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Agenda

1. What is the WorldCat registry?
2. How is WorldCat registry data used in OCLC applications?
3. How is the registry data populated/who at my institution may update registry entries?
4. Tips for updating information in the registry
5. Improving registry quality
What is the WorldCat registry?

• Web-based directory for libraries, library groups, and consortia
• Authoritative single source for information that defines institutional identity, services, relationships, contacts and other key data
• Used by open-source Web services that increase libraries’ Web visibility by syndicating library data over Web services and WorldCat.org
• Distributes links to your catalog base URLs or OpenURL resolvers to enable people from a broad Web audience to discover and use your library’s content
Which OCLC applications use registry data?

- Connexion
- Directory of OCLC Members
- Group catalogs
- OCLC Policies Directory
- Wise
- WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway
- WorldCat Discovery
- WorldCat knowledge base
- WorldCat.org
- WorldShare Collection Manager
- WorldCat data sync collections
- WorldShare ILL
- WorldShare Management Services
- WorldShare Record Manager
- WSKey
Who uses the registry?

- Library staff
- Education and research users
  - Students
  - Instructors
  - Genealogists
- Business-related users
  - Service providers
  - Booksellers
  - Developers
- OCLC staff
Why do people use the registry?

- Find information on a specific library or institution
- Configure OCLC services
- Correct or update information about a library
- Find information on libraries in general
- Find information related to an ILL
How is registry information populated?

• OCLC pre-populates the WorldCat registry profiles
  • When a new account is profiled, OCLC also creates the registry record if one does not already exist. If there is an existing account, it is updated and associated with the new symbol
  • When account information such as an institution name or address changes, OCLC updates the registry record if library staff haven’t done it themselves
  • Group information added through a batch process

• Libraries outside the OCLC membership: Information provided by national libraries/library organizations
When should a library update its registry info?

• Review and update the registry when any of these changes occur:
  • Library address(es), phone number(s), email contact, website addresses change
  • Library relationships change (for example, branches added or removed)
  • An ILS provider change
  • Changes to the way a library links to items in its OPAC with ISBNs, ISSN, or OCLC numbers
    • For example, the use of leading zeroes or other prefixes with an OCLC number

https://www.worldcat.org/webservices/registry/Institutions
WorldCat registry data in WorldCat.org
Library links in WorldShare ILL

Borrower

Lender
Update registry information

• Library staff can update registry profiles in the WorldCat registry module of OCLC Service Configuration at https://worldcat.org/config

• Sign in with your:
  • **WorldCat Account**: Created for WorldCat.org, WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat registry, and OCLC Developer Network
  • **OCLC Services Account**: Used to access WorldShare Circulation, WorldShare ILL, WorldCat Discovery

• Learn how to authorize users to manage your WorldCat registry profile here: https://oc.lc/authorized-registry
Sign in to the OCLC Service Configuration. Locate WorldCat Registry in the left navigation bar.
Expand Name and Location to review these details
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Locate WorldCat Registry in the left navigation bar
Drag the red marker to designate your library’s actual address.

Click Save to store your changes
Run fast. Cook fast. Eat slow: quick-fix recipes for hungry athletes

Author: Shalane Flanagan, Elyse Kopecky, Alan Weiner (Photographer)
Summary: In their second cookbook, Olympian Shalane Flanagan and chef Elyse Kopecky present recipes that are fast and easy without sacrificing pre-run snacks, post-run re-fuel meals, on-the-go lunches, and 30-minutes-or-less dinner recipes. Every recipe—from Shalane and Elyse’s signature Superhero smoothies, grain salads, veggie power bowls, homemade pizza, and race day read more.
Rating: ⭐⭐⭐⭐⭐ (not yet rated) Write a review - Be the first
Subjects: Nutrition, Quick and easy cooking, Runners (Sports) — Nutrition

Find a copy in the library

Enter your location: 16365 Find libraries
Submitting a complete postal address for best results.
Displaying libraries 1-6 of 715 for all 7 editions (Warren, PA 16365, USA)

1. Warren Library Association
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   Book
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   Map it

Click Library info to see address and link to map
When your library holdings display, a setting from the WorldCat registry enables users to view the item in your library catalog.
Run fast. Cook fast. Eat slow: quick-fix recipes for hungry athletes

by Flanagan, Shalane, author.

Publisher, Date: New York : Rodale, an imprint of the Crown Publishing Group, a division of Penguin Random House LLC, [2018]

Description: 253 pages : color illustrations ; 26 cm
Library System Used: Select your local system provider from the list presented.

Base URL: Main URL for your library’s catalog. Only one link can be used per profile.
Based on your local catalog record characteristics, enter your catalog’s links to search by ISBN and ISSN OR Enter the Direct to OCLC number link only.
If OCLC numbers are not consistently formatted or indexed in your local catalog records, it is best to leave the **Online Catalog Direct to OCLC Number** field blank.

The system will not search by ISSN/ISBN if the OCLC number search fails.
Use **Test** to verify that each link works as expected.

Use the ISBN or ISSN suggested or enter others from items in your catalog.
The ISBN link works as expected to display the matching item.
When satisfied that the links work as expected, click **Save Changes**
Configure links to your online catalog

Learn how to enable deep links to your online catalog for your WorldCat registry institution in OCLC Service Configuration.

About deep links

If you have a Web-accessible catalog, you can use deep links so that a record in your online catalog (OPAC). With deep links to your OPAC:

Consult documentation for more information and to see vendor-specific link examples
https://oc.lc/online-catalog-links

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Help with manual configuration (WorldCat Discovery)

If your library uses WorldCat Discovery as your discovery layer for WorldShare Management Services, use the table below to create URLs for your Online Catalog links.

In each URL listed, **bold text** indicates the component of the URL that you replace with the library-specific prefix that is a part of your WorldCat Discovery custom URL (e.g. "mylibrary.on.worldcat.org").

Manual configuration and vendor-specific examples

If your test links do not correctly display your ILS, you can try to manually construct URL syntaxes. Contact OCLC Support or your ILS vendor for assistance.

A deep link's syntax is the basic structure of the link, focusing on where standard identifier information about the searched item (ISBN, ISSN or OCLC Number) is embedded:

In each URL listed, **bold text** indicates the component of the URL that you replace with the base URL for your OPAC (e.g. "catalog.mylibrary.org"). **Bold italicized text** may require modification depending on your ILS requirements.

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• Project to update main addresses for libraries that have PO Boxes
  • Geocodes, the latitude and longitude map values are used in many OCLC applications
  • PO Boxes are fine for business or shipping addresses, but the main address should be the library’s physical location if it has one
• Project to identify and fix broken OPAC links
  • OPAC links should take a patron directly to an item in the library’s catalog
  • Links may be broken due to a change in the library's ILS
  • Links may not go directly to the item in the catalog if the links are not set up correctly or if holdings are inaccurate
• Identifying incomplete or incorrect information about an institution and updating that information
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Thank you!

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Introduction to classifying with WebDewey

Tuesday, 14 June at 10:00 AM Eastern
Thursday, 23 June at 4:00 PM Eastern

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