

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Carver County Library System Becomes Full OCLC Cataloging Member**

MINITEX is excited to announce that, as of January 1, 2004, Carver County Library System is now a full OCLC Cataloging member (OCLC symbol CCE). With 5 branches in the southwest region of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, this growing system now has approximately 92,000 titles in its collection, an increase of almost 30% from the previous year.

Since technical services staff numbers did not increase, Carver County Library System has had to be creative in managing the increased cataloging and processing burden. They outsourced an opening day collection for the Chanhassen branch (which moved into a building 10 times the size of its previous quarters). In 2002 they subscribed to OCLC's CatExpress service, which gave them access to the OCLC database for copy cataloging purposes. They now have decided to extend the efficiencies this provided them by becoming full OCLC members. According to Donna Peterson, Technical Services Manager, being full OCLC members "allows us access to a much larger database, allowing for more copy cataloging and less original cataloging. It also allows our vendors access on our behalf to the OCLC database." Carver County's OCLC membership enables Baker and Taylor, one of their primary vendors, to provide them with a much higher percentage of shelf-ready materials than was previously possible.

Once they have mastered the cataloging side of OCLC, they also plan to switch to being OCLC ILL Suppliers. They have not added holdings in OCLC for their retrospective collection, but all new acquisitions will be represented in WorldCat for resource sharing purposes.

MINITEX is very pleased to have Carver County Library System join the 190 other OCLC members in the three-state region.

## GENERAL

### **netLibrary 2004 is Here**

netLibrary has released a major site upgrade that will provide you and your patrons with improved performance, important new enhancements, and a fresh new look and feel. *netLibrary 2004* features include:

- A streamlined interface providing more intuitive navigation and enhanced search capabilities.
- Choice of five display languages including English, Spanish, French, traditional Chinese and simplified Chinese.

- A new site design based on Section 508 guidelines that makes the interface more accessible to users with disabilities.
- New software and hardware enhancements that increase site stability and provide faster page loads.

netLibrary 2004 was launched officially on Saturday, Jan. 24. Take a look at:

<http://www.netlibrary.com>

MINITEX will be hosting training sessions on netLibrary. For information on the in-person training session, visit

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

For information on webinar training, visit:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/train-conf/webinars/upcoming.asp#netlibrary>

[Karen Docherty, MINITEX]

### **MINITEX Shared eBook Collection III Coming Soon!**

MINITEX, in partnership with netLibrary, is developing the new shared collection that will build upon the success of the first and second MINITEX eBook collections. With a goal of more than 2,000 titles, libraries may want to sign up for the collection beginning in February. Watch for more news on this offer complete with something new...a shared reference collection as well. We look forward to your participation in this member-funded collection. For more information please contact Karen Docherty at MINITEX (612.624.2924/ 800-462-5348/ [kdochert@umn.edu](mailto:kdochert@umn.edu)).

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### **OCLC Web Information Sessions**

This is a reminder that OCLC offers frequent (and free!) Web information sessions on various products and services. To view the current offerings and for information about registering, go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/education/conferences/websessions/>

So far, February's offerings include "Managing your digital library" (CONTENTdm) and "Learn how to develop your non-English collections affordably" (Language Sets). Watch the site for further offerings.

[Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

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## COLLECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

### Connexion Client Macro Lessons Now Available

In the past, Joel Hahn, Niles Public Library District, has provided macro lessons for Passport and CatME on his Web site. Joel has now posted a new Connexion client version of his lessons "OCLC Macro Language for the complete beginner". These 12 lessons provide a great overview of macro writing, and we highly recommend them to everyone who wants to learn more about macros.

The lessons are available from the Connexion client documentation page at:

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

or directly from Joel's Web site at:

<http://users.rcn.com/aardy/oml/lessons/index.html>

OCLC sponsors and endorses these lessons, and we wish to thank Joel for all of his great work with helping us all with macro writing!

[David Whitehair, OCLC-CAT list, Jan. 6, 2004]

### Connexion Client 1.10 Coming in March/April

The next release of the Connexion client, version 1.10, is coming in late March or April. Additional information has been added to the OCLC Web site about the new version. The future enhancements page (<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/client/enhancements/future.htm>) has been updated to list new features that will be added in version 1.10.

Some highlights include:

- a Macro Recorder
- the ability to import records created in your local system or OCLC records from OCLC such services as PromptCat and Bibliographic Record Notification
- apply Constant Data by name
- and much more.

Please see the full list at the web site given above.

The known problems page ([http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/client\\_known\\_problems.htm](http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/client_known_problems.htm)) has been updated to note which problems will be resolved in version 1.10.

[David Whitehair, OCLC-CAT list, Jan. 6, 2004; Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

## RESOURCE SHARING

### **New OCLC Resource Sharing Mailing List**

Keep abreast of what's happening with OCLC's resource sharing system! OCLC is launching OCLC-SHARING-L, a new, broadcast-only mailing list to keep users of OCLC ILL informed of upcoming enhancements to OCLC resource sharing. The list will help you take advantage of new capabilities coming in the next 18 months that can streamline your workflow and help you serve your users better.

To subscribe to the new mailing list, you can send the following command to [LISTSERV@OCLC.ORG](mailto:LISTSERV@OCLC.ORG)

SUBSCRIBE OCLC-SHARING-L <first name last name>

Or subscribe to OCLC-SHARING-L at the OCLC Listserv Web page :

<https://www3.oclc.org/app/listserv/>

[Roman Panchyshyn, OCLC-CAT list, Jan. 6, 2004; edited]

### **Changing Supplier Status in the OCLC ILL Policies Directory**

It is now possible for libraries that use OCLC ILL to set their own supplier/non-supplier status in their ILL Policies Directory record. Library staff can use the links on either the "Quick View" screen or the "Unit Summary" screen to change their unit's status and indicate the effective dates of the change, as long as the change covers a period of 90 days or less. If they prefer, libraries may also contact MINITEX to request a status change. However, if a change of status will exceed 90 days, libraries must contact MINITEX to have the change made. For more information, contact MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services (612-624-4002, 800-462-5348, [mino@othello.lib.umn.edu](mailto:mino@othello.lib.umn.edu)).

[Bruce Willms, MINITEX]

## MINITEX CONTRACT CATALOGING

### Tech Services Lament by A. Wogen

Arrive in the morning  
Without any cares,  
Then you look at your desk  
And see what lies there.

A deluge of books,  
Videos, and CDs.  
All uncataloged,  
Your blood starts to freeze.

You head for the door,  
And try not to mind it,  
But then you remember:  
The backlog's behind it.

I'll never catch up!  
You say with a shriek,  
And then there's all that  
Material in Greek!

"This stuff is too weird!  
From the land of Kuwait!  
There's no author, no title  
No body or date!"

"If I start tomorrow  
I'll take a year and a day,  
But if I just ignore it,  
It won't go away!"

And then you remember  
There's no need to fear!  
There's no need to worry  
The ConCats are here!

We have the time,  
The tools, and the knowledge.  
And we have expertise  
(We learned it at college.)

So the next time you find yourself  
Straining for air  
'Neath loads of materials  
Remember, we care.

So whether you're in  
Minnesota, Wisconsin,  
or the Dakotas ...  
Just call Edward Swanson.

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<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/concat/>