Fundamentals of WorldCat knowledge base collections

Knowledge Check

Test your knowledge

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2. Name two ways to select collections in the WorldCat knowledge base using the WorldShare Collection Manager application.

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4. True or False. After selecting an entire customizable collection, you will need to deselect the entire collection before you are able to select individual titles within that collection.

5. Explain when you would create a new WorldCat knowledge base collection.
Answers

1. Name two reasons why libraries use WorldCat knowledge base collections?
   Libraries use WorldCat knowledge base collections to inform other OCLC services to:
   • Provide easy access to their electronic resources in search results with WorldCat Discovery
   • Share their electronic resources with other libraries with WorldShare ILL
   • Manage budgeting, ordering and acquisition of their electronic resources with WMS Acquisitions
   • Control access rights and link resolution of their electronic resources with License Manager
   • Develop custom solutions that embed their electronic resources with the WorldCat knowledge base API

2. Name two ways to add collections in the WorldCat knowledge base using the WorldShare Collection Manager application.
   • Libraries can select or modify knowledge base collections in the global knowledge base to represent their electronic resources.
   • Libraries can create new knowledge base collections to represent their electronic resources.

3. True or False. If a knowledge base collection is designated as customizable, you can select a subset of titles to represent your library’s subscription.
   True. Knowledge base collections designated as customizable means that you select titles in the collection to match your library-specific holdings, as well as edit individual title data and coverage information.

4. True or False. After selecting an entire customizable collection, you will need to deselect the entire collection before you are able to select individual titles within that collection.
   True. If you initially selected a customizable collection in full to match your library-specific holdings, Collection Manager requires you to deselect the collection to remove your holdings from all titles in the collection before you can make changes. Once all of your holdings are removed from the titles in the collection, you will be able to select a subset of titles that matches your library-specific holdings.

5. Explain when libraries would create a new WorldCat knowledge base collection.
   • Libraries create new knowledge base collections for small niche collections that are not widely owned.
   • Libraries create new knowledge base collections to add their print serials to WorldCat knowledge base for representation alongside their electronic serials in an A-Z list.