

OCLC and WorldCat

"What is known must be shared."

An IGNITE Presentation by Bella Ross





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Beginnings

1967: Ohio College Library Center



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Beginnings

1967: Ohio College Library Center

First director: Frederick G.
Kilgour



Frederick G. Kilgour by Rich Skopin, 1990

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Defining characteristics

Information for everyone

OCLC will pay its own way





Highlights!

1971: Online Union Catalog

1977: The Online Computer Library
Center



Highlights!

1978: Office of Research





Growth

1978: 45 states

1979: the first non-U.S. member is Canada

1999: 9,000 in 76 countries

2020: over 54,000 in over 100 countries

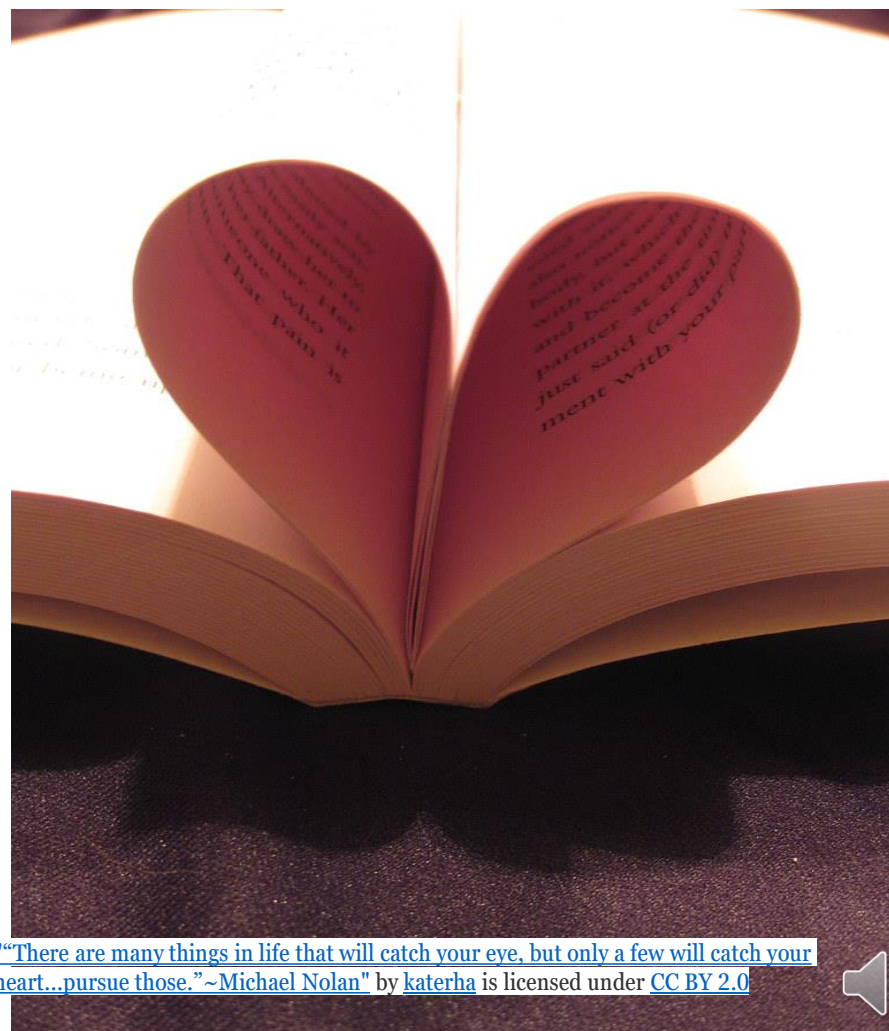


OCLC's Heart

WorldCat!

Primarily uses MARC records

Continually updated

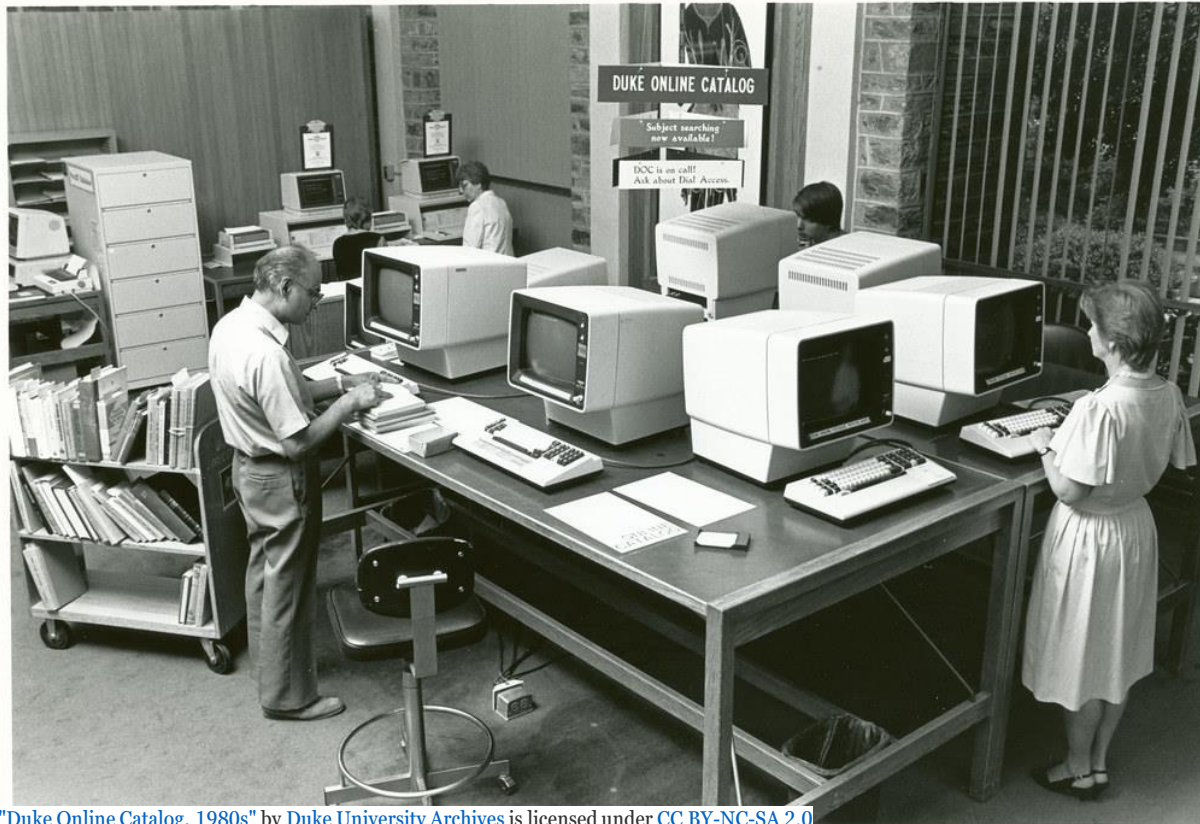


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Online Union Catalog

1971: Connected libraries



Online Union Catalog

1979: Interlibrary loan

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Mr. GZ Mill

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Interconnected

Information shared



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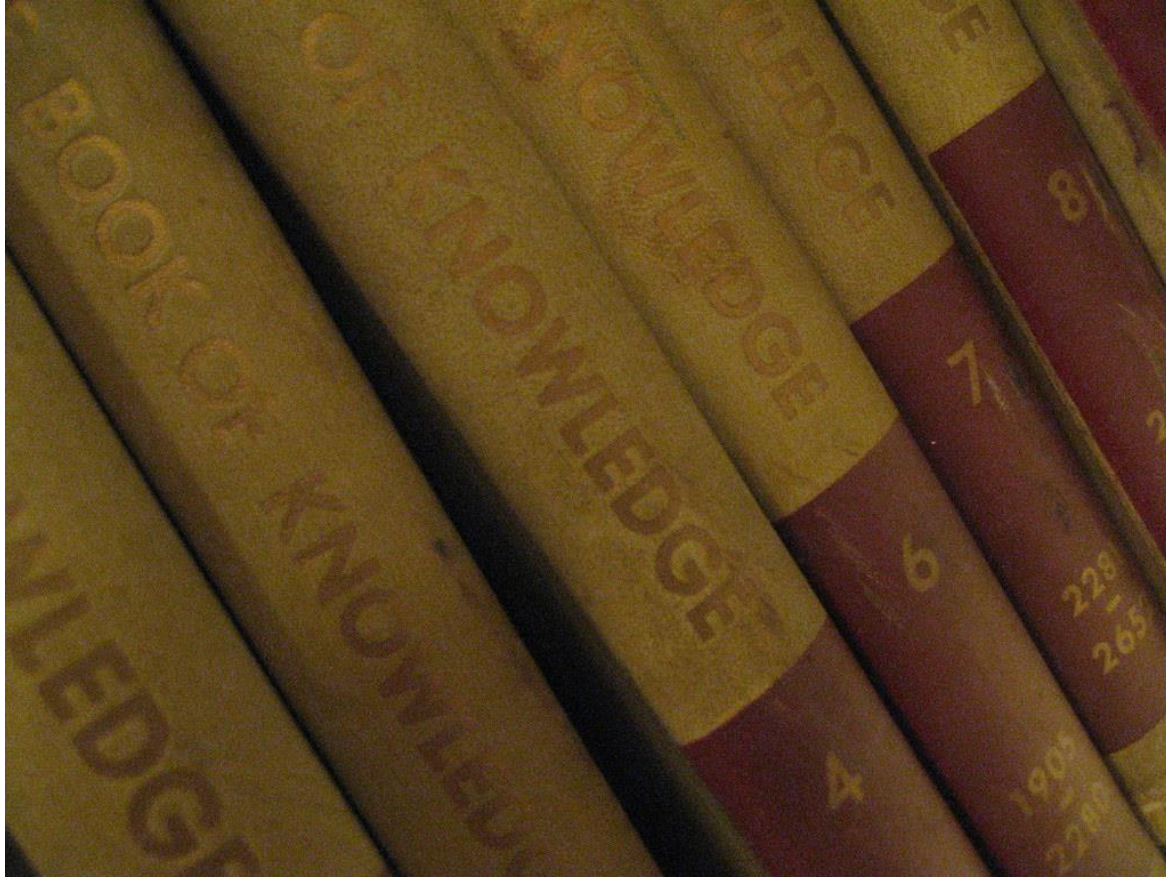
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Importance

Let's Evolve together

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Addresses LIS issues



Community is Vital



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Speed

Ease of Access



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