

OCLC Testing WorldCat Local

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A plethora of academic, public, and even high school libraries have agreed to put a new spin on OCLC's WorldCat through its paces. Dubbed WorldCat Local, OCLC said the pilot program allows libraries to search the entire WorldCat catalog but present results "beginning with items most accessible to the patron," e.g., the home library, local consortium collections, and open access collections. WorldCat Local includes all the OCLC features—single search box, relevancy ranking of results, faceted browse capability, formatting options, cover art—and will include all future WorldCat enhancement. Facilities participating in the pilot include the University of Washington, the Peninsula Library System in California, and the University of Illinois–Urbana–Champaign, Glenside Public Library District, CCS (Cooperative Computer Services) Consortium, Illinois State Museum, Illinois State Library, Hoopston Public Library, Northeastern Illinois University, and the Mattoon Public Library, Champaign Central High School, and Williamsville Senior High School, all in Illinois.