

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCLC Connexion, Integrated Cataloging and Metadata Services

Connexion is the newest member of the OCLC Cataloging and Metadata services family. It integrates the functions previously provided through CORC and CatExpress, as well as many of the features of Passport and CatME. The name "Connexion" reflects the essence of collaboration that continues to be at the center of OCLC Cataloging services. The new service provides a connection to WorldCat, to other OCLC services, and to other librarians through the process of shared cataloging.

On June 30, 2002, all CORC functions will become part of OCLC Connexion. CatExpress will be accessed through the "Express" tab.

This installation will also include the WebDewey/Abridged WebDewey Quarterly Update.

For Passport and CatME users, OCLC Connexion is an option you may try or switch to at any time.

The June 30, 2002, installation requires no changes to hardware, software, or access requirements. Normal Access and User Support fees apply when using OCLC Connexion. MINITEX and other OCLC regional service centers will continue to provide support. Documentation for OCLC Connexion will resemble CORC documentation in format, scope, and detail. The documentation will include revised/updated content from CORC documentation and new material.

There are many more new features that will be added to OCLC Connexion incrementally. Enhancements will be added quarterly. In the second quarter of 2003, OCLC will introduce the Windows client to Connexion that will offer features not easily accessible through a browser, such as macros and advanced label production options. Future enhancements to the Windows client will include offline local files, batch processing and more CatME-like functionality.

For information about Connexion (the new OCLC Cataloging Service) visit the migration site:

<http://www.oclc.org/services/collections/migration/>

The Connexion site will continue to grow. Visit the Connexion site at:

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

[Kay Covert, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002, and Virginia Dudley, MINITEX; edited]

GENERAL

Reminder: Documentation Distribution Policy Changes July 1, 2002

OCLC is changing the distribution policy for printed documentation effective July 1, 2002.

Printed user guides and technical bulletins

Currently, OCLC automatically sends printed copies of new editions, revisions, and technical bulletins to those who already have them. Beginning July 1, that policy changes. Before publication, we will send a Documentation Update Notice to current holders of specific titles announcing the availability of both the printed and web versions. One no-charge copy of new editions will continue to be available to those who need a printed copy. If you need a printed copy, you **MUST** order it. OCLC will bill for additional copies that are purchased.

[Debbie Hysell, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

Reminder: Return Documentation Update Notices to OCLC

In May, OCLC mailed Documentation Update Notices to members for Participating Institutions by Institution Name, Symbol Supplement, and the technical bulletin series. **Distribution of printed copies of Participating Institutions is scheduled for early August. If you want to receive a copy, you must order it.**

OCLC also mailed Documentation Update Notices for the technical bulletin series. If you want to receive a printed copy of technical bulletins as they are published, you must order the series.

New listserv (DOCupdate-L)

Subscribe to the new listserv (DOCupdate-L) if you want to learn of new and revised documentation added to OCLC's web site.

Send an e-mail message to listserv@oclc.org with "subscribe DOCupdate-L [your name]" in the body of the message. (Do not enter the brackets.) This list is for announcements only; it is not a discussion list.

We also continue to encourage libraries to use electronic copies available from the OCLC web site whenever possible.

[Debbie Hysell, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002; edited]

COLLECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

Bibliographic Formats and Standards, 3d edition, Published

Bibliographic Formats and Standards, 3d edition, is available in PDF on the OCLC web site located at:

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

Distribution of the printed 3d edition begins June 28, 2002. The HTML version will be available on the OCLC web site in July. The 2d edition will remain on the web until the 3d edition is available in HTML.

You may purchase additional printed copies (product code MAN8069) and additional binders (BIN8122) by sending an order to orders@oclc.org

Bibliographic Formats and Standards is a guide to the bibliographic information on records in WorldCat. It provides tagging conventions, input standards and guidelines for entering information.

[Lois Yoakam, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002; edited]

OCLC CatME for Windows, Spanish Edition

OCLC CatME for Windows, Spanish edition, is now available. This Spanish edition (CatME 2.11) includes all of the same functionality as the latest English version (CatME 2.10). You can download the software from the OCLC web site at:

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

It will be available on version 5.00 of the OCLC Access Suite compact disc which will be available at no charge in July. CatME Help, which is included with the CatME software, is currently available in Spanish. The other CatME documentation, such as the Getting Started, Quick Reference, and Learning to Use documents, will be available in Spanish from the OCLC web site over the coming months.

[David Whitehair, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002; edited]

Fast Copy Cataloging ...with PromptCat

The OCLC PromptCat service helps your library copy catalog more materials, place them on the shelves faster, and decrease backlogs. With PromptCat, bibliographic records from WorldCat arrive at the same time you receive materials from vendors. The PromptCat vendor list continues to grow:

PromptCat Vendor List

Active Vendors

Academic Book Center
Ambassador Book Service, Inc.
Baker & Taylor, Inc.
Blackwell's Book Services (including UK titles)
Book Clearing House
The Book House, Inc.
Book Wholesalers, Inc.
Casalini Libri
Coutts Library Services, Inc.
Eastern Book Company
Ingram Library Services, Inc.

Majors Scientific Books, Inc.
Matthews Medical Books
Midwest Library Service
Rittenhouse Book Distributors
Theodore Front Musical Literature, Inc.
YBP Library Services

In Process of Implementing

BUSCA, Inc.
Harrassowitz
Franklin Book Co., Inc.

Visit the OCLC PromptCat Service Website at:

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

For further information about OCLC PromptCat, please contact Virginia Dudley (800-462-5348, 612-624-4002, v-dudl@tc.umn.edu)

[Beth Fogler, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002 and Virginia Dudley, MINITEX; edited]

RESOURCE SHARING

OCLC Policies Directory to Debut

OCLC will replace the current Name-Address Directory during the next several months with a completely new web-based system, the Policies Directory. The Policies Directory will continue to support summary level policies information and will also allow libraries to provide in-depth ILL policy and contact information. The Policies Directory will be available to both members and non

members at no charge. The prototype for the Policies Directory was featured at this year's ALA Conference in Atlanta.

[Mark Tullos, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

Web ILL Gains Support

Since its introduction in Sept. 2001, more than 2000 libraries have switched from Passport (command line) to the web interface to OCLC ILL. Regular enhancements to the web interface are making it even easier to use and to reduce steps and keystrokes. Recent enhancements include adding the ability to choose holdings options from a holdings display, persistent lender strings, and additional local browser settings.

To learn more about the OCLC Web ILL Interface, go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/ill/webinterface.htm>

To try out the web interface go to:

<http://illweb.oclc.org>

Logon using your regular ILL authorization and password.

[Judith Carter, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002 and Virginia Dudley, MINITEX; edited]

Bibliographic Format Added to ILL Web Requests

An enhancement to the ILL Web interface was installed successfully on June 9, 2002. The enhancement transfers the bibliographic record's format information to the Verified field of the ILL request in addition to the existing bib information that is mapped to ILL fields. The same algorithm that identifies the format in the Short Bibliographic format display is used to create the [Format: xxxxxxx] text in the Verified field.

Lenders will be able to immediately respond No or Conditional to Pending requests based on the bibliographic format. Electronic books and serials are easily identified.

The format information is only available for ILL requests produced in the ILL Web interface at this time. The data will also display on ILL Web requests viewed in Passport. OCLC is in the process of developing this feature for the Passport interface and anticipates a July installation.

Examples:

Author	Darnay, Arsen.
Title	The Karma Affair/
Imprint	New York : Ace, 1979,c1978.
Series	Ace Science fiction
Verified	OCLC [Format: Book]
Title	Pow Wow Times /
Imprint	Saskatoon : The College, [199-?]-
Verified	OCLC ISSN: 1203-8555 [Format: Serial]
Title	The amateur astronomer
Imprint	New York : J. Wiley, c2001.
Verified	OCLC [Format: Book Electronic]

OCLC thinks this enhancement will help our lenders streamline their workflows by identifying non-circ items more efficiently.

[Judith Carter and Cathy Kellum, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

OCLC ILLiad Adds Enhancements

The next OCLC ILLiad release, targeted for the week of June 24, will provide major improvements to ILLiad/OCLC interaction. ILLiad will no longer require Passport or the OCLC ILL Micro Enhancer. A new component, Odyssey, will provide truly integrated document delivery.

Lending Pages, available now, allow lenders to provide a web interface to frequent paper-based borrowers, allowing those borrowers to request materials through a web interface and track their own requests.

The Atlas installation option has been extended to a full day and a half for installation and training. In addition, a pre-installation checklist will help libraries move quickly from installation to rollout. New pricing levels will make ILLiad's efficiencies available to more libraries.

[Mark Tullos, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

REFERENCE SERVICES

QuestionPoint Collaborative Reference Service Released

The QuestionPoint collaborative online reference service, developed jointly by the Library of Congress's Public Service Collections Directorate and OCLC, was released in June. QuestionPoint provides libraries with access to a growing collaborative network of reference librarians in the United States and around the world. Library patrons can submit questions at any time of the day or night through their library's web site. The questions are answered online by qualified library staff from the patron's own library or may be forwarded to a participating library around the world.

QuestionPoint offers libraries and library groups a powerful, inexpensive, and easy-to-use resource to provide and manage web-based reference services. It can also be used in conjunction with existing web-based reference services to add broader coverage and enhance reference resources. For more information on QuestionPoint, please visit their site at:

<http://www.questionpoint.org>

[Meredith Dean, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

Two New FirstSearch Indexes for WorldCat for Advanced and Expert Search Screens

Two new indexes, Material Type and Musical Composition, are available in WorldCat. The Material Type index (mt:/ mt=) can be used to search for subtypes of more broad material formats, such as DVD, VHS, CD, Newspapers, Music, Cassette, LP, Fiction, Juvenile, Thesis, and Non-music (to identify non-music sound recordings such as Books on Tape or recorded speeches).

The Musical Composition index (mc:) provides a way for WorldCat users to clearly define the exact type of musical composition they need, including categories such as ballads, blues, carols, country music or operas.

These indexes may be searched in the Basic, Advanced or Expert search modes with their field labels (mt:/mt=, mc:). Users will see both indexes in the drop-down list of indexes within the Expert search mode. The Material Type index is included in the drop-down list of indexes in the Advanced search mode only.

[Tam Dalrymple, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

Cited References and More Added to PsycINFO

Researchers can now find records in the PsycINFO_1887 database on FirstSearch that cite a known author or title, in addition to locating additional author and journal information. Hotlinks within the database connect users to the cited items that are available within PsycINFO_1887.

The following new indexes in the Advanced and Expert search modes support this increased access to the PsycINFO_1887 database:

- Cited Reference
- Cited Reference Phrase
- Number of References

In addition, PsycINFO_1887 now includes the following new fields and subfields:

- Additional Subsequent Author Affiliations (previously the database included only the affiliation of the first author)
- Serial Title (Journal Home Page) URL
- Number of References (both the total number of references for the item as well as total number of references displayed)
- Correspondence Information
- Cited References

[Pat Miskimen, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

Outbound Linking to InfoTrieve

FirstSearch administrators may now use the FirstSearch administrative module to activate a link that lets users order documents from Infotrieve, a full-text document supplier. When this purchase option is enabled, links appear in detailed records for citations for which the institution does not make full text available through FirstSearch.

The default in the administrative module for linking to Infotrieve is OFF. If a library wants to provide Infotrieve access to its users, the FirstSearch administrator may enable the option in the Outbound Linking area of the Database Settings section of the administrative module.

When users click on a link labeled Order Article from Infotrieve, they access the Infotrieve site from within FirstSearch. After creating a profile, users may log on to Infotrieve to purchase the article with a personal credit card and return to FirstSearch by clicking the Return button.

[Pat Miskimen, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002; edited]

View Z39.50 Library Catalogs from within FirstSearch

OCLC has added an option through which FirstSearch can search Z39.50 library catalogs from records in the OCLC FirstSearch service and display this local holdings information within a FirstSearch record. This expands the existing option for libraries to establish links from FirstSearch to web-based library catalogs for access to local holdings information. Library staff can set up and manage this option through a new Z39.50 Library Catalogs area of the System Settings section of the FirstSearch administrative module.

[Tam Dalrymple, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002; edited]

OCLC PAIS Announces Launch of PAIS Direct

OCLC PAIS is pleased to announce the launch of *PAIS Direct*, a quarterly electronic newsletter available at no cost. The inaugural issue was available June 3, 2002.

PAIS Direct was developed for librarians; political science, international relations, and public policy faculty; vendors, publishers, and academic presses; think tanks; social scientists; library and information science education programs around the world; and media researchers.

The purpose of *PAIS Direct* is to inform readers of changes and to highlight information contained in the PAIS International database, which is available via the OCLC FirstSearch service.

PAIS Direct includes the following regular features:

- Subject heading news—including notices of changed, newly adopted, and deleted headings.
- Journal news—including notices of new journals added to those indexed by PAIS, or journals no longer indexed, plus cessations and name changes of currently indexed journals.
- Publisher news—listing of new publishers/scholarly institutions/learned societies whose publications have been added to those indexed and abstracted in the database.
- PAIS Citings—excerpts from reviews of OCLC PAIS products.
- EAC news—news following the semi-annual meetings of the OCLC PAIS Editorial Advisory Committee (EAC).
- New Hot Topics—added to the OCLC PAIS web site.
- Sample searches—searches to demonstrate the breadth and complexity of information indexed in the database.
- Column on issues affecting abstracting and indexing work.
- Call for suggestions—a standing invitation to readers to suggest new journal titles, subjects to cover, types of materials to include, and anything else to help us improve PAIS International.

To subscribe, visit the PAIS site (<http://www.pais.org/news/paisdirect.stm>) and complete the subscription form (<http://www.pais.org/feedback/direct.stm>).

[Debra Brown-Spruill, OCLC PAIS, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

Discontinuation of Acxiom Databases

As previously announced, the Acxiom Biz and Acxiom Home databases were removed from the OCLC FirstSearch service effective June 19, 2002.

Because the World Wide Web now offers several excellent telephone directories, many for free, OCLC decided to remove the Acxiom Biz and Acxiom Home databases from FirstSearch. Usage of these per-search-only databases has been steadily declining over the past several years, as alternatives became available, and OCLC has determined that maintaining these very large databases on FirstSearch is no longer the best use of OCLC's resources or libraries' per-search resources.

[Joan Giglierano, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

OCLC and Convey Systems Partner to Enhance QuestionPoint

OCLC has joined forces with Convey Systems, an innovator in web-based conferencing software solutions, to provide advanced Internet communication features to the QuestionPoint service. Under the new partnership, Convey will provide system and development resources to deeply integrate its OnDemand software product into QuestionPoint, the collaborative reference service developed by OCLC and the Library of Congress. Librarians and patrons will be able to share and collaborate on desktop content, share proprietary database information, text-chat, and see and talk to each other over the Internet. This powerful, new feature will enable instantaneous, expert assistance for library patrons by placing a virtual librarian within their reach, regardless of their location.

An initial version of the integrated package was demonstrated at the American Library Association (ALA) Conference in Atlanta during June 2002. For more information see:

<http://www.questionpoint.org/web/news/convey.htm>

[Meredith Dean, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2002]

MINITEX CONTRACT CATALOGING

Apple Cake on OCLC

While Jane Young was preparing the article she wrote about cataloging cookbooks for the April 2002 issue of the *MINITEX/OCLC Mailing*, I was reminded of the (in)famous OCLC Apple Cake Recipe and mentioned it to her.

During the early days of OCLC, a bibliographic record had been input that was actually a recipe for apple cake. Over the following several years, the record was deleted several times, only to reappear. At times, there were hundreds of libraries whose holding symbol appeared on the record--and, of course, who had the record on their archival tapes. OCLC finally succeeded in permanently removing the record from the database.

Much to my surprise, a couple of weeks after our talk I was reading the new issue of the Ohionet newsletter, and what should I find in it but the apple cake recipe. So, here it is (remember this was from pre-AACR 2 and pre-ISBD days):

100 1 Thomas, Rosanne.
245 14 The apple cake. ‡c Translated by Rosanne Thomas.
250 [4th ed., corr.].
260 Cleveland, ‡b Freiburger Oven Press, ‡c 1974.
300 TEMPORARY CARD
505 0 pt. 1. Slice 6 med. Apples (do NOT peel). - Mix with 5 T. sugar and 2 T. Cinnamon. - Set aside. -- pt. 2. Mix in second bowl 2 c. sugar, 2 c. flour, 1 t. salt, 1 T. baking powder. - Make well in center and add 4 eggs, 1 c. oil, 1 T. vanilla, and 1/4 c. orange juice (milk or water). - Mix well. -- pt. 3. In a tube pan (greased) put 1/3 of the batter, 1/2 apple mixture, repeat. - Bake at 350 degrees for 1 1/4 hrs. (Possibly covering for the last 1/2 hr. in case it gets too brown.
650 0 Cake.

This version was found by Ohionet at:

<http://www.wfu.edu/Library/cookbook/oclccake.htm>

Some who've tried it say you might want to reduce the oil to 3/4 c., but that's just a personal preference.

And remember, dire consequences await anyone who tries to put this record back in WorldCat!

[Edward Swanson, Manager, MINITEX Contract Cataloging Program]