Transferring Citations from WorldCat to EndNote

With its vast catalog of book titles and export functionality, WorldCat is a useful tool in collecting book citations for placement into EndNote.

Step 1: Access WorldCat by going to https://www.uab.edu/lister/databases and then click on the WorldCat link (if off campus you will need a Blazer ID and password); next run a search in WorldCat.

Step 2: Place a checkmark next to each of the citations you would like to transfer to EndNote and then click Export.
Step 3: In the Export field, select the radial button next to “Marked records from this search”; in the “Export To” field, select the radio button next to “EndNote”; click the Export button

Step 4: Click the radio button next to “Open with” and in the drop down menu select EndNote; click the OK button

Step 5: If the import filter box appears, select “WorldCat (OCLC)” and click the Choose button
If all went well the citations will now be in your EndNote library.

There are some known issues with transferring citations from WorldCat to EndNote. These next steps demonstrate how to “clean up” the Reference Type and Author fields in EndNote when importing from WorldCat (the author error only seems to occur when a book has multiple authors)

Citation “clean up” steps

“Clean up” Step 1: In EndNote, double click the citation you want to edit

“Clean up” Step 2: Check record for accuracy (including checking the “Reference Type” drop down menu at the top of the EndNote record and changing it if need be); locate the author field and click in it

“Clean up” Step 3: Format the names in the author field following the example below

Now your citation should be ready to use in bibliographic citations in your paper!

For additional support with EndNote, please contact a librarian by going to https://www.uab.edu/lister/ask

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