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 reconed 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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