

Good afternoon, Project Leads.

We are almost ready to begin our OCLC Reclamation project. Several colleges are participating in a brief pilot project and we expect to begin the full reclamation project later this week.

The Reclamation project is a one-time effort that accomplishes two goals:

1. Where possible, it will match records currently in your Institution Zone that lack OCLC numbers to WorldCat records and replace your record with the current WorldCat record. This will allow you to get more benefit from our Network Zone.
2. It will get your library's holdings current in WorldCat. For new OCLC libraries, your holdings will be added. For continuing OCLC libraries, inconsistencies that have accumulated over the years will be corrected.

Your Reclamation file should include all bibliographic (MARC) records that you wish to contribute to the Network Zone and for which you wish to have holdings set in WorldCat.

We have attached step-by-step instructions and we encourage your library to begin creating the query needed for the Managed Set, this week.

I've also created a test query, Test Query for OCLC, in each Alma instance, that can be used to get started. It can be updated to match the records the library wants to send to OCLC.

OCLC will be providing the necessary Collections ID's and will schedule a day of the week to upload the MARC file to their server.

You do not need to wait for the filename or scheduled day to begin creating the query and MARC export file.

OCLC has scheduled the first set of libraries to begin uploading their MARC files this Thursday.

I'll notify the individual libraries when the filename and schedule have been set, beginning tomorrow.

Please email me if there are any questions.

Thank you,

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