

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****IMPORTANT** New Information about End-of-Life Dates!**

For various reasons, some of the end-of-life dates for OCLC Cataloging, Resource Sharing and Union Listing interfaces have changed. Please read carefully!

What has Changed

- Passport for Cataloging: new end-of-life date is June 5, 2005
 - This change is due to the recent problems with OCLC Connexion access. Passport for Cataloging users now have an additional 5 weeks to get ready to move to Connexion.
- NACO functionality in CatME: new end-of-life date is June 5, 2005
 - This change is also due to the recent problems with OCLC Connexion access.
- Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME, and ILLiad 6.x: new end-of-life date is May 8, 2005
 - This change is due to a delay in batch processing functionality in the new WorldCat Resource Sharing interface. Please see the article in the Resource Sharing section of this *Mailing*.

What has NOT Changed

- CatME (English and Spanish interfaces), plus CJK and Arabic cataloging: end-of-life date is July 1, 2005

What About Union Listing?

- The end-of-life date for Passport for Union Listing will be sometime between September and December of 2005. Here is a message from OCLC about the Union List migration:

OCLC is planning the hot cutover of local holdings maintenance capabilities to Connexion browser from Passport for later this calendar year (2005). The cutover will possibly entail a gap of a few days between the end of Passport for Union Listing and the availability of the local holdings maintenance capability in the Connexion browser to allow a final conversion of legacy LDRs [local data records] to the MFHD format [MARC21 Format for Holdings Data].

Virginia Dudley, MINITEX BATS

Two New MINITEX/OCLC Coordinators Join MINITEX Staff

The MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services unit is pleased to announce that Mark Wilhelmi and Sara Ring have joined us as OCLC Coordinators. Mark and Sara will provide support, training and consultation for cataloging, ILL and OCLC products to libraries throughout the MINITEX region.

Mark Wilhelmi comes to us from Washington, DC, where he held a number of library positions, including catalog librarian for Library Associates, Inc. Most recently, Mark has been a contract cataloger with the MINITEX Contract Cataloging unit since last August.

Sara Ring is returning to the Twin Cities area from Madison, WI, where she has been a librarian in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Library. Sara has also worked in the University of Wisconsin Undergraduate Library and the University of Minnesota Magrath Library.

We are very excited to have Mark and Sara join us in the BATS unit!

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CATALOGING & METADATA

Connexion Client Version 1.30 Now Available

This new version includes WorldCat searching enhancements, support for cataloging with the Arabic and CJK scripts, a Spanish interface, plus a lot more!

For more information on the enhancements and to download the software, please go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/client/enhancements/recent.htm>

The WorldCat searching enhancements include "true" keyword searching using words and phrases and Boolean operators. You can search over 90 indexes, and you can browse over 50 indexes!!! We HIGHLY recommend that you complete the Searching WorldCat tutorial prior to installing Connexion client 1.30. This is available at:

<http://www.oclc.org/support/training/connexion/client/tutorial/>

Also, please review the searching WorldCat booklet under Cataloging on the Connexion client documentation Web site at:

<http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/>

Are you migrating from Passport, CatME, CJK, or Arabic? If yes, you will want to review the information on the migration site to learn more about the features in Connexion that were not

available in the previous software. Even if you have already migrated, you might still want to review this site to learn about features you might have missed! Please go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/migrating/>.

Current client 1.20 users: If upgrading your version of the client, please refer to the "Update the Connexion Client" section of the Getting Started document for important upgrading information.

You can find this at:

http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/gettingstarted/#update_client_fm

You must upgrade prior to June 1, 2005. Connexion client 1.20 will no longer work after this date.

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OCLC Connexion: Some Questions to Consider

Have you migrated to one of the new interfaces yet? Your choices are:

- OCLC Connexion Browser (Web based, no downloading of software)
- OCLC Connexion Client (Windows based, includes macros, offline files, batch processing)

If you haven't migrated yet, do you have plans for your migration?

Have you taken advantage of one the MINITEX BATS training sessions on Connexion?

Do you know where to go to find out which training sessions are being offered, and to register for a session?

- <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/train-conf/>

Do you know where to go to find out about Connexion?

- <http://www.oclc.org/connexion/default.htm>

Connexion Client users: Have you downloaded the newest version (1.30) of the Client?

- <http://psw.oclc.org/software.htm> → Enter your autho and password → Read "Connexion client installation instructions" (see link in right-hand column)

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Editing CIP Records

CIP records in OCLC have an Encoding Level (ELvl) of '8'.

In 1992, it became possible for anyone with a cataloging Full mode or higher authorization level in WorldCat to add 300 (physical description) fields to the Library of Congress CIP master records.

However, most member libraries **cannot** make changes to UKMARC master records. This includes UKMARC CIP records from the British Library (UKM). The 300 fields in UKM CIP records are pre-publication estimates and should **not** be taken as actual paginations and sizes. Please do **not** use the 300 field in ELvl-8 UKM records as a criterion in deciding whether to locally edit and use an existing record or input an original record.

When you encounter a UKM CIP record as the only match for the title you are cataloging, OCLC encourages you to edit the record as needed for your local use. Please do not create a new duplicate record.

Requested changes of the master record may be sent to the OCLC Quality Control Section (bibchange@oclc.org or Toll-free FAX 1-866-709-6252).

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Alpha, Beta and Gamma – Change in Practice

In preparation for OCLC's change to full UNICODE compliance, and in anticipation of the availability of Greek, Hebrew and Cyrillic script support, OCLC is announcing a change in how the Greek characters α , β , and γ are entered.

Effective immediately, you are requested to not enter these characters in bibliographic records. Rather, the name of the character should be entered, enclosed in square brackets.

For example:

Instead of: Application of α -hydroxyl
Enter as: Application of [alpha]-hydroxyl

Instead of: α -, β -, and γ -spectroscopy
Enter as: [Alpha]-, [beta]-, and [gamma]-spectroscopy

This is effective for all cataloging interfaces. These characters have already been converted to text in existing records in the WorldCat database. This will bring OCLC input in line with the recommendations of *Library of Congress Rule Interpretations* for 1.0E, Greek Characters. OCLC documentation and interfaces are being changed as necessary.

Support for Greek characters will be implemented in the Connexion Client during the 3rd quarter of 2005.

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RESOURCE SHARING

WorldCat Resource Sharing Updates

Enhancements

On April 17, 2005, the following enhancements were added to WorldCat Resource Sharing:

- Enhancements to Batch Printing
 - Two options are available for batch printing of any category: full request, or two requests per page.
- Auto-Selection of Lenders Based on Local Data Record Information
 - Your requests will be sent only to those libraries that have the year you are seeking, based on local holdings in WorldCat.
- Derived Searching
 - Available in Expert Search
- Direct request from within WorldCat Resource Sharing Staff View
 - Library staff will be able to send requests through their Direct Request profiles for processing from the WorldCat Resource Sharing interface. This will allow staff to do a minimum amount of work on the request and allow the Direct Request profiles to apply the correct constant data and choose lenders based on the custom holdings path specified in the profile.

For further information about the new functionality, please go to the Online help files within WorldCat Resource Sharing.

Originally, Batch Processing/Updating was also scheduled for the April 17, 2005, install. However, more time was needed to improve performance issues. OCLC expects to release batch processing functionality on or before April 24, 2005.

End-of-Life Date Change

Because of the delay in installing batch processing, OCLC is moving the end-of-life date for the older interfaces. The shutdown date for Passport for ILL, ILL ME, ILL Web, and ILLiad6.x is now tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2005. OCLC plans to confirm the shutdown date during the week of April 18. Look for announcements on the OCLC Website, and on the following listservs: OCLC-Sharing-L, ILL-L, and ILLiad-L.

Why can't the shutdown of the old interfaces be later?

OCLC's recent problems have caused them to delay the demise of Passport for Cataloging until June 5, 2005. You might well be asking why they are not also delaying the demise of Passport for ILL, ILL Web, and ILL ME until June 5. It is because Resource Sharing is under a different set of migration constraints than those affecting cataloging. Please read the following explanation from Matthew Goldner, OCLC Resource Sharing Product Manager.

First we must do the April 17th [and April 24th] install to complete the high-productivity functionality required for many of our members to migrate from Passport/ILLME/ILL Web to WorldCat Resource Sharing. This is currently on track and allows the second step of shutting down the former three interfaces in preparation for the final migration. The final step is the migration of all the resource sharing request and configuration data to the new database. OCLC staff must have sufficient time between the shutdown of the former interfaces prior to data migration to assure any software and system tuning issues are completed.

The data migration is currently scheduled for June 10th to 12th. If we push the interface shutdown too close to the data migration we risk ongoing destabilization of our resource sharing services by complicating the system tuning.

Tutorials

There are now a series of WorldCat Resource Sharing tutorials that cover the basics of resource sharing and will help you get started. Please visit:

<http://www.oclc.org/support/training/firstsearch/tutorial/>

You will find a tutorial on each of the following topics: Overview, User Interface and Logon, Borrower Basics, Lender Basics, Interlibrary Loan Fee Management, Constant Data, How to use the Request Manager.

Before you begin, make sure you read the system requirements. Some of the tutorials are Web-based, and some are Flash-based.

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DIGITIZATION & PRESERVATION

A New Version of CONTENTdm: CONTENTdm 4

CONTENTdm 4 will be available in May. This new version adds a host of new features to make digital collection development, management, and delivery easier and more efficient.

New features include:

- Ability to import multiple documents
- Ability to import EAD finding aids
- Flexible administrative rights
- Ability to control usage and access
- Expanded reports
- Hierarchical search results
- User preferences page
- XML export enhancements

CONTENTdm users with a current Annual Maintenance Agreement will automatically receive CONTENTdm 4 in May.

For more information about CONTENTdm, please visit the OCLC Website at:

<http://www.oclc.org/contentdm/default.htm>

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OCLC Union Listing, including MULS