

Worldcat Local Workshop

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Topics to cover

What is it?

Why?

Advantages

Searching/Discovery

Display

Timeline/future

Pros and cons of using it for music and media searching

What is it?

A local version of worldcat.org

A pilot!!

Offers streamlined searching and discovery

Searches three catalogs and many article databases through one interface

Integrates three separate delivery systems

Why?

Many conversations

Internal

External (Calhoun, Coyle, Dempsey)

Why?

In line with Libraries Strategic Plan

Enhance User Services

Meet user needs by providing access to resources and services at the point of need and in the users' environments

Build or integrate new tools and services for information discovery and delivery.

Why? Our Users....

Have lives

Prefer to avoid pain

Seek efficiencies

Are diverse

Needs are diverse

And their typical response..

Feeling overwhelmed with choices, they tend to select the first thing that seems to do well enough

Having found something, they will only give it up for something demonstrably better or easier

Why? Too many silos

Advantages

Simple search box which

Searches materials at UW, Summit and libraries worldwide;

Displays availability of materials and

Allows requesting of materials

Finds research articles and access to fulltext online

Links to Your Library Account

User focused

Search simplicity based on research showing how *most* seek information

Fewer clicks to find and obtain information

Make our quality resources convenient for users to find and get

Which WorldCat?

Three versions of WorldCat

FirstSearch WorldCat

WorldCat.org

WorldCat Local

Searching/Discovery

WCL provides a 3-in-1 searching; UW, Summit libraries and any OCLC library.

Customized & branded for UW

UW holdings float to the top

Summit holdings are readily apparent to user

Materials held outside UW and Summit are apparent to users without further searching.

Article citations are included

Searching

WCL includes all

UW records in OCLC (books, serials, media, etc.). Beginning to add records for CONTENTdm images

Summit holdings

WorldCat records

Article citations from ArticleFirst, ERIC, GPO and PubMed, and others being added as available.

What's not there?

Licensed third-party record sets such as EEBO, ECCO and some microform sets

Records for on-order or in-process titles

Some serials, e.g. not yet reconned records, certain Special Collections titles

Anything with minimal level cataloging records

Searching tips and caveats

Implied AND between search terms

Truncation = ?

Searches entire bibliographic record but doesn't display all fields

Multiple versions/editions can be problematic

Navigation is awkward

Can't limit to library locations

URL for our Worldcat Local implementation

<http://uwashington.worldcat.org/>

Live look and miscellaneous

Horse whisperer

- Does not display the 511 or 508 so if you don't know that Robert Redford is the star as well as the director/producer, this record won't help.

Franz Grothe

- Occurs twice in UW holdings, one article, one CD
- 5 "Tabs" – Libraries, Details, Subjects, Reviews, Tags

Berlin carefree

- Example of the word "carefree" not being present in any of the fields shown to the user. User might wonder why they got this record.

Beethoven moonlight sonata

- Qualify by format (in this case let's do scores)
- Then you can click on "View all editions"
- Alas, no indication what the uniform title is, so no way to get to the two scores which don't call themselves "moonlight", no authority records either.

Beatles help

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