

OCLC Resource Sharing

IMPORTANT DATES FOR WORLDCAT RESOURCE SHARING: PASSPORT FOR ILL, ILL WEB, ILL ME AND OCLC ILLIAD

As of May 1, 2005 all users of **Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME and ILLiad version 6.x** must either migrate WorldCat Resource Sharing or upgrade to ILLiad version 7.0.

On August 15, full resource sharing borrowing and lending functionality became available in WorldCat Resource Sharing (formerly referred to as the FirstSearch staff view). WorldCat Resource Sharing eases the transition for your library's staff by including all the functionality you have come to depend on, plus an interface as intuitive as ILL Web.

WorldCat Resource Sharing offers a number of new features that will make your job easier, including the ability to consult your local OPAC from within the interface and improved searching.

In the future, you will be able to take advantage of new functionality that will improve your workflow and turnaround time with automatic request deflection based on your ILL policies and local data records.

Your migration timeline:

August 15, 2004:

Take advantage of enhanced searching and improved workflow in WorldCat Resource Sharing

Basic borrowing and lending functionality currently available via the ILL Web interface is now available in WorldCat Resource Sharing. Current users of ILL Web *that have FirstSearch access* may begin moving their workflow to the WorldCat Resource Sharing.

To turn on WorldCat Resource Sharing today, see the quick start guide at http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/quickstart_sharing_staffview.pdf. You can begin using WorldCat Resource Sharing by logging in at <http://firstsearch.oclc.org> with your ILL authorization and Password.

WorldCat Resource Sharing and OCLC FirstSearch timesaving enhancement allows users to save search commands and track their resource sharing requests.

After users have registered and completed a search in either WorldCat Resource Sharing or FirstSearch, they will see a new link at the top of the results screen allowing them to save their search. Users will be able to re-execute a saved search as often as needed by clicking on a link to a previously saved search. As a registered user, they may also track the status of a resource sharing request placed while logged into their account.

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Libraries *without* access to FirstSearch can now start administering your resource sharing activity through WorldCat Resource Sharing

- All libraries that presently use OCLC Resource Sharing **without** access to FirstSearch will be able to log on to WorldCat Resource Sharing.
- The FirstSearch login page will accept all OCLC Resource Sharing authorizations and passwords, and will take new users directly to WorldCat Resource Sharing's search page.

Ensure seamless interaction between WorldCat Resource Sharing and OCLC ILLiad with ILLiad version 7.0. In version 7.0:

- ILLiad users will see a new OCLC search form for sending requests based on the current form for borrowing
- ILLiad will seamlessly interface with OCLC; your library won't have to worry about continuing interoperability between ILLiad and WorldCat Resource Sharing
- All updating and downloading will happen automatically and in real time

Users of Passport for ILL and ILL ME can migrate their workflow to WorldCat Resource Sharing thanks to several new features:

- Custom Holdings lender string creation for serials, based on year(s) of holdings information in local data records, allows you to request a serial only from those institutions that can fill the request.
- Integration with Policies Directory data deflects requests based on groups, states, fees, formats, published-in-current-year items, etc. You only see requests that you can fill.
- Add local holdings information from your OPAC to the request form, paving the way for a later enhancement to create picklists.

May 1, 2005

Complete migrating to WorldCat Resource Sharing or ILLiad 7.0—improve your workflow and decrease turnaround time

Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME and ILLiad 6.x will no longer be available. If a user attempts to log on to ILL Web, they will be redirected to the FirstSearch logon page for their resource sharing work. If a user attempts to use Passport for ILL or ILL ME, they will not be allowed to log on.

OCLC is already seeing considerable migration of users from ILL Web to WorldCat Resource Sharing. If this trend continues, OCLC will work with remaining libraries to speed up the migration process. This may result in an earlier retirement date for ILL Web.

As of May 1, 2005, all users of OCLC Resource Sharing services *must* migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad Version 7.0.

If you'd like to see what WorldCat Resource Sharing looks like and learn more about it, visit the OCLC web site at <http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/> or view the WorldCat Resource Sharing tutorial at: <http://www5.oclc.org/downloads/tutorials/firstsearch/sv/rsbasics/intro/index.html>.

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Resource sharing database downtime

OCLC's resource sharing database will itself migrate to a new technology platform. WorldCat Resource Sharing will experience downtime during this change. OCLC will provide advance notice of the time and duration, and work to minimize the impact on libraries.

Union List

- June 2005, OCLC will retire Passport for Union List, and Connexion will support detailed holdings (LDR) maintenance. OCLC will release more details over the next few months.

If you have questions regarding this announcement, please contact your regional service provider, OCLC Customer Support at 1-800-848-5800 or +1-614-793-8682 or support@oclc.org, or refer to the OCLC ILL Migration Web site at <http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/>.