ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Baby!

Carla Dewey Urban gave birth to Colin Walter Urban on Feb. 3. Mother, father, and baby are fine, and big brother Marshall is getting used to having a sibling. Carla will be out on maternity leave at least through March.

GENERAL

MINITEX Serials Exchange

Do you know about MINITEX Serials Exchange? The Serials Exchange Program's purpose is to provide libraries and librarians within the region with previously owned serials and reference materials at a cost affordable to most institutions. Serials Exchange accomplishes this through two services: the Periodical Request Service and the Special Sets List.

Through the Special Sets service, Serials Exchange offers reference materials, bound journals, catalogs, indexes and other items to libraries. Serials Exchange posts these titles on their website and sends participants a list through e-mail, FAX and US Mail to notify them about new material. Participants then place orders either at the website or by orders submitted by FAX or through US Mail. To participate in the Serials Exchange program, libraries must register. There is no fee for registration.

We are telling you about this now, because we have heard that the University of Minnesota Libraries is sending a number of outdated cataloging tools to Serials Exchange. If you think you might be interested in acquiring some of these items, register today with Serial Exchange at:

http://www.minitex.umn.edu/serex/register/

For more information about MINITEX Serial Exchange, go to http://www.minitex.umn.edu/serex/

[Virginia Dudley, MINITEX; Serials Exchange Website]

Introducing ResearchWorks, OCLC's Research Lab

ResearchWorks demonstrates a few of OCLC's ideas for applying new technologies to organize information. Its demos, prototypes, and other interactive items showcase the work of OCLC researchers.

Visitors may explore the site, following their interest from one demo to another, and comment on and discuss them with others. The idea is to display some of what's on the minds — and the "workbenches" — of OCLC researchers. The ideas can serve as examples that librarians can develop or incorporate into their own systems.

These are explorations and works in progress. OCLC invites you to play with these prototypes and send your ideas. Visit ResearchWorks at: http://www.oclc.org/research/researchworks/

[OCLC Abstracts, Feb. 16, 2004]

COLLECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

Recent OCLC Connexion Browser Enhancements

The OCLC Connexion quarterly enhancement installation for February was successfully installed on Feb. 22, 2004. This installation includes both user requested enhancements and problem fixes.

Please Note: These enhancements are for the Connexion Browser only. For full details, go to Connexion News (access information is below).

The enhancements include:

- LCCN format for editing and display
  - Can now enter LCCN with or without blanks and with or without a hyphen
  - Connexion consistently displays the LCCN without a hyphen

- Deriving new records improvements
  - Can now choose which groups of variable fields to transfer when you derive new bib records (from Preferences → Cataloging Options)

- Constant Data repeatable fields are now added to a bib or authority record <u>after</u> other repeatable fields

- Lock and Display buttons on brief lists are now hidden by default

- o   Press press <Alt><Y> to restore the buttons

- Active Records screen enhancements
    - o   Headings on the Active Records screen appear only if you have active records in that specific category

- Cataloging Agent authorizations, which allow you to catalog for other libraries for which you are profiled, are now valid in Connexion (in both the Browser and the Client)

- Authorities save file aging has changed from 180 to 90 days
    - o   This change impacts authority records saved online in Connexion Authorities, as well as Passport and CatME

- Authorities Enhancements
    - o   5xx cross references in authority records should now all be available and linked to appropriate 1xx headings if available

- Connexion Tips link added to Connexion logon screen under Related Links and to the Connexion Welcome screen under Useful Links
    - o   Clicking this link takes you to Featured Connexion Tips on the OCLC web site, where you can find useful tips and information about Connexion
    - o   Topics will rotate among 3 areas: browser interface, client interface, and general tips

- A new Background Color option lets you change from the default white background to a light blue

- End of Connexion support for Netscape 6.x as of Feb. 22, 2004
    - o   Users are no longer be able to log on using Netscape 6.x

For details about these enhancements, as well as information about previous Connexion enhancements, log on to Connexion at http://connexion.oclc.org and search Connexion News. A link to News appears on the Welcome screen. To list enhancements, choose System Updates category on the News search screen.

[Robin Buser, OCLC-Cat, February 23, 2004; Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

Recent WebDewey Enhancements

New Keyboard shortcut: search user notes with the new shortcut <Ctrl><Shirft><[>

As of Feb. 22, 2004, OCLC ended Connexion support for Netscape 6.x . Since WebDewey is accessed through Connexion, WebDewey users are no longer able to log on using Netscape 6.x .

[Robin Buser, OCLC-Cat, February 23, 2004; Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

Additional IP Address Added for OCLC Connexion Browser TCP/IP Export

OCLC has added an additional IP address for TCP/IP Export with the Connexion browser. The new IP address is 132.174.2.73. If your site uses a firewall, it must be configured to recognize and accept export data from the following IP addresses:

> 132.174.2.67
> 132.174.2.5
> 132.174.2.21
> 132.174.2.73 (new)

The port range for these IP addresses remains 30000-30499. Please make necessary changes to your firewall to insure that TCP/IP export continues to work properly.

[Roman S. Panchyshyn, OCLC-Cat, Feb. 23, 2004]

Reporting Record Changes and Errors via Connexion Browser

Users working in Connexion (Browser Interface) can choose "Report Error" from the Action menu. A pop-up box will appear. If the fields are not populated with data from your User Information Profile, complete the form by adding in your OCLC Symbol, your name, and include your email address. There is a free-text box for members to provide details about the requested changes. Click on the 'Report Error' button and the error report will be submitted for processing to the OCLC Quality Control Section.

If this is not convenient, an e-mail message for these types of changes/corrections can be sent one of the two addresses below.

For errors on bibliographic records that do not require proof send to:
bibchange@oclc.org.

For authority records that do not require proof from an item send to:
authfile@oclc.org.

[An OCLC Tip, from OCLC Website]

MINTEX CONTRACT CATALOGING

Things I've Inadvertently Learned While Cataloging
By the MINITEX Contract Cataloging Staff

- Humphrey Bogart's lisp was caused when he was in the service – not by a piece of shrapnel as was reported by the movie studio, but by a punch from a manacled Navy prisoner.

- The German word Fraktur comes from Latin and means 'broken script', because its ornament serifs break the continuous line of a word.

- Deicing chemicals for roads can cause the reinforcing steel in bridges to corrode, unless, of course, you use cathodic protection.

- Anne Boleyn had six fingers on one hand.

- The first woman ever to cast a vote in a U.S. election did so in Dakota County, MN.

- In the late 1980s, the Upper Missouri, Lower Missouri, and Southwest Regions of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation formed the Great Plains Region, encompassing all or parts of nine states including Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas.

- At first glance, Norwegian and Danish look almost exactly alike.

- Films on restaurant safety and food service hygiene are revolting.

- Sherlock Holmes retired to become a beekeeper.

- Coya Knutson, Minnesota's first female congresswoman (1954), had her political career destroyed by her husband when he sent out an open letter/press release, accusing her of neglecting her home and implying that she was having an affair with her male assistant.

- Dentists use the words "pressure" or "pinching" instead of "pain" and "suction" or "hemorrhaging" instead of "blood".

- Our client libraries have a wealth of information in their collections!

[Anne Wogen, MINITEX Contract Cataloging]