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netLibrary 2004 to Launch Jan. 14

Based on recent usability testing and customer feedback, netLibrary has re-engineered its site to ensure the highest levels of performance and reliability. Libraries will find important enhancements that offer a more intuitive interface, non-English language capabilities, improved access for users with disabilities and more.

For more information on netLibrary 2004, go to:

http://www.netlibrary.com/help/netlibrary_2004.asp

From this site, you can also link to an online demo of the new functionality and features that are due to be launched on Jan. 14.

[*OCLC Abstracts*, Dec. 15, 2003]

COLLECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey December 2003 Quarterly Update

Abridged 14 is Here!

Abridged WebDewey is a web-based version of the newly released Abridged 14 database. This December 2003 release includes:

- all content from the new Abridged Edition 14
- selected editorially mapped LCSH/DDC through LCSH Weekly List no. 3, 2003
- LCSH that have been intellectually mapped to Dewey headings by DDC editors, including mappings to Abridged Edition 13 numbers from the OCLC publication, *Subject Headings for Children*
- links from mapped LCSH to the LCSH authority records
- mappings between abridged Dewey numbers and subject headings from the new 18th edition of H.W. Wilson's *Sears List of Subject Headings*

New Features, a summary of the changes in Abridged 14 is available on the Dewey web site at:

www.oclc.org/dewey/versions/abridgededition14/newfeatures.pdf

Interface Changes for both WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey

- Now access Tables from anywhere in the interface through the Show Options menu list (or press <CTRL><[> for WebDewey or <CTRL><]> for Abridged WebDewey).
- Easily navigate to the MS Excel "Relocations & Discontinuations" file through the Show Options menu list. This file is available for you to download for your own local use.
- Easily navigate to the Glossary through the Show Options menu list.

Keyboard Shortcuts

Remember, OCLC Connexion already contains a number of keyboard shortcuts. If Dewey Services" is your active tab, the following shortcuts activate the following buttons:

<Alt><1>	Search (WebDewey or Abridged WebDewey)
<Alt><2>	Browse (WebDewey or Abridged WebDewey)
<Alt><3>	Create (blank User Note)
<Alt><4>	Show (Active Records screen)
<Alt><=>	Search History (History will vary depending on your active screen)
<Alt><W>	Work Area toggle on/off
<Alt><.>	Focuses cursor on the Work Area
<Alt><Shift><.>	Work area dialog box
<CTRL><[>	Show Tables (WebDewey)
<CTRL><]>	Show Tables (Abridged WebDewey)

Did You Know...?

- ❖ You can get to the Dewey Services tab in OCLC Connexion with the shortcut, <Alt><D>.
- ❖ A WebDewey tutorial is available at:
<http://www.oclc.org/support/training/dewey/>
- ❖ Details about WebDewey enhancements are available at:
www.oclc.org/dewey/updates/enhancements/default.htm
- ❖ The next Dewey Services quarterly release is scheduled for early April 2004.

[Eliza Sproat, OCLC-CAT mailing list, Dec. 22, 2003; edited]

Romanization/Conversion History Field 987

Field 987 has been used for information about the conversion of romanized Chinese data from the Wade-Giles to the Pinyin romanization schemes. But now that we have passed the third anniversary of the switch from Wade-Giles to Pinyin, it is no longer really needed. Accordingly, LC, RLG and OCLC have agreed that it is time to discontinue the 987 field requirement.

Effective March 1, 2004, OCLC will no longer require that 987 fields be added to newly created records that are added to WorldCat.

A few things to keep in mind:

- OCLC has no plans to remove existing 987 fields.
- The 987 will remain valid for those who still wish to use it.
- After March 1, 2004, OCLC will continue to expect that all new records will reflect Pinyin romanization whether or not 987 fields are added.

For further information, please go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/news/announcements/announcement62.htm>

or, contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services unit (612-624-4002, 800-462-5348, mino@othello.minitex.umn.edu).

[*Bits & Pieces*, Dec. 10, 2003; Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

Sharing Macros for Connexion Client

You can now share Connexion client macros on the OCLC Web site. Go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/macros.htm>

You can submit macros that you have created by clicking **Upload Connexion macros** on that page, and your submitted macro will be posted to the macro site to share with others.

You can also click on **Download Connexion macros** on that page to view macros that have been submitted by others. Currently, this page is blank, but you could be the first to send a macro to post!

The site also includes links to other macro sites. If you have a macro site that you would like to share with others, please send an e-mail to: connexion-macros@oclc.org and we will add a link to your site.

[*Bits & Pieces*, Dec. 02, 2003]

VIAF: The Virtual International Authority File

A joint project with the Library of Congress and Die Deutsche Bibliothek, VIAF explores virtually combining the name authority files of two institutions into a single name authority service. LC, Die Deutsche Bibliothek, and OCLC are conducting a project to match and link the authority records for personal names in the retrospective personal name authority files of Die Deutsche Bibliothek and the Library of Congress.

Why OCLC is conducting this research and how it helps libraries?

- OCLC has proven software for matching and linking authority records for personal names.
- That software will be used to match the authority records from Die Deutsche Bibliothek to the corresponding authority records from the Library of Congress.
- Once the existing authority records are linked, shared OAI servers will be established to maintain the authority files and to provide user access to the files.
 - Users then will be able to see names displayed in the most appropriate language.
 - For example, German users will be able to see a name displayed in the form established by the Die Deutsche Bibliothek, while American users will view the name as established by LC.
 - Users in either country will be able to view name records as established by the other nation, thus making the authorities truly international and facilitating research across languages anywhere in the world.

[OCLC website <http://www.oclc.org/research/projects/viaf/default.htm>, 12/29/03]

RESOURCE SHARING

ILL Policies Directory – December Enhancement

On Dec. 21, OCLC enhanced the privacy policy of the ILL Policies Directory.

Users of the Directory are now required to accept new legal terms to access the Directory. The primary change in legal terms allows OCLC to share data in the Directory with ILL vendors to test the ability to share data with alternative ILL software. This testing will lead to a greater ability to share information between ILL software programs, making resource sharing more accurate in the future.

In order to not share the data contained in existing units, libraries must edit each individual unit to indicate that they are not willing to share. The default is for data contained in existing units to share data only with all authorized users.

When creating new units, libraries will be required to choose whether they would like to share information only with OCLC Members or with all authorized users.

MINITEX is happy to provide additional information about the new privacy policy for the ILL Policies Directory. For questions or more information, please contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services unit (612-624-4002, 800-462-5348, mino@othello.minitex.umn.edu).

[Christa Starck, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, Dec. 2003]

Save Time and Money! Use IFM

Do you ever charge to lend an item through OCLC ILL?

Do you ever pay to borrow an item through OCLC ILL?

If you answered YES to either question, then ILL Fee Management (IFM) can save you both time and money. And it is easy to use!

The ILL Fee Management (IFM) service helps you to significantly reduce administrative costs by providing a means to pay and be paid for ILL requests through your OCLC invoice. And it saves you time by sparing you from sending—or paying—bills for individual ILL requests. On average, you'll save more than \$30 on each request by eliminating individual ILL processing and payments.

Some facts about IFM:

- Allows the billing and receiving of payment for ILL requests to be handled through OCLC billing.
- Eliminates checks and invoicing - it saves money in administrative processing.
- It is completely optional.
- There is no “sign-up.”
- IFM is activated on a request-by-request basis. It is initiated by the borrower.
- If your library is billed through OCLC consolidated billing, there is no charge for using IFM.
- If your library uses the traditional method of OCLC billing, the charge (to the borrower only) is \$1.07 per transaction.

Get more information and learn how to use IFM at the following sites:

- The IFM area of the OCLC ILL documentation can be found at:
 - <http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/ill/using/userguide/18/18.htm>
- Frequently asked questions about IFM can be found at:
 - <http://www.oclc.org/support/questions/ill/ifm/>

Still not convinced? Go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/ill/options/billing/>

Click on the blue box that says "See the Savings," then calculate your potential savings with ILL Fee Management.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us at the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services unit (612-624-4002, 800-462-5348, mino@othello.minitex.umn.edu).

[Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

REFERENCE SERVICES

Most H.W. Wilson Databases Available as Subscription-only

The majority of H.W. Wilson Company's databases will henceforth be available on a subscription-only basis for users of OCLC's FirstSearch service.

This change was made on Dec. 17, 2003 and affects all the Wilson databases on FirstSearch, except for Wilson Select Plus, which continues to be available via per-search, with its full text.

Per-search libraries that switch to subscriptions for the affected Wilson databases will receive a 20% discount from the list price through January 31, 2004. Libraries that take advantage of the 20% discount will have a price increase of only 10% for their next renewal.

For more information, please contact Karen Docherty at MINITEX (800-462-5348, 612-624-2924, kdochert@umn.edu).

[*Bits & Pieces*, Dec. 22, 2003]

Re-engineering the ERIC Database

The United States Department of Education will soon begin implementation of a reengineering plan for the ERIC database.

According to information published by the Educational Resources Information Center:

“Beginning in January and until the new ERIC model for acquiring education literature is developed later in 2004, no new materials will be received and accepted for the database. However, the ERIC database will continue to grow, as thousands of documents selected by the ERIC clearinghouses throughout 2003 will be added. When the new model is ready later in 2004, the new ERIC contractor will communicate with publishers, education organizations, and other database contributors to add publications and materials released from January 2004 forward.”

While OCLC does not anticipate any changes in the ERIC database on FirstSearch, there are likely to be some initial delays (probably lasting several months in 2004) in the updating of the ERIC database as it makes the transition to the new contractor(s). These delays will affect all providers of the ERIC database. For additional information, please see:

<http://www.eric.ed.gov/>

[*Bits & Pieces*, Dec. 22, 2003]