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Collaborative Online Catalogs



What is a collaborative online catalog?

- ○CLC's WorldCat Discovery is a collaborative online catalog.
 - it contains catalog records from over fifteen thousand member libraries in 120 countries.

About OCLC (Online Computer Library Center)

- OCLC was founded in 1967 as a nonprofit, member-driven library community, originally named the Ohio College Library Center, it was a collaboration among Ohio library directors and university presidents who wanted to create a cooperative, computerized network for Ohio libraries.
- The plan was to merge these libraries' catalogs electronically through a computer network and database in order to streamline operations, control costs, and increase efficiency in library management.

OCLC's WorldCat

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- Between 1967 and 1977, OCLC membership was limited to institutions in Ohio, but in 1978 a new governance structure was established that allowed institutions from other states to join. In 2002, this structure was again modified to accommodate international participation.
- CA OCLC's WorldCat is the largest online public access catalog (OPAC) in the world. WorldCat currently has holding records from almost 17,000 public and private libraries worldwide.

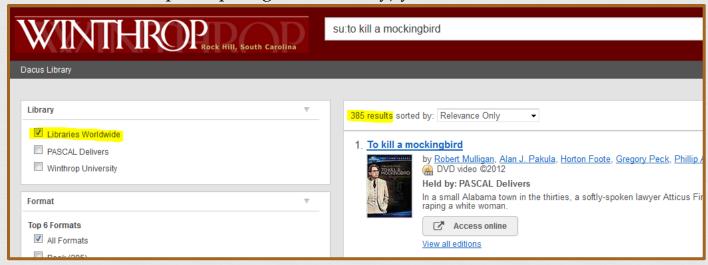
How Collaborative Online Catalogs Benefit Researchers

- A collaborative catalog, such as WorldCat Discovery, will allow you to discover materials not only within your library but within libraries all over the world, using the same, familiar catalog interface the whole time.
 - Within a single search you can discover more than 2.7 billion physical and electronic holdings records.

A subject search on "To Kill A Mockingbird" retrieving only Winthrop University library materials yields 9 results.



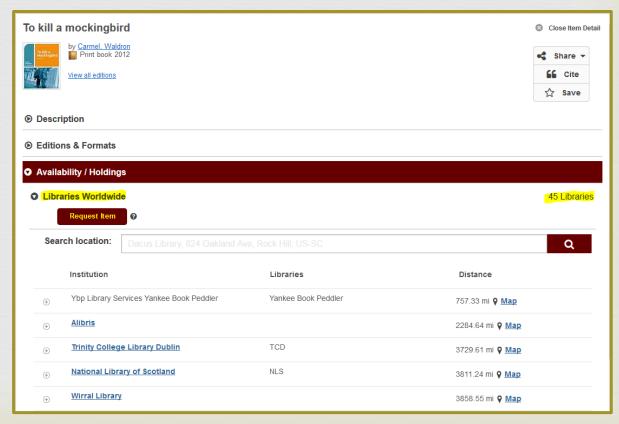
The same search expanded to 'Libraries Worldwide' (materials from any participating OCLC library) yields 385 results.



How Collaborative Online Catalogs Benefit Researchers

Because you can view materials that other libraries have, you can feel more confident about placing Interlibrary

Loan requests.



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