

Cooperative cataloging project to improve access to the JapanKnowledge collection

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The project initiated by Toronto was to create catalog records for the entire contents of the JapanKnowledge database and was expanded to include Yale, Stanford, and Washington University, St. Louis to become a collaborative effort. The project was completed in just six months. The catalog records we created are now available in OCLC Connexion as well as WorldShare Collection Manager and are used by more than 15 institutions.

What is JapanKnowledge?

JapanKnowledge is an internet database that provides access to core Japanese reference sources such as encyclopedias and dictionaries and to non-reference full text books in Japanese and Asian classical literature. It is an essential resource for Japanese studies.

Why did you decide to catalog the entire contents of JapanKnowledge?

The quality of vendor-supplied records that we got though the knowledgebase was not sufficient to guarantee discovery in the OPAC.

- . Inaccurate, missing or improperly coded fields
- . Lack of accurate Japanese Romanization
- . Lack of Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH)
- . Lack of authority headings that correspond to Library of Congress Name Authority File (LCNAF)

How did you go about the project?

We used and/or created provider neutral records whenever possible. We extracted ISBNs and titles from vendor-supplied records and batch searched print version records by the ISBNs and titles in OCLC Connexion. Using the print version records as a foundation, we created provider neutral records as well as performed record enhancements and original cataloging where necessary.

Vendor-supplied record (searchable by Japanese title only)

誰でも読める日本史年表	
Uniform Title	誰でも読める日本史年表 (Online)
Title	誰でも読める日本史年表 [electronic resource]
Published	[S.l.] : [s.n.]
Local Notes	Access is available to the Yale community.
Notes	Title from content provider.
Access and use	Access restricted by licensing agreement.
Variant and related titles	誰でも読める日本史年表
Format	Journals & Newspapers / Online
Language	Unknown
Added to Catalog	February 26, 2016

Our record (searchable by both Japanese and Romanized titles, authors, subjects, language, etc.)

Dare de mo yomeru Nihon shi nenpyō	
Title	Dare de mo yomeru Nihon shi nenpyō / Yoshikawa Kōbunkan. 誰でも読める日本史年表 / 吉川弘文館.
Publication	Tōkyō : NetAdvance Inc., 2008. 東京 : NetAdvance Inc., 2008.
Physical Description	1 online resource
Local Notes	Access is available to the Yale community.
Access and use	Access restricted by licensing agreement.
Format	Books / Online
Language	Japanese
Added to Catalog	February 11, 2016
Subjects	Japan > History. Japan.
Genre/Form	History.
Also listed under	Yoshikawa Kōbunkan. 吉川弘文館



Who can use the catalog records you created?

Any institution can use our records!

If your institution is an OCLC member, there are two ways to obtain our records:

1. [Recommended] Select the JapanKnowledge collection in WorldShare Collection Manager (collection id: global.544.9.1). Have the set of MARC records delivered to you with a few clicks!
2. Contact us to obtain a list of OCLC numbers so that you can export records directly from OCLC Connexion.

If your institution is not an OCLC member, please contact us. We can share the MARC file with you based on WorldCat Rights and Responsibilities for the OCLC Cooperative. For more information about the policy: <https://www.oclc.org/worldcat/cooperative-quality/policy.en.html>

Thing to keep in mind

Catalog maintenance (adding, deleting, updating records) is ongoing as JapanKnowledge continues to expand. At this point Yale is actively updating the master records in OCLC Connexion and the JapanKnowledge Collection in WorldShare Collection Manager. Toronto and Yale will continue to communicate with those who use our catalog records, and it is each local institution's responsibility to update their records locally.

For more detail about our project

"Harnessing the Power of the Cooperative: Improving Access to the JapanKnowledge E-Resource Collection," Journal of East Asian Libraries: Vol. 2016 : No. 163 , Article 4.
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