OCLC WorldShare Interlibrary Loan is a new service that will replace WorldCat Resource Sharing. WorldShare Interlibrary Loan is now available for use by libraries in the United States. Any library system currently using WorldCat Resource Sharing for their OCLC ILLs should be making plans for the migration. Access to WorldCat Resource Sharing ends December 2013.

The interlibrary loan staff at Ramsey County Library is excited about this new functionality and how it may improve our patrons experience and help with staff workload. In our preparation for this change, we have found the webinars to be helpful. We are also making time to look at the self-paced tutorials.

In preparing for your move to WorldShare Interlibrary Loan, your library should begin to do the following:

- Update your library’s information in the OCLC Policies directory.
- Review and update your address information in constant data records in the WorldCat Services Administrative module. Pay close attention to the format of address data.
- Update your library’s browser to one of the required browsers.
- Set up a new user account for access to interlibrary loan. Your new OCLC Services account will replace the 9-digit authorization number and password you now use.

Visit the WorldShare Interlibrary Loan web site for more detailed information on resources and training, including upcoming webinars, self-paced training, tutorials, and updated information about this new service.

www.oclc.org/worldshare-ill.en.html

One thing we noticed when looking over the documentation provided by OCLC is that it is important to make sure that you are using a relatively current internet browser to access WorldShare. At Ramsey County we realized that all of our browsers did not meet the recommended list, so we’ve asked our IT staff to make sure that they get updated soon. The following link will take you to the page of recommended browsers.


We hope to migrate by September or October.

Good luck!

Priscilla