Will WorldCat.org lead to an increase in the number of resource sharing requests I receive?

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Applies to

• WorldCat.org

Answer

The purpose of OCLC’s web visibility program, is to promote greater library visibility to information seekers. This means it is possible that resource sharing-related activity will increase. However, the checkpoints that your library may currently have in place (e.g., requiring authentication on your Web site) will help to control "ineligible" resource sharing requests, as will a clear, conspicuous policy statement on your website. Still, your own patrons may generate more resource sharing requests due to increased awareness of the availability of items in other library collections.