

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **New Staff Member for MINITEX BATS!**

The MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Unit is very pleased to announce that we have a new staff member! Virginia Dudley joined us Jan. 16 in the role of Coordinator. Virginia comes to us after many years with the University of Minnesota Libraries, Twin Cities, where she most recently served as Team Leader for the Area Studies Team in the Materials Acquisition and Control group in Wilson Library. She received her MLS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has also worked in libraries at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul and the University of New Mexico.

We're excited to have Virginia on board and hope you will join us in welcoming her as you have the opportunity to meet her over the phone, at training sessions, or during meetings.

[Carla Dewey, MINITEX]

## GENERAL

### **Two Library Systems Selected as Test Sites for Extended WorldCat**

The Peninsula Library System (PLS) in California and the North Suburban Library System (NSLS) in Illinois have agreed to serve as test sites for enhancements to WorldCat (the OCLC Union Catalog) envisioned in OCLC's new three-year global initiative, "Extending the OCLC Cooperative." The planned enhancements, which are expected to include new content, interface features, and database functionality, make up the first phase of OCLC's strategy for evolving WorldCat from a database of library materials and holdings into a global information exchange resource connecting libraries, librarians, and library users.

PLS and NSLS will provide input on the direction, features, and usability of the new database and interface capabilities.

Over the next three years, OCLC, with the help of libraries, will extend the cooperative framework that built WorldCat into the world's largest bibliographic database to include new participants, new types of content, and automated tools to capture, organize, and deliver metadata. Each participating institution will use and share metadata that includes descriptions, holdings, reviews, and previews as well as links to content. Planned content additions include more than 10 million article records from ArticleFirst and Electronic Collections Online, tables of contents from books

and serials, book reviews, book and serial cover art, and links to full text licensed through FirstSearch. The enhanced WorldCat database has been given the tentative name of Extended WorldCat.

PLS and NSLS will access new WorldCat features through either OCLC WebExpress or OCLC FirstSearch. As the project progresses, additional service options may be added, including integration of Z39.50 accessible resources under a single interface; scoping capabilities to limit searches by library group; collaborative recommendations that will present “recommended items” based on input from users, and fulfillment options that allow the user to link to full-text or web resources, view library OPAC holdings, initiate interlibrary loan requests, or purchase items from an online media vendor.

WorldCat, which marks its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, now contains 45 million records that represent more than 750 million items owned by libraries around the world.

PLS is a consortium of 32 city, county, and community college libraries in San Mateo County, CA, and NSLS is a consortium of over 650 academic, public, school, and special libraries in north suburban Cook, Kane, Lake, and McHenry counties in Illinois.

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## COMMUNICATIONS AND ACCESS

### **OCLC Access Suite: New Version Available**

OCLC Access Suite compact disc version 4.00 is now available. This new compact disc includes updated versions of the following applications:

- ?? OCLC Cataloging Micro Enhancer for Windows software, version 1.20
- ?? OCLC CJK software, version 3.10
- ?? OCLC ILL Micro Enhancer for Windows software, version 2.10
- ?? OCLC Passport for Windows software, version 1.11
- ?? Searching WorldCat: An OCLC Tutorial, version 1.01

In addition, it includes the following new programs:

- ?? OCLC Multiscripts Z39.50 Client software, version 1.00
- ?? Using Interlibrary Loan: An OCLC Tutorial, version 1.00

All software included on the OCLC Access Suite compact disc has been released previously for electronic download from the OCLC website. If you have already downloaded these applications, you do not need to request the compact disc.

For more information or to order the OCLC Access Suite, please call the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Unit (800-462-5348, 612-624-4002) or visit the OCLC Access Suite web site at:

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/suite/index.htm>

[David Whitehair, OCLC, Bits and Pieces, Jan. 2001; edited]

## COLLECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

### Library of Congress Classification on the World Wide Web

The Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) of the Library of Congress has launched a pilot project making the LC Classification schedules available online at no cost from Jan. 8 - March 30, 2001. *Classification Web* will provide up-to-date, full-text schedule display of the Library of Congress Classification. Pending the pilot test results, CDS may offer *Classification Web* as a subscription-based service. To access the pilot service, go to:

<http://www.lccweb.net/>

[Carla Dewey, MINITEX]

### Shelflist Card Production for MINITEX/OCLC Libraries

In the year 2000, MINITEX/OCLC libraries printed a total of 226,427 catalog and shelflist cards! This indicates that there are libraries that are still not able to rely fully on their OPAC for their catalog information needs. The total is down only 18.5% from 1999's total of 278,069 cards. Given that the cost is \$.27 per card, we collectively spent \$61,135.29 on cards alone!

Make sure your institution is using your cards effectively – check your OCLC profile. Do you need cards for all your holding libraries or only for specific ones? Are you still profiled to receive catalog cards as well as shelflist cards? If you do need to continue receiving

cards, perhaps you can reduce the number of cards for each title by having OCLC refrain from printing notes or added entries.

If you would like to review your card production, make modifications to your card profile, or get rid of cards all together, please contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Unit (612-624-4002, 800-462-5348), and we can walk you through it.

[Carla Dewey, MINITEX]

## RESOURCE SHARING

### **OCLC ILL Document Supplier Program: ISI Document Solution (IDS)**

This month's featured participant in the OCLC ILL Document Supplier Program is ISI Document Solution (IDS).

IDS supplies laser-printed pages or high-quality photocopies for comprehensive document delivery, including coverage from over 7,000 journals covered in the scholarly ISI database.

Its coverage includes articles indexed in any Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) product as well as many other sources. Contact IDS for its Journal Coverage List. All are accessible through ISI's Current Contents, Science Citation Index, Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts and Humanities Citation Index, and other reference sources.

IDS materials are available for purchase only. Internally held requests are processed within 24 hours. Payment options include regular payment, monthly billing accounts, and deposit accounts. Yearly volume plans are available at reduced rates. For current price information, see Name-Address Directory record, NACN :9823.

Requests are shipped by first-class mail. Please note that rush orders and overnight express carry additional charges.

Special instructions for OCLC ILL requests. Enter TGA twice within the LENDER field of the ILL workform. Also, specify ISI accession number or OCLC number if unknown within the VERIFIED field.

For additional information and more specific instructions on requirements for filling out the OCLC ILL workform as specified by ISI Document Solution (OCLC symbol TGA), see

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/ill/supplier/tga.htm>

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### **OCLC Provides New Reports to Help Libraries Plan Union List Updating Activity**

OCLC has announced availability of a new product, OCLC Union List Strategic Reports, which provides libraries with a list of serial titles for which they received OCLC interlibrary loan requests over the previous 18 months. By using the reports, library staff can identify titles for which they received the most requests and ensure that their holdings for these titles in OCLC-based union lists like MULS are correct and up-to-date.

Union List Strategic Reports began as part of a pilot project to investigate whether accurate union list holdings improve interlibrary loan fill rates. Pilot project libraries, which included libraries that had done little union list activity, experienced improvements in their OCLC ILL fill rates of 3-33 percent after they added union list holdings to the OCLC Union List service. Based on the pilot's success and on discussions with the Ad Hoc Task Force on Union Listing last year, OCLC decided to offer the service, at no additional cost, to the OCLC membership at large.

Library staff members may order Union List Strategic Reports by completing an online order form at the OCLC website:

<https://www3.oclc.org/dev-app/soul/index.pl>

Orders must be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for lists to be available by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month. Delivery is via the OCLC Product Services Web (PSW). Library staff can download the report, which is in an Excel worksheet ranked by the most frequent serial title requested. The report is delivered once, but remains available on the PSW for 90 days.

The library can choose to download the *OCLC Quick Instruction Guide for Union List* or contact the MINITEX/MULS Office to discuss training on the OCLC Union List service. Contact the

MINITEX/MULS Office (612-624-6353, 800-462-5348, [c-boon@tc.umn.edu](mailto:c-boon@tc.umn.edu)) if you have questions about this new product.

[Cecelia Boone, MINITEX]

## REFERENCE SERVICES

### New Journals Added to OCLC FirstSearch Electronic Collections Online

Forty-seven new journals from 12 publishers have been added to the OCLC FirstSearch Electronic Collections Online service. This brings the online total to 3,087. The number of publishers under contract is approximately 55 and the number of journals under contract for distribution through OCLC FirstSearch Electronic Collections Online is more than 3,300.

Academic Press IDEAL - 3 additional journals

*Bailliere's Best Practice and Research, Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*  
*European Journal of Surgical Oncology*  
*Manual Therapy*

Blackwell Science - 2 additional journals

*Ambulatory Child Health*  
*Zoologica Scripta*

Brookings Institute Press - 1 additional journal

*Economia*

Edward Arnold Publishers Ltd. - 1 additional journal

*Primary Health Care Research and Development*

IOS Press - 5 additional journals

*Breast Disease*  
*In Silico Biology*  
*Information, Knowledge, Systems Management*  
*Intelligent Data Analysis*  
*Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*

Kluwer Academic Publishers

*Asia Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law*  
*Asia Pacific Law Review*  
*Biogerontology*  
*Cell and Tissue Banking*  
*EC Tax Review*  
*International Peacekeeping*  
*Journal of Network Industries*

Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.

*Alternative & Complementary Therapies*  
*Cancer Biotherapy & Radiopharmaceuticals*  
*Disease Management*  
*In Vitro & Molecular Toxicology*  
*International Journal of Cosmetic Surgery and Aesthetic Dermatology*  
*The Journal of Alternative & Complementary Medicine*  
*Journal of Anti-Aging Medicine*  
*Journal of Biomolecular Screening*  
*Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology*  
*Journal of Endourology*  
*Journal of Medicinal Food*  
*Pediatric Endosurgery & Innovative Techniques*

MCB University Press Limited

*Clinical Performance and Quality Health Care*  
*The Electronic Library*  
*Journal of Intellectual Capital*  
*Online Information Review*

Plenum Publishing Corporation

*Administration and Policy in Mental Health*  
*Brain Topography*  
*Foundations of Physics Letters*  
*Journal of Poetry Therapy*  
*Pharmaceutical Research*  
*Plasmas and Polymers*

Project MUSE

*Buddhist-Christian Studies*

Routledge

*European Journal of Psychotherapy, Counselling & Health*  
*Japan Forum*  
*Women: A Cultural Review*

Sage Publications

*Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*  
*Police Quarterly*

Additional information about these titles, including ISSN, format and Print Subscriber Program status is available in "Electronic Collections Online Publishers and Journals" at

<http://www2.oclc.org/oclc/fseco/publish.htm>

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### **OCLC FirstSearch Service Enhancements**

The OCLC FirstSearch service now includes additional search assistance, an expanded "Clear" function, and a simplified way for users to return to their libraries' websites after a search session times out.

#### *Search Assistance*

When a search yields more than 500 items, suggestions for refining search results are provided at the top of the "List of Records" screen. When a search retrieves no matching items, hints for increasing search results are provided at the top of the search screen.

#### *Expanded Clear Function*

The "Clear" option on search forms now clears search terms from all search screens (Home, Basic, Advanced and Expert) to help you quickly delete terms and begin a new search.

#### *Timeout Return to Referring Page*

When IP address recognition and WebScript users timeout of a FirstSearch session, a dialog box allows them to click OK to return to the referring library Web page. This enhancement gives IP and WebScript users an easy way to get back to the screen from which they first entered FirstSearch.



Please contact Mary Parker at MINITEX (800-848-5800, 612-624-4002, [mpark1@tc.umn.edu](mailto:mpark1@tc.umn.edu)) with questions about the OCLC FirstSearch service.

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### **OCLC WebExpress Adds New Z39.50 Resources**

#### *PALS--Project for Automated Library Services*

This new Z39.50 resource is preconfigured for the MnSCU/PALS Z39.50 server, but can be used with other PALS installations. For more information visit:

<http://www.pals.msus.edu/pals/>

#### *British Library: Monographs*

The British Library Monographs database is a unique resource containing over 4 million records, offering access to books published all over the world in a variety of languages and scripts.

#### *The British Library: Science Reference and Information Service*

The British Library Science Reference and Information Service (SRIS) contains records for British and foreign books, citation records for conferences, and a complete listing of SRIS serial holdings. For a listing of all currently configured resources, view the updated list at:

[http://www.oclc.org/webexpress/support/docs/z\\_resources.html](http://www.oclc.org/webexpress/support/docs/z_resources.html)

If you are interested in other information providers and resources, view the following submittal procedure: "How to add new information resources to the OCLC WebExpress Service" at:

[http://www.oclc.org/webexpress/pub/add\\_resources.html](http://www.oclc.org/webexpress/pub/add_resources.html)

[Meredith Dean, OCLC, Bits and Pieces, Jan. 2001; edited]