

Library and Archives Canada (LAC) has signed an agreement for a new library management service with OCLC, the international non-profit library co-operative.

This agreement will allow LAC to offer the Canadian library community world-class services and an opportunity to make the published heritage of our country more visible than ever before, and to share Canada's culture and knowledge with the world.

Under the agreement, LAC's current integrated library management system, AMICUS, will be replaced by OCLC's integrated library management service, called WorldShare Management Services. OCLC will also assume primary responsibility for the operation of Canada's National Union Catalogue.

For Canadian libraries, this transition will involve changes in searching, MARC21 copy cataloguing, interlibrary loans and uploading of library holdings.

Searches in the new LAC public interface will be available for free. Libraries will need to be OCLC members in order to download copy cataloguing records, to contribute holdings to OCLC's global database, WorldCat, and to use interlibrary loan services. LAC will cover the cost of OCLC subscriptions for these services for small public libraries and small libraries at post-secondary institutions (community colleges, CEGEPs and universities).

The project will take 24 months to complete. During this period, LAC will be in contact with the library community participating in the current National Union Catalogue, as well as the broader library community.

For more details about this initiative, visit <http://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng/news/Pages/2017/lac-acquire-new-library-management-system.aspx> or contact us by email at [bac.servicesauxbibliotheques-libraryservices.lac@canada.ca](mailto:bac.servicesauxbibliotheques-libraryservices.lac@canada.ca).