

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINITEX and the OCLC Members Council

We would like to congratulate Joe Edelen, Bibliographic Control Librarian at the I.D. Weeks Library at University of South Dakota, who has been elected MINITEX Delegate to the OCLC Members Council, and Wilbur Stolt, Director of Libraries at the University of North Dakota, who will serve as an Alternate. They join Joan Roca, Director of Libraries at Minnesota State University, Mankato (Delegate), and Pamela Drayson, Director of Libraries and Media at North Dakota State University (Alternate) in representing MINITEX/OCLC members on this important committee.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to Mike Kathman of the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, who ends his term as Delegate this month. Mike has ably represented MINITEX as Delegate or Alternate for four terms, and his insight and interest have served us all well. Thank you, Mike!

The Members Council meets three times a year and is an integral part of the OCLC governance structure. Delegates elect Trustees, participate in determining OCLC strategies and policies, and are involved with specific issues such as pricing structure. Delegates report back to MINITEX membership at MINITEX/OCLC Users Group meetings, via reports posted to the MINITEX News electronic list, and, reports on the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Web page.

The MINITEX network is pleased to send highly experienced delegates to the OCLC Members Council – delegates who demonstrate awareness and understanding of current developments in the library profession and in the region. For more information about the OCLC Members Council, please visit their Web page at:

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/uc/>

[Carla Urban, MINITEX]

Reminder: Technical Bulletins Available Online

Effective March 20, 2003, OCLC discontinued issuing printed copies of technical bulletins. All current technical bulletins are available online at:

<http://www.oclc.org/technicalbulletins/>

If a technical bulletin is not listed at this site, it is obsolete. The latest technical bulletin is 249, *OCLC-MARC Format Update 2003*.

[Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

COLLECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

IMPORTANT INFORMATION! **Date Changes: Connexion Client and End-of-Life for Passport/Cataloging**

Connexion client

The Windows-based Connexion client interface is currently in field test. OCLC has discovered some performance issues related to response time that do not meet the criteria that OCLC cataloging members have come to expect. Improving response time for both the client and browser interfaces is a top priority for OCLC staff. Because we want you to have a positive experience when you migrate to the client, OCLC has decided to delay the release of the client interface. At this time, we expect the first release of the client (online cataloging functionality without NACO) to be in September/October 2003.

Passport for cataloging

Since our top priority with the Connexion client and browser is to provide adequate performance levels, we cannot move all Passport functionality to Connexion by Dec. 31, 2003. As a result, OCLC is extending the life of Passport for cataloging past the previously announced date of Dec. 31, 2003. The new end-of-life date for Passport for cataloging depends on the release dates for the first and second phases of the client, and OCLC will provide at least a six-month notice of the new end-of-life date.

OCLC CatME functionality

At this time, we are focusing on Passport functionality. We have not finalized the plans for migrating CatME functionality, and no end-of-life date has been set for CatME. Phase 3 of the client will include offline local files, batch functionality and other CatME-like features. More information about phase 3 and the end-of-life for CatME will be announced at a later time.

[Chris Grabenstatter, Jim Simms, and David Whitehair, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2003]

OCLC Connexion Browser Support Ends for Netscape 6.1

OCLC plans to end OCLC Connexion browser support for Netscape 6.1 on July 20, 2003. At that time, Connexion users (including CatExpress and WebDewey users) will no longer be able to log on using Netscape 6.1. If you access Connexion via this browser version, please upgrade to a higher version as soon as possible. Ending support of Netscape 6.1 will enable quicker development of enhancements to the Connexion service because additional programming has often been necessary to support older versions of Netscape. Since special coding to accommodate Netscape 6.1 will no longer be needed, OCLC will be able to add new and better features to the system. In addition, ending support of Netscape 6.1 will eliminate the system problems that users often experience when using one of these older Netscape versions.

Please see the Connexion System Requirements link for additional information about browser support:

http://connexion.oclc.org/html/corc/help/en/gc_login_sysreq_hardware_software.html

[Jim Simms, OCLC, OCLC-Cat listserv, June 5, 2003]

MARS Now Offers Getty's AAT

The OCLC MARC Record service (MARS) has been enhanced to include the option of automated authority control using Getty's Art & Architecture Thesaurus (AAT). Using MARS and AAT, libraries, museums and archives can leverage the investment they have made in their existing collections by providing better access to materials and increasing circulation. MARS and AAT help you make your current collection work harder.

Why OCLC MARS?

OCLC MARS provides comprehensive solutions for authority control and database enrichment, for libraries, museums, and archives of all sizes. Authority control and database preparation standardizes your bibliographic records across collections, cataloging staff preferences and local system changes. Your records come back "clean" and upgraded to current MARC 21 format. MARS offers high-quality processing and individual attention with optimal accuracy rates.

MARS is offered as part of OCLC's Custom Cataloging Services – solutions to meet *your* library's cataloging and conversion needs.

About AAT

The Getty AAT is a structured vocabulary containing approximately 125,000 terms and concepts used to improve access to information about art, architecture, material culture, and archival

material. Primary users of the Getty Vocabularies include museums, art libraries, archives, researchers, students and the general public. The terms and concepts covered by the AAT range from Antiquity to the present; the scope is global.

Why MARS and AAT?

MARS and AAT help your library, museum or archive provide consistent, enhanced access points. As a result you'll be providing users with better search results, improved access to materials, and increased circulation.

To learn about the new authority control options, or for more information about OCLC Custom Cataloging Services, contact Lauri McIntosh at 1-866-284-4895 or at lauri_mcintosh@oclc.org or contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services unit (800-462-5348, 612-624-4002, mino@othello.lib.minitex.umn.edu).

[OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2003]

Automating Technical Services Workflows

The OCLC PromptCat service can be an important part of automating technical services workflows. Jacqueline Coats and Joseph Kiegel of the University of Washington Libraries have written an excellent article about automating their technical services areas, which included implementing PromptCat. Included in the article is a discussion of the reasons surrounding the changes, the changes that were made, and issues to consider.

[Jacqueline Coats and Joseph Kiegel, "Automating the nexus of book selection, acquisitions and rapid copy cataloging." *Library Collections, Acquisitions, & Technical Services* 27 (2003); 33-44.]

[Robin Buser, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2003]

Juvenile Prefixes for Dewey Call Numbers with OCLC PromptCat

For several years now, PromptCat has been able to provide a small "j" before the Dewey call number for those items that are ordered as juvenile materials. This has recently been expanded. PromptCat can now provide any juvenile prefix that you profile to the front of the Dewey call number for juvenile materials. The prefix can be up to 5 letters. This gives PromptCat the ability to add Y, YA, Juv, Young or any other five-letter prefix that you use.

For more information about PromptCat, see the OCLC PromptCat service at:

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/prompt.htm>

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

[Robin Buser, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2003]

Medical Libraries Get PromptCat Materials from Matthews Medical Books

Matthews Medical Books (<http://www.matthewsbooks.com>) is the first PromptCat medical vendor to offer shelf-ready processing. Let OCLC PromptCat and Matthews' shelf-ready services do the work for you.

Matthews can:

- Affix PromptCat pocket cards/labels
- Affix PromptCat spine labels
- Affix security strips
- Affix pre-printed barcodes
- Stamp materials with the library's name

OCLC and Matthews Medical Books work together to provide automated copy cataloging through OCLC's PromptCat Service and physical processing through Matthews. This means the books can arrive at your library shelf-ready.

The PromptCat service offers many options that can be customized to suit the local needs of Medical and Health Science libraries. Libraries can opt to receive only NLM records (with Cat Source: NLM). PromptCat can move the NLM call number to a local field and also create spine and pocket labels for NLM call numbers. And library holdings are automatically set in WorldCat. PromptCat helps libraries accomplish more with fewer resources and get materials on the shelves faster. PromptCat is a timesaver that makes room for more complex patron services.

See the OCLC Web site for more information about the OCLC PromptCat service at:

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/prompt.htm>

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

To learn more about Matthews' shelf-ready services, contact your library representative: 800-633-2665 (voice), 314-432-1400 (voice), 800-421-8816 (fax) or via mlc@mattmccoy.com.

[Beth Fogler, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2003]

RESOURCE SHARING

Migration from the Name-Address Directory to Interlibrary Loan Policies Directory

Effective Aug. 24, 2003, ILL Policies will no longer reside in the Name-Address Directory. ILL Web will search the ILL Policies Directory and no longer link to NAD. We encourage libraries to enter ILL policies, contacts and site information into the new ILL Policies Directory during June, July and August. ILL Policies directory is available directly at <https://illpolicies.oclc.org>, within ILL Web, and in OCLC ILLiad.

If you, or your library's ILL staff, have not been contacted by MINITEX by phone or mail for help with the ILL Policies Directory, you may contact Carlos Portillo or Bruce Willms at 612-624-4002, or 800-462-5348. More information is also available on the reference card located at:

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/ill/illpoliciesrefcard.html>

In addition, the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Unit will be hosting several free PlaceWare webinars to demonstrate how to update ILL Policies Directory records. Using PlaceWare we can show you how it works right at your desk, so there's no need for anyone to travel! Each session will last approximately one hour and will be limited to 10 PlaceWare seats. Register on the MINITEX web site:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/train-conf/oclc/>
(click on "OCLC ILL Policies Directory (Webinar)")

Webinar dates and times:

- July 9 2:00 pm
- July 17 10:00 am
- July 22 2:00 pm
- Aug. 4 10:00 am

[Mark Tullos, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2003; Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

REFERENCE SERVICES

XML Support for Z39.50 Added

OCLC FirstSearch strives to adhere to library community standards to benefit our membership. The Bath Profile is an internationally recognized standard that deals with interoperability between Z39.50 servers and clients. Support for this standard is often required in RFPs (Requests for Proposals). Functional Area C of the Bath Profile requires support for XML for Dublin Core Simple records. This support is now available for WorldCat on FirstSearch. Support for other databases will be added in the future. The *Z39.50 Access to the OCLC FirstSearch Service* documentation at <http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/documentation/z3950/bath.htm> will be updated to reflect support for this in WorldCat. Further updates will be made as XML support is added to other databases and as Bath Profile version 2 is pursued.

[Dana Dietz, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2003]

Advance Notice: Upcoming FirstSearch User Interface Changes

The OCLC FirstSearch service user interface will soon have a new appearance, which is shaped by user feedback and usability testing results. The changes, which are planned for July 13, 2003, will improve navigation, provide more customization options (especially for branding library and library group), and provide a streamlined basic search screen. A preview area is now available at:

<http://fsdemo.oclc.org>

You may log in with any active FirstSearch authorization and password. No searches are charged against per-search accounts for using the preview area.

Please note that the demo area includes only a subset of the FirstSearch databases. It is not intended to be as up-to-date as the FirstSearch service itself. This area gives you the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the new interface before it becomes generally available.

[Joan Giglierano, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2003]