

Session: OCLC Member Merge Program



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Introduction of Speakers

OCLC Member Merge Program

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Brief History of Program

- Pilot started in 2013 with 4 institutions
- Restarted program in 2017
- 4 cohorts in total to date

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Training Improvements Over Time



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Member Merge Project

The OCLC Member Merge Project is designed to empower OCLC Members to reduce the presence of duplicate bibliographic records in WorldCat. Training and upgraded cataloging authorizations enable Member Merge participants to merge existing duplicate WorldCat records.

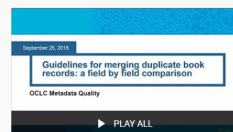
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This Member Merge page provides useful resources. If you have comments or questions about

Help documents

- [Merging duplicate books records: A field-by-field comparison](#)
- [Merging duplicate cartographic resources records: A field-by-field comparison](#)
- [Merging duplicate continuing resource records: A field-by-field comparison](#)
- [Merging duplicate score records: A field-by-field comparison](#)
- [Merging duplicate sound recording records: A field-by-field comparison](#)
- [Merging duplicate visual records: A field-by-field comparison](#)
- [Merging duplicate WorldCat records in Connexion Client](#)
- [Record merge field transfer and merge matrix](#)
- [Vendor list for merging](#)



OCLC Community Center: Member Merge






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Unlisted

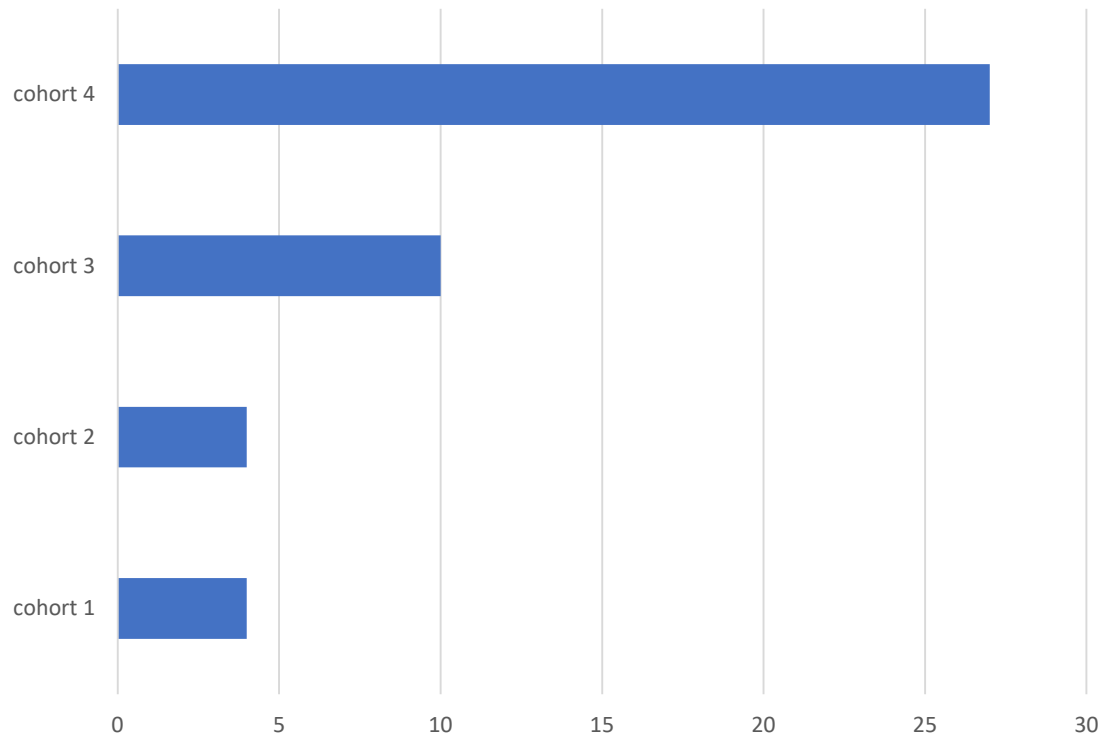


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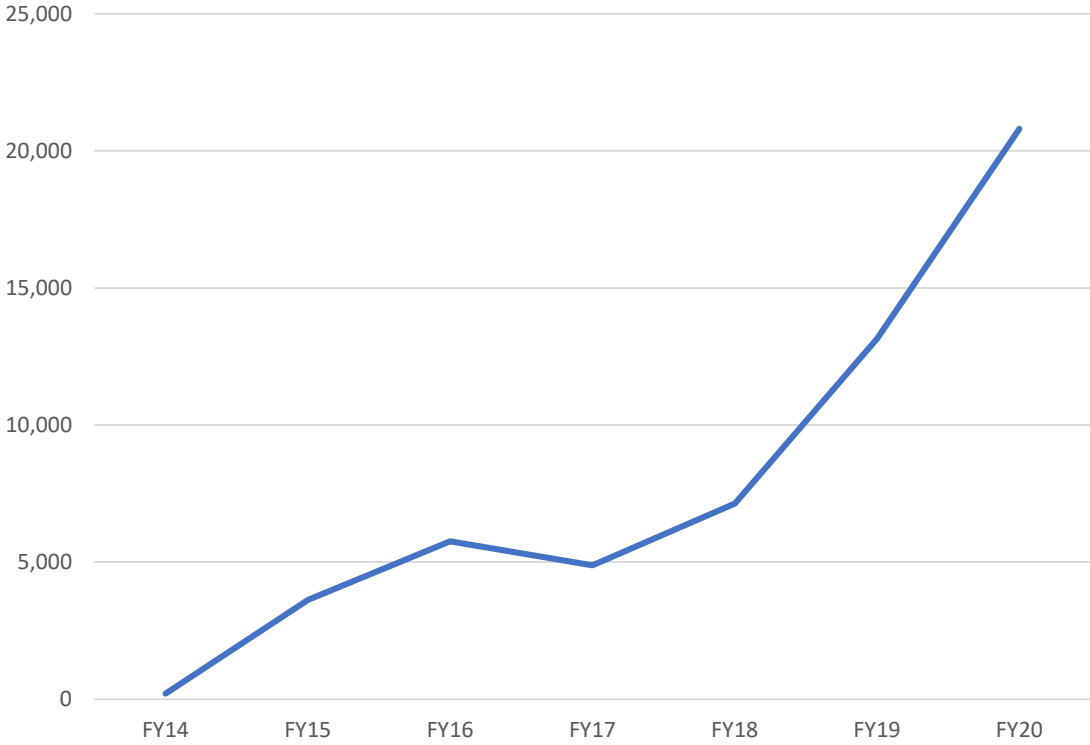
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-  **Guidelines for merging duplicate book records**
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-  **Merging books demo**
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-  **Merge menu setup**
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-  **Common merge exercises**
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-  **Merging continuing resources**
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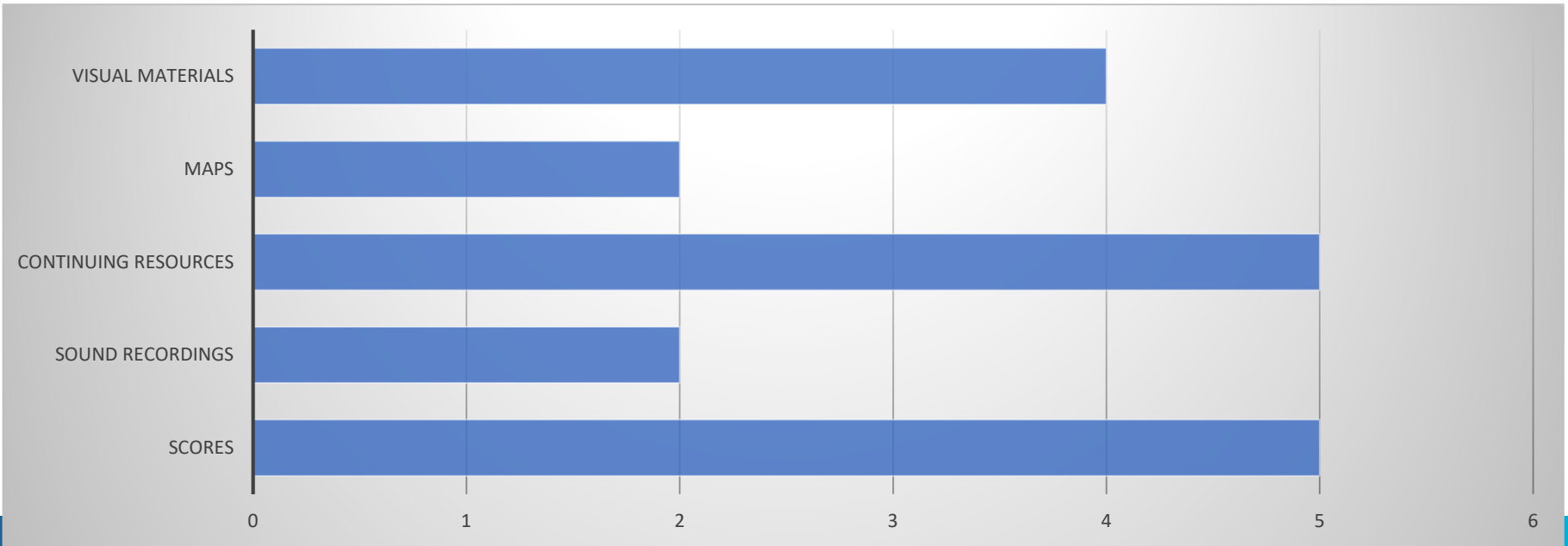
Number of
Institutions
45!



55,563
Merge
Transactions
Over Time!



What Formats Are They Trained On?



How do you join?

askQC@oclc.org



Want to join Member Merge?

Inquiries from interested libraries are welcome. Please note: To be eligible to participate in Member Merge, a library must be a [PCC](#) member Institution. To apply or find out more about the Member Merge Project, please [email](#) OCLC (please include "Member Merge" in the subject line).



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Indiana University Bloomington: the OCLC Member Merge Program Experience

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LIBRARIES

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
Bloomington



Training

- Getting started
- Herman B Wells Library
- Cook Music Library
- Selecting participants
- Review process
- Gaining independence

Current Practice & Looking Ahead

Using merge skills

Focusing practice

- Cataloging
- Database Management

Participant feedback

- Very useful training and program!

Next steps:

- Federal Depository materials (FDLP)
- Training more staff in books and e-books
- Training staff in other formats: visual materials, scores & sound recordings

WRLC and OCLC Member Merge Project

Marcus Jun, Alma Network Zone Manager,
Washington Research Library Consortium



WRLC and OCLC Member Merge Project

Washington (DC) Research Library Consortium

Participating libraries:

American University

George Mason University

Georgetown University

George Washington University

17 catalogers total

How WRLC got involved

Connexion Message of the Day:

AskQC on Member Merge Project

Solicited interest from partner libraries

Reached out to OCLC rep

during WRLC Metadata Committee meeting

explained requirements and answered questions

Training and Review

Training: very practical, real-world examples

- 2-3 one-hour webinars

- Instructional documentation (MARC fields, vendor list)
 - very clear, detailed, "If this, then that"

Review process: learn by doing merges

- Submit proposed merges for review

- OCLC reviewer provides feedback, approves merges

What I like about Member Merge

Empowered to consolidate duplicate WorldCat records

Becomes a part of copy cataloging workflows:

- Evaluate record quality

- Compare similar records

- Merge duplicate records

Catalogers already contribute bib records to WorldCat

Why not also help with database maintenance?

Brief vendor records, Begone!

The image shows two side-by-side screenshots of the WorldCat interface. Both windows are titled '(Pinned) Online WorldCat: Medical medium cleanse to h...'. The left window shows record 1148377557 with 'No holdings in CNO - 7 other holdings'. The right window shows record 1137753120 with 'No holdings in CNO - 5 other holdings'. Both windows display a table of records with columns for Type, BLvl, Desc, Rec stat, c, Entered, Src, Audn, Form, Conf, GPub, LitF, ILLs, and Fests. In the left window, record 040 is highlighted with a blue box, showing 'DLC #b eng #e rda #c DLC #d BDX #d CNWPU'. In the right window, record 245 is highlighted with a blue box, showing 'Medical Medium Cleanse to heal'.

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Before and After

OCLC Connexion - [WorldCat Search Truncated List: kw: 1338236598 and ll: eng]

File Cataloging Authorities Edit Action Batch View Tools

Text Strings User Tools 1338236598

Record	Main Entry	Title
1	Pilkey, Dav.	Dog Man: For Whom th
2	Pilkey, Dav.	Dog man: For whom th
3	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- author, artist.	Dog Man /
4	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- author, artist.	Dog Man. 7, For whom
5	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- author.	Dog Man. [Book 7], For
6	Pilkey, Dav, 1966-	Dog Man [Graphic Nov
7	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- author, artist.	Dog man : for whom the
8	Pilkey, Dav, 1966-	Dog Man : for whom the
9	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- author, artist.	Dog Man. Vol. 7, for wh
10	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- author, artist.	For whom the ball rolls,
11	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- author, artist.	For whom the ball rolls,
12	Pilkey, Dav, 1966-	For whom the ball rolls.
13	Pilkey, Dav, 1966-	For whom the ball rolls.
14	Pilkey, Dav/ Pilkey, Dav (ILT)	For whom the ball rolls.

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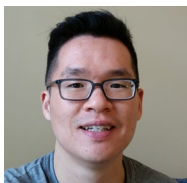
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2	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- author, artist. Dog man : for whom the ball rolls / written Garibadli. First edition. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 20 1595
3	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- author, artist. For whom the ball rolls / written and illustra First edition. New York, NY : Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2019 1 onlin 1112221486, Holdings: 94
4	Pilkey, Dav, 1966- For whom the ball rolls. [Place of publication not identifi [ELECTRONIC] CatL:eng OCLC: 1108619446, Holdings: 7



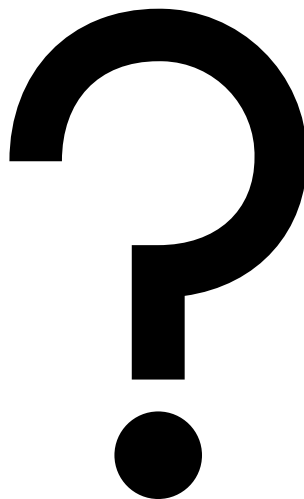
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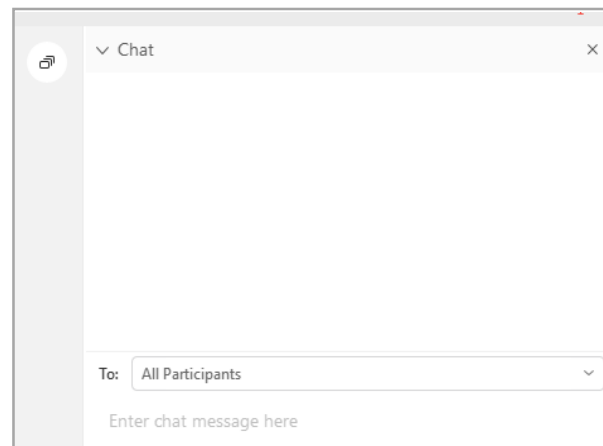
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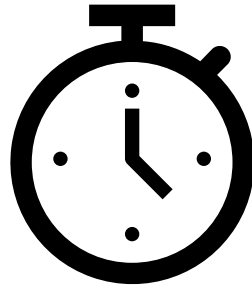


Submit questions in Chat.
Send chat to **“All Participants”**



Trivia time!

- WebEx polling will begin
- Please answer swiftly



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