

Dear Colleagues,

We are sending this email to inform you that there is no April 2004 issue of the MINITEX/OCLC Mailing. However, there are a few news items that the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services (BATS) staff want to bring to your attention, so we are sending this email announcement to OCLC contacts. Please share it with other staff in your library. This message also includes the latest version of the MINITEX Calendar of Events, with information on upcoming MINITEX training sessions, webinars, and more. If you have any questions regarding any item in this message, please feel free to contact the MINITEX BATS unit (800-462-5348, 612-624-4002, or [mino@othello.minitex.umn.edu](mailto:mino@othello.minitex.umn.edu))

The MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Unit

### **FIRSTSEARCH Staff View Now Includes Borrowing Functionality**

The FirstSearch staff view has been enhanced to save library staff time and help users obtain items more quickly with an improved, streamlined workflow. Library staff can search for materials in FirstSearch and complete borrowing functions for ILL from within the FirstSearch interface.

Functionality includes:

- Additional borrowing capabilities
- A link to the ILL Policies Directory
- Multiple constant data records
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In the FirstSearch administrative module, the following ILL features can be edited:

- Direct request profiles
- Constant data records
- Custom holdings (use of custom holdings displays when using the FirstSearch staff view will not be available until later in 2004)

Complete information about these enhancements can be found at:

[http://www.oclc.org/info/ill/0404\\_update.htm](http://www.oclc.org/info/ill/0404_update.htm).

### **Happy Birthday to OCLC Interlibrary Loan!!!**

The OCLC ILL service was launched on April 1, 1979 -- 25 years ago. Over 134 million requests have been made during the past 25 years. OCLC is looking forward to transitioning the service into the future with our "next-generation" ILL system currently in development. More information can be found at:

<http://www.oclc.org/info/ill/default.htm>.

Congratulations to all OCLC ILL libraries and regional service providers, and thanks for making OCLC ILL the world's most comprehensive and widely-used resource sharing system!

### **Change of Supplier Status in OCLC ILL**

If your library becomes a temporary ILL non-supplier during the summer months or between semesters, remember that you can now change your library's supplier status in the OCLC ILL Policies Directory. You no longer need to contact MINITEX to make a change, although you still may, if you wish.

To change the status yourself, log in to the ILL Policies Directory and click on "My Units" on the black header bar. Any ILL units you have defined for your library will be displayed. (Most libraries will only have one unit.) Click on the "Change Supplier Status" button, make the changes and click the "Save" button.

You can use this method to change your OCLC ILL supplier status for up to 90 days. For longer periods of non-supplier status, however, you must still contact MINITEX.

When you need to change status again, log in and make the change. Just remember that changes do not take effect immediately. Changes need to be submitted by 2 pm Central time to take effect on the following business day.

That's all there is to it.

### **New Version of the Connexion Client**

OCLC has just released version 1.10 of the Connexion Client software. More information is available at:

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

Among the improvements in the new version is the inclusion of a macro recorder and enhanced compatibility with proxy servers. Batch processing and offline editing are still not available, but will appear in a future release. Call the MINITEX office if you have any questions or problems with either the Connexion Client or the Connexion Browser.

**MINITEX Calendar of Training, Meetings, and Conferences**  
**April 2004**  
(Updated March 31, 2004)

This calendar primarily lists events scheduled by MINITEX, although other events are included. This is an informational posting only, registration materials are sent separately. If you are interested in attending a workshop and have not received registration materials two weeks prior to the event, contact the MINITEX Office (612-624-4002, 800-462-5348). For OCLC training sessions, ask for Kay Kirscht. There is a registration fee for many of the events listed.

Some events listed on the calendar may be cancelled due to lack of registered participants. Cancellations and changes are highlighted by **\*\*CANCELLED\*\*** following the date of the event.

This calendar will be updated and posted at the beginning of each month. If you would like your event included in the calendar, please call Kay Kirscht at 612-624-3532.

APRIL

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| 2  | OCLC Connexion: Introduction to the New Integrated Cataloging Service<br>9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.<br>University of Minnesota<br>Minneapolis, MN |
| 6  | OCLC Cataloging Options Webinar<br>10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.<br>On-line Event  |
| 8  | 13 <sup>th</sup> Annual MINITEX ILL Conference<br>All day event<br>University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus<br>St. Paul, MN                  |
| 13 | OCLC Connexion Client Webinar<br>1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.<br>On-line Event  |
| 15 | Introduction to MULS<br>9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.<br>University of Minnesota<br>Minneapolis, MN  |
| 19 | Searching Strategies for MULS<br>10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.<br>On-line Event  |
| 20 | Searching Strategies for MULS<br>2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.<br>On-line Event  |

- 20-21 Cataloging Integrating Resources (a CONSER SCCTP Workshop)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 26 Holdings Format in MULS  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
On-line Event
- 27 Enhancing Quality Staff Symposium  
All day event  
Radisson Hotel Metrodome  
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 28 Introduction to the MARC21 Format for Holdings Data (a MOTSE  
Workshop)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, MN
- 30 Academic and Research Libraries Day (an MLA/ARLD Event)  
All day event  
Minnesota Landscape Arboretum  
Chanhassen, MN

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- 4 Holdings Format in MULS  
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
On-line Event
- 6 OCLC Cataloging Options Webinar  
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
On-line Event
- 7 Searching Strategies for MULS  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
On-line Event
- 10 MARC Format for Non-Catalogers Webinar  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
On-line Event
- 14 Holdings Format in MULS  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
On-line Event
- 14 Introduction to the MARC21 Format for Holdings Data (a MOTSE  
Workshop)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
North Dakota State University  
Fargo, ND

- 18 Introduction to MULS  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
University of Sioux Falls  
Sioux Falls, SD
- 19 OCLC Connexion Client Webinar  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
On-line Event
- 21 Introduction to the MARC21 Format for Holdings Data (a MOTSE  
Workshop)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Western Dakota Technical Institute  
Rapid City, SD
- 24 Introduction to the MARC21 Format for Holdings Data (a MOTSE  
Workshop)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
South Dakota State University  
Brookings, SD
- 25 OCLC ILL Basics  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, MN
- 26 OCLC ILL Tricks  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, MN
- 28 Introduction to the MARC21 Format for Holdings Data (a MOTSE  
Workshop)  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library  
Bismarck, ND
- 31 MEMORIAL DAY  
MINITEX Office CLOSED

## JUNE

- 8 OCLC ILL BASICS  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Bismarck State College  
Bismarck, ND
- 9 OCLC ILL TRICKS  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Bismarck State College