

OPTIONS FOR CONFIGURING LINKS FROM SILC TO I-SHARE OPACs

BACKGROUND

This document explores issues regarding the relationship between the SILC catalog and I-Share. After performing a search in SILC, users get a list of results. Each title in the result set lists libraries that own a copy. From the list of libraries that own copies, users can click on a link that leads to a particular library catalog. (This link is configurable.) When the holding library is an I-Share library the link by default leads to the individual library's local catalog, not to the I-Share union catalog.

A potential problem with this default is that the user may not be able to request titles from the local catalog; most users must request titles through I-Share. Users who are affiliated with I-Share institutions or users from ILLINET libraries are accustomed to requesting titles, and would be inconvenienced by the need to repeat their search in I-Share.

I-Share libraries may want to consider using the SILC administrative module to change the link so that it takes users directly to the I-Share union catalog rather than to the local catalog. Libraries should consider the following when deciding whether or not to link directly to I-Share:

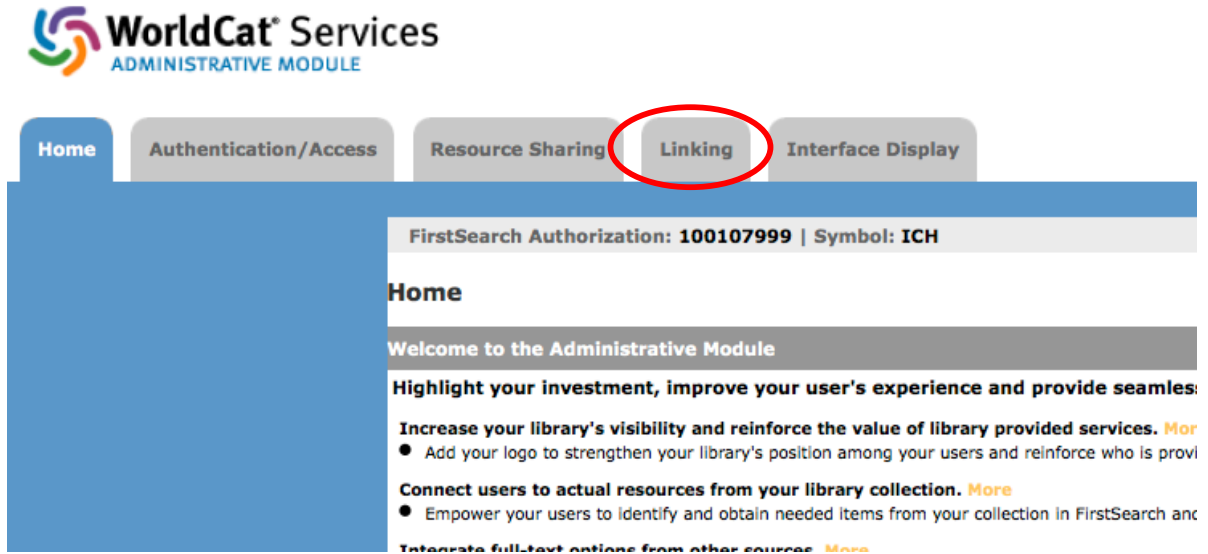
- To facilitate requesting for all eligible users, libraries should configure SILC to link to I-Share instead of to their local catalog. ILLINET libraries, users affiliated with other I-Share institutions, and in some cases even locally-affiliated users can place requests only in I-Share. Libraries that do not allow their patrons to place requests directly in their local OPAC should configure SILC to link directly to the I-Share union catalog.
- To simplify what users see when they leave SILC, libraries should configure SILC to link to the local catalog instead of the I-Share union catalog. Holdings displays in I-Share can be complex. Users would be confronted by holdings from several libraries in many cases. Libraries that allow their patrons to place requests directly in their local OPAC should configure SILC to link to their local catalog. NOTE: This is the default.

The link from SILC to your catalog can be changed in the SILC FirstSearch administrative module under the tab Linking and then Web Library Catalogs. More information about the administrative module can be found at <http://findit.ilsos.net/OCLC/silcadminsetup.htm>. If you encounter problems, please contact the State Library ILLINET OCLC Office.

CONFIGURING SILC TO LINK TO THE I-SHARE UNION CATALOG

To change the default linking settings:

- Log into the administrative module at <http://firstsearch.oclc.org/crs> . You will use your FirstSearch Admin log-in. Click on the Linking tab.



WorldCat® Services
ADMINISTRATIVE MODULE

Home Authentication/Access Resource Sharing **Linking** Interface Display

FirstSearch Authorization: 100107999 | Symbol: ICH

Home

Welcome to the Administrative Module

Highlight your investment, improve your user's experience and provide seamless:

- **Increase your library's visibility and reinforce the value of library provided services.** [More](#)
- Add your logo to strengthen your library's position among your users and reinforce who is provi
- **Connect users to actual resources from your library collection.** [More](#)
- Empower your users to identify and obtain needed items from your collection in FirstSearch and
- **Integrate full-text options from other sources.** [More](#)

- Click the Web Library Catalogs button.



Home Authentication/Access Resource Sharing **Linking** Interface Display

Online Booksellers FirstSearch Authorization: 100107999 | Symbol: ICH

Web Library Catalogs Linking > Online Booksellers

Z39.50 Library Resources Online Bookseller Links from WorldCat

Outbound Linking

OpenURL Links

The booksellers listed below and others to be added later, are available through the bookseller's services and programs, click its name in the Bookseller Link Text

- Finally, change the URL in the [up-to-four] locations on this page to link to the I-Share union catalog. You may also wish to change the link text to indicate you are pointing to I-Share rather than your local catalog.

Library Catalog Entry	
Catalog Entry Screen URL: Enter the URL for your catalog's opening page or initial search screen.	<input type="text" value="http://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/"/>
Catalog Entry Screen Link Text: Enter the link text that users will click to go to your catalog's opening page or initial search screen. Retain the default text or customize it as you prefer. The link text should convey to your users that clicking it will simply take them to your catalog, not actually search it.	<input type="text" value="Connect to I-Share"/>
Library Catalog Search	
ISBN Search Results URL: Enter the URL for the screen that displays the results of an ISBN search of your catalog.	<input type="text" value="http://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/Search/Home?st"/> <input type="text" value="0060150424"/>
ISSN Search Results URL: Enter the URL for the screen that displays the results of an ISSN search of your catalog.	<input type="text" value="http://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/Search/Home?st"/> <input type="text" value="0010-7174"/>
e-Serial ISSN Search Results URL: Enter the URL for the screen that displays the results of an ISSN search for electronic serials.	<input type="text" value="http://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/Search/Home?st"/> <input type="text" value="0004-5608"/>
Display link for print ISSN if link for e-Serials ISSN is blank:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
OCLC Number Search Results URL: Enter the URL for the screen that displays the results of an OCLC Number search of your catalog.	<input type="text" value="http://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/all/vf/Search/Home?st"/> <input type="text" value="8493620"/>
Add leading zeros to the OCLC Number search term:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
OCLC Number Prefix	<input type="radio"/> Do not add prefix to the OCLC Number <input checked="" type="radio"/> Add ocn/ocm prefix based on the OCLC Number <input type="radio"/> Add the following custom prefix to all OCLC Numbers <input type="text"/>