From FirstSearch to WorldCat Discovery:
Cooperative Discovery that Puts You Where Your Users Are

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What it is

- A reference solution which updates the FirstSearch service, with additional optional functionality available to make it a webscale discovery service.

- FirstSearch has always given member libraries end-user access to the world’s collections through WorldCat. **WorldCat Discovery extends that access to include all the electronic content in a central index, with localization features.**
• Available to any library with access to a FirstSearch subscription, whether an individual subscriber or part of a group subscription

• Access to current FirstSearch interface will end on December 31, 2015
Value of your FirstSearch Subscription

For all FirstSearch libraries:
End user access to WorldCat, a reference database like no other
The world’s most comprehensive database
for discovery of physical library resources anywhere

For FirstSearch libraries with OCLC cataloging:
Exposure in WorldCat, library visibility
Everywhere WorldCat appears, your collection appears

WorldCat Discovery connects your users to the world’s collections
and your collections to the world’s users. It’s where your users
see the benefit of the global library cooperative.
More value for same subscription

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| **Access to electronic content** | Central Index, including links to full-text of open access materials | • WorldCat knowledge base  
• Integrated link resolver  
• A to Z list |
| **Local experience**            | Branded interface and URL | • Local resources listed first  
• Scope to locally held |
Increased Value of your FirstSearch Subscription

For all FirstSearch libraries:
End user access to WorldCat, a reference database like no other
The world’s most comprehensive database for discovery of **electronic AND** physical library resources anywhere
Access to a central index of e-content
Local branding and URL

For FirstSearch libraries with OCLC cataloging:
Exposure in WorldCat, library visibility
Everywhere WorldCat appears, your collection appears
Resolution to full-text electronic holdings through WorldCat knowledge base
Local exposure: your collections listed first
Q: Is this a new subscription which replaces my current FirstSearch subscription?

A: No. Although it’s a new name, this is the same subscription as it was previously. The addition of access to electronic resources through the central index and the new full-featured discovery interface are included at no additional charge.
Q: If I’m a member of a group, will I share a WorldCat Discovery URL with other libraries?

A: It’s your choice. You can have an individual URL for your specific library, or you can use a shared “group” URL to access WorldCat if you do not wish to configure WorldCat Discovery for your individual library.
“OCLC is letting its mission drive its actions. Making library collections more accessible can only help us fulfill our mission as libraries.”

Angi Faiks, MLIS
Associate Director of Access, Instruction and Research Services, Macalester College
Why WorldCat Discovery at all?

Meet users at the point of need with the full value of the library—and the OCLC cooperative

- Discovery in the native interface
  *WorldCat Discovery Services*

- Discovery in third-party applications
  *Partners use WorldCat Discovery API*

- Discovery on the Web
  *Syndication gives libraries visibility; other libraries*

  WorldCat Discovery gives users more access points to more library content than any other solution!
OCLC and Discovery

• **1991**: FirstSearch launched to give library end users access to global library resources
• **2006**: WorldCat.org launched to put library resources on the open Web
• **2008**: WorldCat Local launched to bring webscale discovery to libraries: local and global, print and electronic
• **2014**: WorldCat Discovery launched to extend FirstSearch to include local and electronic discovery
What does this mean for your library?
As a FirstSearch library, you receive:

- Single search of all content available through FirstSearch today
- Access to a WorldCat and a central index of more 2,000 e-resource collections
- Option to purchase remote database searching
- Library-branded URL and custom branding
- Access to the WorldCat Discovery API
If you have OCLC Cataloging and maintain holdings in WorldCat and the WorldCat knowledge base, you also receive:

• Local library collections listed first in search results

• Integrated link resolution to full-text resources

• Built-in A to Z list

• Option to purchase additional features:
  – Real-time availability and item location
  – Group views
  – Course reserves
  – Custom reporting via Adobe® Analytics
...and visibility for library collections maintained in WorldCat

WorldCat partner traffic

*July 2013-June 2014*

- 79 million referrals from partner sites
- 8.6 million click-throughs to libraries
Access to the OCLC FirstSearch Service will end on December 31, 2015.
New features and options
Responsive web design
Integrated fulfillment options

- *Link directly to online full text* through the WorldCat knowledge base or a local OpenURL resolver
- *Borrow from another library* 
  Built-in user-initiated interlibrary loan
- *Link directly to your OPAC for availability*
- *Buy items directly* from content providers
- *Integrated ILL workflow supports staff use of Discovery* *

* For libraries with an interlibrary loan subscription
WorldCat Discovery API

• Access to WorldCat and the central index
• Linked Data response formats
• Facet functionality
• Access to the latest data models, including entities

Build your own interface, or add WorldCat results to your existing Discovery service

*Beta availability for select number of libraries*
“I use WorldCat 10-15 times a day at least, sometimes more. I couldn't do my job without WorldCat. The breadth of collections is unparalleled.”

Tommy Nixon, MLIS
Subject Librarian for Classics, Dramatic Art, & English/Comparative Literature Davis Library, UNC Chapel Hill
Let the Future Go

By David Weinberger on September 22, 2014

The future of libraries won’t be created by libraries. That’s a good thing. That future is too big and too integral to the infrastructure of knowledge for any one group to invent it. Still, that doesn’t mean that libraries can wait passively for this new future. Rather, we must create the conditions by which libraries will be pulled out of themselves and into everything else.

The future used to be simple enough that simple coping strategies sufficed. For example, we might foresee that in the future we would make good use of a stool, so we built one in the present. In the Information Age, we built massive accounting systems and missile controls, but the strategy remained constant: project a need, create a tool, use that tool until it breaks or is no longer needed.
## Future functionality

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Get ready for WorldCat Discovery
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1. **Register** to receive your new WorldCat Discovery URL

2. Send staff to a WorldCat Discovery webinar
   [http://oc.lc/getreadywebinars](http://oc.lc/getreadywebinars)

3. Attend online training, watch short videos:
   [http://oc.lc/DiscoveryTrain](http://oc.lc/DiscoveryTrain)

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