

## News From OCLC

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### **OCLC Products and Services Release Notes**

Find the most current release notes for many OCLC products and services as well as links to data updates and to dynamic collection lists at [https://help.oclc.org/Librarian\\_Toolbox/Release\\_notes](https://help.oclc.org/Librarian_Toolbox/Release_notes). Included are CONTENTdm, EZproxy, Tipasa, WorldCat Discovery, WorldCat Knowledge Base, WorldCat Matching, WorldCat Validation, WorldShare Acquisitions, WorldShare Circulation, WorldShare Collection Evaluation, WorldShare Collection Manager, WorldShare Interlibrary Loan, WorldShare License Manager, WorldShare Record Manager, and WorldShare Reports.

### **WorldCat Validation Installation Planned for February 2022**

The next WorldCat Validation install is currently planned for February 24, 2022 and will include:

- OCLC-MARC Validations of New MARC Codes Announced November 2021 through January 2022.
- MARC 21 Bibliographic Update No. 33 (announced November 2021)
- MARC 21 Authority Update No. 33 (announced November 2021) to the Validation Rule Set that Includes All Valid Elements of MARC 21 Authority Format
  - These changes apply only to the OCLC-MARC Authority validation rule set that includes all valid elements of MARC 21 Authority Format and cannot be used in the LC/NACO Authority File. Validation changes to the LC-NACO Authority File must happen in coordination with the Library of Congress and all of the NACO nodes and have not yet been scheduled.
- There were no changes to the MARC 21 Holdings Update No. 33 (announced November 2021).
- New ISSN Centre Codes for the Publications Office of the European Union and for Peru will be validated for Bibliographic field 022.
- Various validation bug fixes will also be installed.

As we get closer to the installation, details will be made available in the release notes at [https://help.oclc.org/Metadata\\_Services/WorldShare\\_Record\\_Manager/WorldCat\\_Validation\\_release\\_notes\\_and\\_known\\_issues?sl=en](https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Record_Manager/WorldCat_Validation_release_notes_and_known_issues?sl=en).

### **OCLC Virtual AskQC Office Hours Return**

In case you hadn't noticed, the Virtual AskQC Office Hours had taken December and January off. If you are now ready for your next VAOH fix, OCLC invites you to catch up on the February 2022 sessions, "Getting a Fix on Fixed Field Elements, Part 2," covering the elements in field 008/18-34 that are valid in only one or two bibliographic formats (including Scores and Sound Recordings). "Part 1," presented in October 2021, covered elements common to all bibliographic formats (Leader, fields 001 and 005, field 008/00-17 and 008/35-39), field 006, and some of the elements that vary among the bibliographic formats (field 008/18-34). If you missed either part or want to enjoy them again, you can find "Part 1" – and all other past VAOHs – on the "Previous AskQC Office Hours" page ([https://help.oclc.org/WorldCat/Metadata\\_Quality/AskQC/Previous\\_AskQC\\_office\\_hours](https://help.oclc.org/WorldCat/Metadata_Quality/AskQC/Previous_AskQC_office_hours)). "Part 2" and

registration information for the remaining Office Hours through June 2022 are on the “Current AskQC Office Hours” page at [https://help.oclc.org/WorldCat/Metadata\\_Quality/AskQC/Current\\_AskQC\\_office\\_hours](https://help.oclc.org/WorldCat/Metadata_Quality/AskQC/Current_AskQC_office_hours). If you register, you will receive an email reminder before your chosen session along with a link to the WebEx event. **All Virtual AskQC Office Hours are available from OCLC at no charge. Everyone is welcome.**

### **WorldShare Record Manager Installation on January 29, 2022**

The January 29, 2022 release of WorldShare Record Manager provides two new enhancements to help you manage more complex workflows in addition to two bug fixes.

- The ability to more easily control work lists by removing filtered target records
- An indication that a title is on one or more Talis Aspire reading list(s), displayed in the info icon and in all editors
- Bug fixes:
  - Non-Latin characters in the “Send Record Change Request” dialog resulted in incorrect character
  - Advanced Action “Enhance 505” incorrectly removed Introduction and Conclusion notes

Details can be found in the WorldShare Record Manager Release Notes, January 2022 at [https://help.oclc.org/Metadata\\_Services/WorldShare\\_Record\\_Manager/Release\\_notes\\_and\\_known\\_issues/2022\\_release\\_notes/100WorldShare\\_Record\\_Manager\\_release\\_notes\\_January\\_2022](https://help.oclc.org/Metadata_Services/WorldShare_Record_Manager/Release_notes_and_known_issues/2022_release_notes/100WorldShare_Record_Manager_release_notes_January_2022).

### **WorldCat Discovery Installation Planned for February 16, 2022**

The newest release of WorldCat Discovery is planned for February 16, 2022, with new features and enhancements including:

- Search within availability details to find a particular volume, year, or item
- Accessibility improvements including:
  - The ability to audit search Results & item details with the ‘Accessibility Insights for the Web’ tool to promote accessible branding choices
  - A static ‘Loading...’ text message that replaces animated spinners for users who prefer reduced motion
  - Interface elements in focus with a keyboard now adopt a user’s default browser focus style rather than branded colors
- Updated text on the Place Hold form related to pick up location promotes successful delivery of resources
- For WorldCat Discovery libraries in Germany, the ability to configure a resource sharing button for a regional ZFL gateway

Details can be found in the WorldCat Discovery Release Notes, February 2022 at [https://help.oclc.org/Discovery\\_and\\_Reference/WorldCat\\_Discovery/Release\\_notes/2022\\_release\\_notes/095WorldCat\\_Discovery\\_release\\_notes\\_February\\_2022](https://help.oclc.org/Discovery_and_Reference/WorldCat_Discovery/Release_notes/2022_release_notes/095WorldCat_Discovery_release_notes_February_2022).

### **WorldShare Circulation Installation Planned for February 20, 2022**

The newest release of WorldShare Circulation is planned for February 20, 2022, and includes:

- Forward holds for fulfillment by other branches of your institutions before requesting fulfillment from your circulation group (circulation groups only)

- View Talis Aspire reading list information when viewing bibliographic search results and when managing items in the LHR text editor
- Bug fixes and performance improvements

Full details can be found in the WorldShare Circulation Release Notes, February 2022 available at [https://help.oclc.org/Library\\_Management/WorldShare\\_Circulation/Release\\_notes\\_and\\_known\\_issues/2022\\_release\\_notes/095WorldShare\\_Circulation\\_release\\_notes\\_February\\_2022](https://help.oclc.org/Library_Management/WorldShare_Circulation/Release_notes_and_known_issues/2022_release_notes/095WorldShare_Circulation_release_notes_February_2022).

### **WorldShare Reports and Report Designer Installation Planned for February 17, 2022**

The latest release of WorldShare Reports and Report Designer is planned for February 17, 2022. It allows you to:

- Utilize normalized call numbers in Circulation universes, and Circulation Events Detail Report
- Utilize normalized call numbers in Cataloging universe, and New Titles / Removed Titles reports

Full details about the release are provided in the WorldShare Reports Release Notes, February 2022 at [https://help.oclc.org/Library\\_Management/WorldShare\\_Reports/Release\\_notes\\_and\\_known\\_issues/2022\\_release\\_notes/095WorldShare\\_Reports\\_release\\_notes\\_February\\_2022](https://help.oclc.org/Library_Management/WorldShare_Reports/Release_notes_and_known_issues/2022_release_notes/095WorldShare_Reports_release_notes_February_2022).

### **Subscribe to *Hanging Together*, the OCLC Research Blog**

Anyone who wants to keep up with what's going on in OCLC Research can now subscribe to the email list of *Hanging Together*, the OCLC Research Blog. On the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, you'll receive an email digest of postings from *Hanging Together*. It's the best way to stay up-to-date and make sure you never miss a post. Subscribe at <https://hangingtogether.org/subscribe-to-hanging-together/>.

### **OCLC Looking for Accessibility Strategist**

As part of the enterprise-wide efforts OCLC is making to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, OCLC has a job posting for an Accessibility Strategist ([https://oclc.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/OCLC\\_Careers/job/Dublin-OH/Senior-Software-Engineer\\_R0001815](https://oclc.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/OCLC_Careers/job/Dublin-OH/Senior-Software-Engineer_R0001815)). (And yes, that is apparently correct in spite of itself.) That person will be “responsible for ensuring an accessible user interface strategy and approach across products and platforms. This position will be accountable for furthering the awareness and knowledge for how to create accessible products by identifying application accessibility requirements, planning, implementing, and testing accessibility conformance controls, preparing accessibility standards, policies, and procedures, and guiding training opportunities for colleagues.” Please apply if you are interested or spread the word to anyone you know who may be.

### **New Dewey Decimal Classification System Editor-in-Residence Focused on Equity**

Kelly West recently joined OCLC as the first visiting editor-in-residence for the Dewey Decimal Classification® (DDC®) system. In this inaugural six-month role, West will contribute her expertise to reduce systematic bias embedded in the DDC. The new DDC editor-in-residence program offers early and mid-career librarians or others from allied fields the opportunity to collaborate closely with the DDC's editor, Alex Kyrios, and the Editorial Policy Committee. Extending and maintaining the DDC requires deep knowledge and understanding of the structure of the classification scheme. In addition, placing every topic in an effective position within the scheme requires deep understanding of the topic. The DDC community worldwide will benefit from sustained engagement with a subject-matter expert to

address a problematic portion of the DDC. West is currently earning an MLIS from Louisiana State University. She serves as a 2020 – 2022 Kaleidoscope Program Diversity Scholar (<https://www.arl.org/category/our-priorities/diversity-equity-inclusion/kaleidoscope-program/>) with the Association of Research Libraries as well as a 2021 – 2022 Spectrum Scholar (<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/spectrum>) with the American Library Association. Her professional interests include educating others through the preservation of Black cultural history, archival research, community outreach, and library advocacy. OCLC continues to work toward improving diversity, inclusion, and equity throughout the library community. The DDC offers many opportunities for improving subject heading labels and the classification structure to empower underrepresented voices across a multicultural community. This editor-in-residence program is one step in a long journey to address past wrongs. The DDC editorial team is always open to ideas from the library community to make the DDC truly reflective of libraries' collections and evolving needs. To participate in these conversations or share a proposal, learn more about being a Dewey contributor at <https://sites.google.com/view/deweycontributors>.

### **Thousands of Valuable Collections from the Royal Defense Museums Foundation Soon Visible Worldwide Through WorldCat Group Catalogue**

A partnership between OCLC and Royal Defense Museums Foundation (<https://www.nmm.nl/en/about-the-museum/>) will reveal thousands of collections of great significance easily accessible through a WorldCat Group Catalogue, powered by WorldCat. Home to the largest military library in Europe, the Royal Defense Museums Foundation offers a window into the past, present and future developments of the Netherlands' armed forces. Their mission is to showcase the story of the military that can better inform the public's view of the armed forces. To realize this initiative, the Royal Defense Museums Foundation have partnered with the other military libraries such as the Netherlands Defense Academy (<https://mindef.on.worldcat.org/discovery>), Marine Museum in Den Helder (KIM) (<https://www.marinemuseum.nl/en/>), Netherlands Institute of Military History (NIMH) (<https://english.defensie.nl/topics/military-history-collections/documentation>), and Bronbeek Museum (<https://english.defensie.nl/topics/bronbeek/bronbeek-museum>), and this partnership may be expanded in the future to include other small military museums, historical and cultural collections. WorldCat also allows them to feature old, printed books, comprising 10,000 valuable publications in 12 languages from 1500-1800. The contribution of over 877,000 records of military literature to WorldCat adds to the rapidly growing number of open content resources that are accessible through OCLC services. The Royal Defense Museums Foundation (SKD, formerly KSD) was established on 1 July 2014 and is the umbrella organization of four Dutch defense museums: the National Military Museum (NMM) in Soest, the Naval Museum in Den Helder, the Marine Museum in Rotterdam, and the Marechaussee Museum. In addition to the SKD museums, Defense also includes:

- More than 20 army museums and army collections, including: the Cavalry Museum at the Bernhard Barracks in Amersfoort, the Genie Museum in the former Camp Vught at the Van Brederode Barracks, and the Dutch Artillery Museum in 't Harde.
- The Tradition Chamber Submarine Service in the Den Helder Marine Base and the Tradition Chamber Naval Aviation Service at the Royal Netherlands Navy Air Base De Kooy, near Den Helder.
- The museum and knowledge center "Bronbeek" in Arnhem focused on the colonial period in the Dutch East Indies.

## **OCLC's Suite of Capira Library Services Receive 2022 Modern Library Awards**

OCLC's entire suite of Capira library services(<https://www.oclc.org/en/capira.html>) have all been recognized with LibraryWorks 2022 Modern Library Awards, created to recognize the top products and services in the library industry (<https://www.oclc.org/en/news/releases/2022/20220114-capira-services-recognized-modern-library-awards.html>). Included are:

- CapiraMobile is a customizable app that makes it possible for users to interact with their library through their mobile phones.
- CapiraCurbside makes it easy for libraries to connect users with physical library materials without the need to enter the building.
- LendingKey is a reservation and management solution that gets a library's non-book items into users' hands.
- CapiraReady is a ready-to-launch, off-the-shelf mobile app for libraries.
- MuseumKey allows libraries to simplify museum pass reservations through a library's website and lets users browse a responsive calendar by museum or by date.

These products have extended the reach of libraries and helped to get resources into the hands of users, especially during the pandemic.

## **Lorcan Dempsey to Retire as OCLC's Vice President for Research and Membership, and Chief Strategist**

Lorcan Dempsey, known globally as a thought leader and strategist for libraries, has announced his plans to retire at the end of April as OCLC's Vice President for Research and Membership, and Chief Strategist. Dempsey has served OCLC and its member libraries for over 20 years. During his tenure, he has overseen remarkable growth in the scope of OCLC Research activity, as well as the unification of member relations, WebJunction, and research in the OCLC Membership and Research Division. Notable achievements during Dempsey's tenure include the expansion of membership engagement to include a more diverse range of libraries, incorporation of the Research Libraries Group (RLG) into OCLC Research to become the Research Library Partnership, and inclusion of the WebJunction learning platform for public libraries. Dempsey has also provided leadership for OCLC's membership activities, including management of the organization's shared governance structure (Regional/Global Councils). Most recently, partnering with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Battelle, his team continues to publish valuable research through the REALM project to help archives, libraries, and museums follow best practices to operate during the pandemic. During his distinguished career at OCLC, Dempsey shaped a research agenda that influenced both product directions and the library profession. OCLC Research has done fundamental work to help shape the library conversation on linked data, research support, special collections, public library funding, and user studies. He is credited with introducing key concepts and frameworks to help explain the evolution of library collections and services in the networked era, including "collective collections," the "inside-out library," and "workflow is the new content," among others. His writings, blogging, and presentations during this time have been a major influence on library conversations. In the months ahead, Dempsey will work with the OCLC leadership team and partners to ensure a successful transition. He will also work with OCLC in a consulting relationship in the future.

## **A Year of Research, Collaboration, and Learning**

Throughout 2021, OCLC Research worked with library practitioners and leaders to accelerate and scale learning, innovation, and collaboration that illuminate our path forward as a field. Visit *OCLC Research*

*Year in Review—2021* (<https://oc.lc/year-of-research>) to learn more about our research contributions toward: linked data infrastructure, holistic stewardship of archives and special collections, metadata workflows, resource sharing best practices, navigating pandemic effects. Explore highlights of OCLC's recent projects and initiatives, with signals of what's to come in 2022. Learn more at <https://oc.lc/year-of-research>.

### **Register for Upcoming OCLC Webinars on the Topic of Libraries and Open Ecosystems**

You are invited to join OCLC Global Council, along with OCLC Research, as they bring together library leaders from around the world to help create awareness and dialogue around the topic of Libraries and Open Ecosystems. Libraries play a crucial role in their communities and in the push toward “open.” These discussions will provide opportunity for library leaders to come together and explore how libraries can play a role in improving metadata practices and workflows, open research initiatives, and where our libraries are headed in the future. Learn more at <https://www.oclc.org/en/membership/area-of-focus.html>. Registration is open for all three webinars in this new series:

#### Creating a New Model Library

Monday, 28 February, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm US Eastern Time (UTC -5)

This session will discuss emerging library models, focusing on changes made both before and during the pandemic that influenced leaders' visions for their libraries during the next five years. Register at <https://www.oclc.org/en/events/2022/open-ecosystems-creating-new-model-library.html>.

#### The Library's Role in Open Research

Wednesday, 16 March, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm US Eastern Time (UTC -4)

The session will provide an opportunity to pause and reflect on what we know about researchers' data sharing and reuse needs and what libraries are offering to support them. The discussion will include ideas and suggestions about future planning for library leaders who wish to further advance the goals of open research. Register at <https://www.oclc.org/en/events/2022/open-ecosystems-library-role-open-research.html>.

#### Metadata Challenges and Opportunities in the Open Ecosystem

Wednesday, 13 April, 11:00 am – 12:15 pm US Eastern Time (UTC -4)

Learn about the Reimagine Descriptive Workflows project, which convened experts, practitioners, and community members to determine ways of improving descriptive practices, tools, infrastructure, and workflows in libraries and archives, resulting in a community agenda to chart a path forward in this work. Join us for discussion that will include an opportunity to reflect on what library leaders can do to move this important work forward. Register at <https://www.oclc.org/en/events/2022/open-ecosystems-metadata-challenges-opportunities.html>.