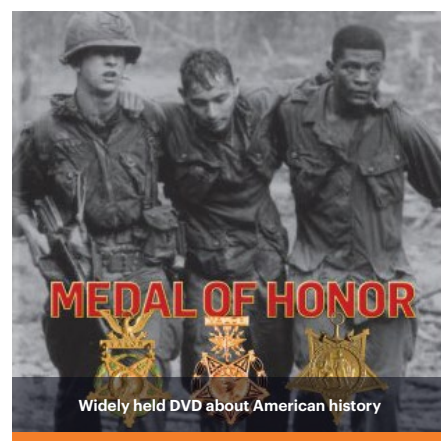
Items in many languages for a global audience



Items from
your collections
in any format

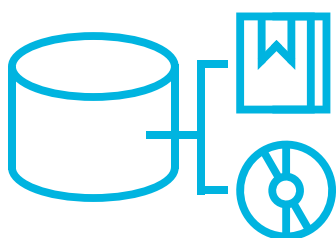


Items that are widely available or in only one place



Built for librarians by OCLC and the library community

Since 1971, OCLC staff and librarians all over the world have contributed, enhanced, and maintained records in WorldCat. These records are shared among library catalogues and back-office systems to save library staff time and to **help library users find the resources they need.**



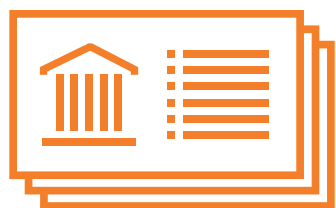
WorldCat bibliographic catalogue

Includes everything that's available to users in libraries. Beyond books and print journals, the catalogue of materials includes DVDs, historic photos, video games, musical scores, newspapers, webpages, and many unique items.



WorldCat knowledge base

Connects library users to the electronic content provided by your library. It combines data about your e-resources with linking features that make the collections easier to find, share, manage, and use. Because OCLC is a non-profit, vendor-neutral cooperative, you can contribute custom collections and improve metadata for the benefit of all libraries.



WorldCat registry

Allows you to maintain information about your library's services and contacts to help information seekers find your library online. When you maintain your location, hours, relationships, services, and contact information, the WorldCat registry populates that information on WorldCat.org™ and elsewhere through links on popular websites.



"Trusted information..."

"I believe that with bibliographical and digital repositories expanding exponentially, there need to be technical solutions to help researchers find trusted information."

Geert-Jan Koot

Head of the Rijksmuseum Research Library
Amsterdam, North Holland, Netherlands

The Art Discovery Group Catalogue in WorldCat combines the collections of art museum libraries around the world in a searchable catalogue. This allows art researchers worldwide to access this wealth of topical and authoritative bibliographic information.

Watch the video at [**oclc.org/artdiscovery**](https://oclc.org/artdiscovery).

Cooperate with libraries worldwide to share data and improve the visibility and accessibility of library resources online where users begin their searches.

OCLC delivers quality

Libraries of all types contribute to and improve WorldCat, but OCLC's data specialists also enhance WorldCat quality every day. Whether reviewing records uploaded in batch, merging duplicate records, enhancing Library of Congress Name Authority Files, or correcting reported errors, OCLC's staff members make WorldCat a valuable and unique resource for libraries worldwide. The WorldCat Quality Team applies its combined 236 years of experience with OCLC to respond to thousands of change requests and to improve millions of records each year.

Last year, OCLC enhanced 26 million records.

As Senior Consulting Database Specialist at OCLC, Jay Weitz, explained, "Underlying it all, though, is the sense that our users all over the world expect more of OCLC because of who and what we are. My colleagues and I get that and keep it foremost in our minds in everything we do."



"...thousands of users from all countries"

"[We] had to be part of [WorldCat,] an internationally referenced platform that is consulted every day by thousands of users from all countries."

Agnès Ponsati Obiols

CSIC (Spanish National Research Council)
Madrid, Spain

Supporting international researchers

The Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC, or Spanish National Research Council) Libraries and Archives Network is the largest public institution dedicated to research in Spain. "CSIC holds specialized bibliographic collections that deserve to be available for use by researchers around the world," said Libraries and Archives Network Director Agnès Ponsati Obiols. The library has added more than two million records to WorldCat to better connect researchers to this important work. "Something not on the Internet almost does not exist," Agnès continued. "Integration with WorldCat will make [our collections] much more visible."

Read more stories at oclc.org/stories.

Visit oclc.org/WorldCat.

Find out how WorldCat can connect your library to others around the world and connect your users to the diverse resources they're seeking.

Because what is known must be shared.®

