Yahoo!/OCLC Toolbar

On Nov. 12, 2004, OCLC and Yahoo! announced a pilot program that leverages the strength of the Yahoo! Toolbar and Yahoo! Search to enable consumers to explore the Web and OCLC's WorldCat database. The program offers consumers a co-branded toolbar that provides one-click access to 2 million of the most popular records found in WorldCat.

The Yahoo!/OCLC toolbar is a project associated with Open WorldCat, the new OCLC initiative designed to increase the online visibility of libraries and their collections. OCLC is promoting the co-branded toolbar on its website, providing consumers with access to information previously only available from within libraries. The toolbar enables consumers to narrow their search results to the WorldCat database and helps them locate libraries in their vicinity that have the item that they are seeking. OCLC and Yahoo! will work together to increase accessibility to more of WorldCat's 57 million records as they become available.

"The Open WorldCat program has gained traction and support in the library community because libraries recognize the need for greater visibility on the Web," said Phyllis B. Spies, Vice President, OCLC Collection Management Services. "The Yahoo! Toolbar with WorldCat searching will help us build on that momentum by making it easy to search for WorldCat content using Yahoo! Search. Working with a powerful partner such as Yahoo! will help us extend the reach of libraries by bringing Web searchers to some of the most reliable and authoritative information available on the Internet. And, we believe this will bring more people into libraries."

"Having a direct relationship with OCLC enables Yahoo! to provide consumers with content that would otherwise be difficult to access," said David Mandelbrot, vice president, Yahoo! Search Content. "The co-branded toolbar serves as a vehicle for delivering this content and empowers users with the ability to seamlessly search for information that is available in offline databases."

How The Yahoo!/OCLC Toolbar Works

To access WorldCat's most popular records, consumers simply enter a query in the search box located in the toolbar and either click the WorldCat logo or use the drop-down menu, which features a "libraries" link. Consumers will then be prompted for their zip code to determine if the library materials they are looking for are available in a nearby OCLC member library. The co-branded toolbar features Yahoo! Search, which provides consumers with a rich research technology to help them access both online and offline databases.

The Yahoo!/OCLC Toolbar also includes a drop-down menu, located next to the WorldCat logo, that provides access to the OCLC FirstSearch service, the NetLibrary eBook service, the OCLC member library list, the OCLC Web site, and a link to the About WorldCat site that leads to more information on the database.

For more information, and to download the toolbar, please visit the OCLC Website at http://www.oclc.org/toolbar/.

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Google Scholar Offers Access to Academic Information

Google has launched a new Google Scholar search service, providing the ability to search for scholarly literature located from across the web. "The goal is to allow and enable users to search over scholarly content," said Anurag Acharya, a Google engineer leading the project.

Much of this material has been added to Google over the past few months. However, the new service allows searchers to specifically search against just the academic material.

This announcement is excerpted from an article by Danny Sullivan in *SearchEngineWatch*, 11/18/2004. To read the full article, go to:
http://searchenginewatch.com/searchday/article.php/3437471

To try out Google Scholar, go to http://scholar.google.com/

MINITEX BATS Position Opening

Please take a moment to look over the following position posting. Back in June, Bruce Willms left us to become Head of Technical Services at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, MN. We were given permission not only to fill that position, but to add one as well. We are eagerly looking for dynamic people to join us in serving libraries throughout the MINITEX region, so if you know of someone who might be interested, please share this with them. We'd be happy to answer any questions people might have about the openings.

MINITEX BIBLIOGRAPHIC AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COORDINATOR - 2 positions

COORDINATOR:
RESPONSIBILITIES: Provide support and training for cataloging, metadata, interlibrary loan, batchloading, retrospective conversion, and library system interoperability activities, with an emphasis on OCLC-related services, to MINITEX member libraries through telephone support, training, consultation and written documentation. Develop and teach workshops and webinars. Work with staff from 200+ public, academic, school and special libraries with varying degrees of background and expertise. Travel to libraries throughout the 3-state region, as well as to conferences and regional meetings, is required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: ALA-accredited MLS or foreign equivalent. Working knowledge of cataloging principles. Experience with computer applications in libraries. Strong oral and written communication skills. Demonstrated organizational skills and service orientation. Ability to work with diverse staff in member libraries. Ability to prioritize, exercise initiative and work effectively under limited supervision in a multi-tasking environment. Ability to travel to libraries and transport 30 pounds of materials and equipment.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO CANDIDATES WITH: Two or more years of recent library experience using OCLC Cataloging or ILL interfaces; demonstrated presentation and training skills; customer service experience; working knowledge of MARC formats, OCLC services, and current and emerging cataloging practices; original cataloging skills; experience with a library consortium or cooperative library services.

APPOINTMENT: Available immediately, these are two 12-mo., full-time University of Minnesota Professional/Academic positions at the Coordinator rank. Salary negotiable, dependent upon qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Send a letter of application, a detailed resume, and names, addresses, telephone numbers & e-mail addresses of three references to: Linda DeBeau-Melting, Human Resources & Organizational Development Officer, Libraries Human Resources Office, 499 Wilson Library, 309 19th Avenue South, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455-0414. Applications must include the position number UL183. Open until filled.

The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

[Carla Dewey Urban, MINITEX]

Migration Countdown

As of Dec 1, 2004, there are only 5 months until the demise of Passport for Cataloging and Passport for ILL on May 1, 2005.

Passport for Union Listing gets a little reprieve. But it, too, will pass from the scene sometime during June, 2005.

Connexion Client 1.20 Now Available

At last, it's here! Version 1.20 of the Connexion client is what all of you CatME users have been waiting for, and it is now available for download from the OCLC Web site. This release includes local files, batch processing, NACO support for authorities functionality, and more. For more information about the changes, to download the software, and to access the updated tutorials and documentation, see the client recent enhancements page at:

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

If upgrading from client 1.10 to 1.20, please be sure to review section 5 of the getting started document at:

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

OCLC will discontinue Connexion client version 1.10 on March 1, 2005.

[**Reminder**: The MINITEX BATS unit will be offering full hands-on training sessions for the client starting after the first of the year (Jan. 2005).]

November Connexion Browser Enhancements

On Nov. 22, 2004, the "Search WorldCat" screen in Connexion browser took on a slightly new look. This new look is accompanied by a bundle of great searching changes and enhancements. Check it out! You'll find changes on the "Browse WorldCat" screen as well.

The changes and enhancements are the result of OCLC moving all Connexion searching onto the Oracle platform. This means a lot more searching options are possible.

Some Highlights

- You can now enter multiple terms with a single index label, for example:

  - ➢ In a command line search you can enter *ti: stop world want off*
  - ➢ Or, in a keyword box you can enter all four words with **Title** selected from the dropdown menu

- You are now able to use the Boolean operators "or," "not," "with," and "near," in addition to "and."

- There are lots of new keyword indexes.

- Phrase searches (as opposed to phrase browses) have been introduced.

  ➢ A phrase search picks up multiple words in a specific order in a single subfield.
  ➢ A whole phrase search picks up multiple words in a specific order in a single field.

- The truncated list has been added as a choice of format for search results. The brief list remains an option, as well.

- Browsing has been greatly expanded. You can now browse almost all indexes, including names (both personal and corporate), subjects, series, call numbers, etc.

What Has Changed

- When doing a keyword search in the command line or in the Quick Search box, you must now use punctuation following the index label. This is to distinguish between word searches and phrase searches.

  ➢ Word searches use the colon (:) after the index label
  ➢ Phrase searches use the equal sign (=) after the index label

- Not all indexes are listed in the drop down menus on the search and browse screens. By default, a list of 10 frequently used indexes is given. To show the complete list, click the "More Indexes" button.

- In the past, indexes for gov doc numbers and publisher numbers included only the first two letters in the number. Now, all letters are significant. You can also use truncation and wild cards to help broaden your search.

- Numeric indexes (such as ISBN or LCCN) are included in the index lists in the Keyword/Numeric Search area.

- You now have the option of choosing 10, 25, or 100 records per search results screen. This can be set in General→Preferences→Cataloging. If you had previously chosen 99 records, this was automatically changed to 100.

What Has NOT Changed

- Derived searches, OCLC number searches, and ISBN searches have not changed. You can continue to enter these searches in the command line area just as you have always done. And you can continue to use the slash qualifiers for format, year, source, and microform.

Further Information

Log on to the Connexion browser and check out all this new stuff. And what I have presented here isn't all. There is even more! To get the full description of the enhancements: logon, click on "News" (first item under the Topics menu on the right side of the screen), click on Search button then look for "2004-11 Connexion Browser Enhancements." It should be at or near the top of the list.

Other sources of help and information include: *Technical Bulletin 251* (see the next article), HELP within Connexion browser, and Connexion browser documentation on finding bibliographic records (http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/browser/cataloging/find_bib_records/)

What about the Client?

These search enhancements will be added to the Connexion Client in version 1.30 expected in March 2005.

Problems?

If your browser is reading old or expired copies of OCLC screens from a cache, this can cause unpredictable results and error messages. The browser has a file cache; in addition, if your institution uses a firewall or proxy server, that program may also have a cache. Instructions for clearing your cache can be found in the Connexion Troubleshooting Checklist, item #4 (http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/browser_known_problems.htm#troubleshooting)

[Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

Technical Bulletin 251: Connexion WorldCat Searching

This technical bulletin lists all the indexes now available in Connexion browser (and soon to be added to Connexion client).   The changes described make Connexion searching similar to FirstSearch searching. The two systems now have mostly the same indexes and index labels. A few index labels differ; they are noted in the table of indexes in section 3: Indexes.

New Sets Available in OCLC WorldCat Collection Sets

Collection Sets offers pre-cataloged sets of records. Seven new sets are available:

➢ ATLA Selected Religion Websites: an electronic set cataloged by American Theological Library Association members.

➢ Charles Dickens Research Collection: a microfilm set cataloged by University of Rochester, River Campus Libraries.

➢ EHRAF Collection of Archaeology: an electronic set cataloged by Illinois State University, Milner Library.

➢ Harlan P. Douglas Collection of Religious Research Reports: a microfiche set cataloged by Asbury Theological Seminary Library.

➢ Harvard Risorgimento Preservation Microfilm Project: a microfilm set cataloged by Harvard University Library.

➢ History E-book Project: an electronic set cataloged by multiple libraries.

➢ Puritan Bookshelf: a CD-ROM set cataloged by Geneva College, McCartney Library.

Collection Sets offers economical, pre-cataloged sets of electronic and microform records. By purchasing groups of existing records you increase user access to these collections and save time and money. For a complete listing of available record sets and additional information please see WorldCat Collection Sets at http://www.oclc.org/worldcatsets/default.htm.

From OCLC's *Bits and Pieces*, 10/29/2004

OCLC Connexion Features

Both the browser and client interfaces of OCLC Connexion are packed full of features that you may not know about, or have maybe forgotten about. We will list a few of these in each issue of the *Mailing* in order to jog your memory and to help you make efficient use of Connexion.

Connexion Browser Features

Searching Tip: Search Results
➢ You now have a choice of displays for search results in the browser. You can toggle between the displays, or choose one that will persist both within a session and across sessions. Your choices are:
  ▪ "Display default list based on result set size." This default view is a truncated list for searches retrieving 5-100 records.
  ▪ "Display brief list…" When you choose this (and until you change it), all your search results from 2-100 will display as a list of brief records.
  ▪ "Display truncated list…" When you choose this (and until you change it), all your search results from 2-100 will display as a truncated list.
➢ To set or change the display for search results:
  ▪ You can set your preference on the search screen. Look for the new drop-down menu beside the "Search History" button toward the top of the screen.
  ▪ You can also set your preference from a Quick Search dialog (<Alt><Q>).
  ▪ Once the search results are displayed, you can change the view from the new drop-down menu at the top of the list.

Connexion Client Features

Migration Tip: Moving Saved Records from CatME to the Client
➢ You can move records from a local (offline) file in CatME to a file in the client. You do this by exporting your CatME records to a file, then importing them into the client. Here's how:
  ▪ First, set up a file in the CLIENT and choose it as your default (File→Local File Manager).
  ▪ Go to CatME. From Tools→Options→Export, create an export destination file (e.g. you could create a file on your Desktop so it will be easy to find).
  ▪ Go to Tools→Options→Batch Processing. Make sure Export (under Local Batch Processing) is checked.
  ▪ Open your CatME bib file and from the list of records, choose the ones you want to move to the client. (NOTE: The record must have an OCLC number. Your NEW records--original cataloging--must be finished in CatME.)
  ▪ From the Action menu, click on Export. Your records are now ready to export.
  ▪ Go to the Batch menu, choose Local Processing, check the Export box and click Start.
  ▪ Now go back to the CLIENT. Under File, click on Import Records.
  ▪ From the Browse button, find your export file (unless it is already displayed in the File to Import box).
  ▪ Choose "Import to Online Save File" or "Import to Local Save File." Click OK.
  ▪ If you chose the Local Save File option, go to Cataloging→Search→Local save file.
  ▪ Click OK in the search dialog to retrieve the whole file and Voila! There are your records.
  ▪ If and when you export these records from the client to your OPAC, you will not be charged for the export. OCLC doesn't charge for export of imported records.
  ▪ Back in your CatME bib file, all the successful exports will have a 'c' in the Export column, and any unsuccessful exports will have an asterisk ('*').

RESOURCE SHARING

ILLiad News

OCLC ILLiad version 6.5 is now available. This release includes the following updates:

- ➢ Completely new icons and a new look and feel

- ➢ Newly designed User Manager and Customization Manager

- ➢ New Billing Manager for generating, printing, and tracking invoices

- ➢ New Database Manager for removing older transactions and blocking or deleting patrons with no requests in the system

- ➢ New interface for searching and recording copyright price quotes as well as reporting copyright orders for payment electronically

- ➢ New Web Reports and an updated Web interface for current reports with more options

Meanwhile, version 7.0 of OCLC ILLiad has been delayed. This is the version that will provide seamless interaction with the new ILL interface (WorldCat Resource Sharing). Version 7.0 is now scheduled to be released in Jan. 2005. Watch for more details from OCLC and Atlas Systems.

Do you want to know more about ILLiad, or do you just want to find out what it is? Please visit the OCLC Website at http://www.oclc.org/illiad/default.htm.

REFERENCE SERVICES

Electronic Books Database Now Available on FirstSearch

OCLC is pleased to announce that a database of electronic books is available to all subscribers of the OCLC Base Package and OCLC Collection on FirstSearch.

This database is also available as a standalone database via per-search and subscription. It currently contains records for over 200,000 items cataloged as electronic books in WorldCat.

In conjunction with the Electronic Books database, OCLC will be launching a pilot to evaluate library users' experiences with searching and display of search results using a visual interface developed by Antarctica Systems, Inc. (http://www.antarctica.net/). The pilot will run from January through April 2005.

Antarctica Systems, Inc. will use its VisualNet data visualization software to create a visual interface to the Electronic Books database. When a patron selects the Electronic Books database on FirstSearch, they will be provided with an option to use the visual interface for searching and viewing results. OCLC will be conducting a user survey to gauge feedback during this pilot and will also collect usage statistics that will be evaluated for future applications. We will provide additional information on this pilot in the near future.

Please contact Karen Docherty at MINITEX with questions (see contact information at the end of this *Mailing*).

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