

Enhancements to WorldCat Resource Sharing

On Sunday, November 5th OCLC installed the following enhancements to WorldCat Resource Sharing:

Search Box on all Request Manager Screens

Users now have an improvement to their workflow with the addition of the Search Box to additional places in the Request Manager. The search box now also appears at the top of a complete category of requests and when an action has been completed.

Additional LHR data on lender printouts

Lenders that have loaded their local holding information now have a workflow improvement and see complete LHR data on screen and their full-request printouts in WorldCat Resource Sharing. These fields will only appear in WorldCat Resource Sharing for now. We are working to get this into ILLiad, but that will require additional development.

Electronic Delivery address on work forms

Users of WorldCat Resource Sharing and ILLiad now have an appropriate field in which they can note their electronic delivery addresses for Odyssey, Ariel FTP and Ariel E-mail. On staff work forms users have to manually type their electronic delivery address. In the coming months OCLC will add these fields to Constant Data to further automate the process of using electronic delivery fields. ILLiad version 7.2 will include these additional fields.

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Using the Maxcost Field in an ILL Workform

The MAXCOST field allows the borrowing library to indicate the maximum that they are willing to pay for materials obtained on ILL.

The lender should not supply an item if they charge more than the Borrower's MAXCOST. If you enter your MAXCOST as \$10.00 and a Lender fills the request and charges more than that, you are not required to pay charges above the MAXCOST indicated. However, if the MAXCOST field is blank, the Borrower is responsible for whatever the Lender charges.

The OCLC guidelines state that the lender is responsible for entering their charges in the Policies Directory, and that the Borrower is responsible for knowing the charges of the institutions from which they are requesting material.

Creating a Blank Workform

Occasionally you may wish to create a blank ILL workform that is not linked to an OCLC bibliographic record. This is useful when you can't find a record for the item in WorldCat but have found the record and locations in another source (e.g. NUC Pre 56 Imprints).

A blank workform may be requested from by clicking the blank workform button from the Request Manager screen. A blank workform will display with information from your borrower constant data record.

When you edit a workform that is not based on a bibliographic record from WorldCat, it is necessary to include all required fields. Don't forget to enter the source of your citation in the VERIFIED field.

Customizing the ILL Request Form in FirstSearch

Did you know that you can customize the ILL Request Form your users see in FirstSearch? It is easy to choose which fields display in the ILL Request Form and specify if the fields will be required or modifiable by patrons. You can even change the field labels on the form to reflect the terminology used at your library. You can also include a customized note to users that will display on the form.

To customize the ILL form in the FirstSearch Admin Module:

Click <<http://firstsearch.oclc.org/admin/>>.

Enter your FirstSearch administrative authorization and password on the administrative module login screen.

You will be taken directly to the ILL Request area in your administrative module. If you would like to customize the ILL Request Form in FirstSearch, but do not have access to your library's FirstSearch administrative module, please forward this message to the person at your library who can make the changes.

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