CALCO4 LSTA Cataloging Grant Completed!
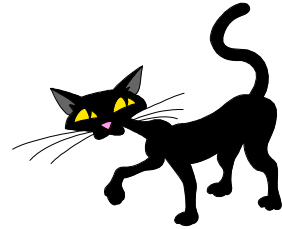
MINITEX Contract Cataloging has just completed a $100,000 project for the CALCO (Capitol Area Library Consortium) Libraries. The project began on June 19, 2000. Thirteen Minnesota state agency libraries took part, and 5,728 titles were cataloged in all. Of these, 1,842 were original records added to OCLC and PALS.

Since the project was for state agency libraries, most of the items cataloged were state government documents. We all learned a great deal about issues the Minnesota agencies face, such as establishing hunting regulations and the stocking of lakes (from the DNR) and Minnesota forestry tax reform (from the Dept. of Revenue). We also cataloged many reports with very specialized information, such as the effects of deicing chemicals on highway bridge supports (from MnDOT) and the treatment of wastewater and sewage sludge (from Pollution Control). One of our catalogers actually got her ten-year-old son to do a school project on wastewater treatment after she had done several records for the PCA.

One of the most interesting items we cataloged was a set of 31 rubber stamps showing different West African symbols, courtesy of the Perpich Center for Arts Education. We also were able to establish several new subject headings, most notably "Wind turbine bird strikes" for a report on birds colliding with turbines and other features of wind plants.

All in all it was a very rewarding project. The participating libraries now have much reduced backlogs, or no backlogs at all, and their new or added records will more accurately reflect what they have in their collections.

For more information about MINITEX Contract Cataloging, contact Kay Beaudrie at 800-462-5348, 612-624-4002, k-beau@tc.umn.edu.

[Anne Wogen, CALCO4 Principal Investigator, MINITEX Contract Cataloging Program Staff]

OCLC Arabic Cataloging Software: Cataloging and Global Sharing of Arabic and English Materials

The New OCLC Arabic Cataloging Software lets you catalog Arabic and English materials using an international database of shared records. You use records that other libraries create and libraries

around the world use yours – reducing duplication of effort. For basic and extended Arabic Script and roman script, you can:

- Search and edit MARC records using roman and Arabic indexes in the world's largest bibliographic database, WorldCat (the OCLC Online Union Catalog)
- Create and add MARC records to WorldCat for sharing with other libraries
- Add your library symbol to records to promote global resource sharing
- Download copies of MARC records to your local system in the native script of your users.
- Catalog easily in the Windows-based interface

[OCLC, *OCLC Arabic Cataloging Software flyer*, June 2001; edited]

GENERAL

Book Vendor Records in the OCLC Database: Pro and Con

A study of vendor-supplied Spanish-language materials in WorldCat [Laura D. Shedenhelm and Bertley A. Burk, "Book Vendor Records in the OCLC Database: Boon or Bane?" *Library Resources & Technical Services* 45 (1): 10-19; 2001 January.]
found that:

- Vendor records would never fulfill the requirements for library cataloging records since they will always lack classification and subject headings
- They created a pattern of data-entry errors that placed a burden on the library community to correct
- The errors led to duplication in the database
- Generally, however, vendor records provide a cost-efficient technique for providing quick access to collections since records had full cataloging by the end of two years.

[OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

OCLC Users Council Votes To Add Delegates, Change Name Following Discussions on Strategic Directions and Governance

The OCLC Users Council has unanimously ratified changes to the OCLC Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations recommended by the OCLC Board of Trustees following a year-long study of strategic directions and governance. Under bylaws adopted May 21, Users Council

changed its name to Members Council and added six new delegates from outside the United States to better define its role in strategic planning and to extend global representation.

Action came May 20-22 during the third and final meeting of the 2000/01 Users Council with the dual themes of "The Library as a Virtual Place" and "OCLC Strategic Directions and Governance Study."

The OCLC Board of Trustees retained the Arthur D. Little consulting firm in Jan. 2000 to conduct an independent study of OCLC's strategic directions and related issues of governance. An advisory council of distinguished librarians and other leaders in the information professions and academe interacted with the consultant and prepared recommendations. The Users Council spent a great deal of time during its 2000/01 meetings discussing these issues before the May vote.

In addition to changing its name, council bylaws were amended to read:

> *Members Council shall advise the Board of Trustees and OCLC management of emerging, critical issues that require OCLC tracking, planning, or other responses so that OCLC's own strategic planning is informed by this input.*

Council voted to add delegates from the Netherlands, Japan, South Africa, France, Mexico, and China to serve for the next three years while a group of representatives from Council, the Board of Trustees, regional networks, and service centers continue work on a new algorithm to help define new standards for membership and council representation.

"These changes represent a reinvigorated council that has the opportunity to advise OCLC on the needs of members early and often, upstream as far as is practical, and to have a significant impact on the directions OCLC takes in the next few years," said Larry Alford, OCLC Users Council president and deputy university librarian, Davis Library, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Featured speaker Sarah Thomas, Cornell University, addressed the May meeting topic, "Partnerships in Creating the Library Portal," with her presentation, "OCLC's Metadata Strategy and the Catalog as Portal to the Internet." Thomas said libraries are still very popular on college campuses, but changing expectations in information access and delivery mean that libraries should work with other types of information providers and partners to keep pace with the current environment. She said OCLC's plan to extend WorldCat (from a single database covering eight formats to an international network of metadata repositories connected with a variety of fulfillment options) is on the right track.

"People want to be able to do a single search across files, retrieving a variety of materials and, of course, find what they're looking for," Thomas said. "We want to be able to take features that we see manifested so well in the more successful Internet services and combine those with the core values and the excellence we bring to libraries."

Jay Jordan, OCLC president and CEO, updated delegates on OCLC services including such new projects as a digital collection management and preservation service pilot project to develop tools for libraries and archives to preserve and maintain access to digital content; a names service that

will provide a registry of identifiers such as ISBN, ISSN, BICI and SICI; and progress in extending the cooperative through Pica B.V., OCLC's partner in the Netherlands.

Council elected the 2001/02 Members Council Executive Committee: Jerry Stephens, University of Alabama-Birmingham, president; Kris Senecal, Dickinson College, vice president/president-elect; and delegates-at-large, Tom Kirk, Earlham College; Ian Mowat, Edinburgh University Library; and Jay Starratt, Southern Illinois University -Edwardsville.

Minutes from the May 2001 meeting are available on the OCLC Members Council web site: http://www.oclc.org/oclc/uc/ The next regularly scheduled Members Council meeting is Oct. 7-9, 2001.

The Members Council supports OCLC's mission by serving as a key discussion forum and communications link between member libraries, regional networks and other partners, and OCLC management. By providing a channel for recommendations and questions from Members Council delegates, approving changes in the Code of Regulations, and electing six members of the Board of Trustees, Members Council helps shape the future direction of OCLC.

[OCLC News Release, June 19, 2001; edited]

COLLECTIONS AND TECHNICAL SERVICES

Cataloging and Metadata Services Migration Timeline

OCLC is pleased to announce a new web page designed to give users information on the new cataloging and metadata services migration timeline. OCLC is working on a new, single interface that will offer the benefits of a web browser and the versatility of Windows-based software. Most cataloging will be completed using your web browser, while tasks not fully or efficiently accomplished using a browser will be completed using an optional Windows-based set of tools.

A visit to this web page at:

> http://www.oclc.org/strategy/cataloging/

will answer questions such as:

- When will OCLC Passport for Cataloging be replaced by a new interface?
- When will the new interface to OCLC Cataloging & Metadata Services be ready?
- Will macros be supported by the new interface?

There is a guide to migration brochure, frequently asked questions section, and more information available for you to use. This page will be updated as new information is available, so be sure to use the NetMind feature on the page by entering your email address to receive a notice when updates are posted.

[Bill Carney, OCLC Announcement, June 26, 2001; edited]

CORC Enhancements: June Installation

Dublin Core

When a user selects Create New record, four blank subject fields (Subject.topical.LCSH) will be added in the DC view.

WebDewey Updates

The WebDewey database will be updated. The new content will include all updates to Dewey Decimal Classification, Edition 21, from May - June 2001.

Notable additions: Editorially mapped LCSH/DDC (EM) from LC Subject Headings Weekly Lists nos. 46-51, 2000, and 1-5, 2001; a number for the post-Fujimori administration in Peru; and revised historical periods for Scandinavia, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Iceland.

Pathfinder enhancements

1) Pathfinders Constant Data: Provides the ability to create, edit, and apply constant data (similar to constant data for Resource Catalog records).
2) User will be able to run a utility (from the actions menu) to embed links into the pathfinder IF a record exists in the Resource Catalog.
3) Browsing options by title, description, record number or cataloging source (similar to the Authorities File browse function).
4) User may choose either a Linear or Outline display option.
5) Local override of cascading style sheets to specify font type and size, background color and insert background images in the Pathfinder.

[Susan Westberg, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

OCLC CORC Pathfinders Tool Set Update

In its recommitment to supporting and improving the CORC Pathfinders toolset, OCLC suspended all Pathfinder charges effective May 2001. All charges associated with the CORC Resource Catalog are still in place.

Members are encouraged to use their current OCLC cataloging authorizations to search the Pathfinder database, "clone" (re-use an already created pathfinder), create, store, and export Pathfinders at:

> http://corc.oclc.org/

Created or customized for local use by library staff, Pathfinders can incorporate reviewed and selected Internet resources, references to library materials, licensed resources, OCLC records, and non-electronic resources.

Members can provide access to Pathfinders via their OPACs by creating OCLC bibliographic records for Pathfinders and exporting the records with links to the Pathfinders in the CORC database.

Numerous Pathfinders features have recently been added. To view enhancements, point your browser to:

> http://corc.oclc.org/version

To learn more about Pathfinders, use the contextual online help in CORC, or point your browser to the online tutorial at:

> http://www.oclc.org/corc/learning/handsoncorc/createpathfinder.shtm

Please direct your feedback about CORC's Pathfinders to the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services unit (800-462-5348, 612-624-4002), support@oclc.org, or Sandy McIntyre Colby at colbys@oclc.org.

[Sandy McIntyre Colby, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

Keyboard Shortcuts for Editing CORC Resource Records

If you want to use the keyboard while cataloging via CORC, here are some shortcuts. These keyboard shortcuts work only when you are editing a CORC resource record. If a keystroke does not work, click once anywhere in the record text and, then, repeat the keystroke. The list shows the keystroke in angle brackets.

Action	Keystroke
Edit Master Record	<Ctrl><Shift><E>
Edit Record Locally	<Ctrl><Shift><L>
Add Record + Holdings (new record only)	<Ctrl><Shift><S>
Clone Record	<Ctrl><Shift><C>
Display Record	<Ctrl><Shift><D>
Add Constant Data	<Ctrl><Shift><A>
Use as Current Constant Data	<Ctrl><Shift><B>
Reformat Record	<Ctrl><Shift><R>
Validate Record	<Ctrl><Shift><V>
Cancel Changes	<Ctrl><Shift><Q>
Replace Record (master edit mode only)	<Ctrl><Shift><S>
Delete from Save File	<Ctrl><Shift><K>
Export Record as MARC	<Ctrl><Shift><M>
Export Record as DC HTML	<Ctrl><Shift><H>
Export Record as DC RDF	<Ctrl><Shift><F>
Tag Record	<Ctrl><Shift><T>
UnTag Record	<Ctrl><Shift><U>

All CORC online documents (PDFs) are available on the CORC documentation page at:

http://www2.oclc.org/corc/documentation/default.asp?UserTask=All&ProdName=CORC

[Sandy McIntyre Colby, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

Comparison of the BibNotification 856 Option and the CORC URL Checking Service

Both OCLC Bibliographic Record Notification (BibNote) and CORC offer a form of URL checking service. BibNote offers the 856 OCLC-MARC record upgrade and delivery; CORC offers the URL checking and notification service.

BibNote automatically delivers upgraded OCLC-MARC records to your library if an 856 field has been added/changed/deleted. Your holding symbol must be attached to the record to receive the upgrade and you must have a BibNote profile.

For libraries so profiled:

- BibNote delivers an upgraded OCLC-MARC bibliographic record if an 856 field has been added to the master record whether the 856 contains a $u (URL) or $z (Public Note).
- BibNote delivers an upgraded OCLC-MARC bibliographic record if the $u (URL) or the $z (Public Note) of the 856 field has been added, changed, or deleted in the master record.
- BibNote delivers an OCLC-MARC BibNote record if the entire 856 field has been deleted from the master record.

Additional BibNote information is available at:

> http://www.oclc.org/oclc/bit/249/01mar.htm#bibliographic

The CORC URL checking service scans the URL in resource records to detect links that no longer exist or have been relocated temporarily or permanently. When a problem link is found, the system assigns the appropriate URL problem status to the record and displays it in a list of URL problems compiled for an institution. By setting the URL notification option to Yes, a user is notified when the URL has problems. To access the status links, go to the Resource Catalog and under Show, click By Status to display.

Additional CORC information is available at:

> http://www.oclc.org/corc/documentation/edit_records.pdf

Summary of Differences

The BibNote product delivers OCLC-MARC records that have been upgraded with either new, or changed, or deleted Electronic Location and Access fields (856 according to the BibNote user's profile and user's holding on the record).

The CORC service offers a listing of records by status that have URLs that are not found or have moved temporarily or permanently. Once the master record is updated with a new/corrected URL, CORC removes the URL problem status from the record. It is pulled off the user's list. This service is based on the URL notification option within CORC.

General Information

BibNote documentation is available at:

> http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/bibnote.htm

CORC general information is at:

> http://www.oclc.org/corc/

If you would like more information about BibNote, please contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Unit (800-426-5348, 612-624-4002).

If you would like more information about the CORC service, please contact MINITEX or corc@oclc.org.

[Julie Whitley, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

New Directions for OCLC CatExpress Service

In late July, CatExpress will move to the CORC environment. CatExpress users will be able to do everything they currently do, but the screens and help will look more like CORC, as OCLC works to integrate different cataloging interfaces.

Changes

1) The addition of a new administration module will allow libraries to set default information for OCLC holding library code, choice of call number type, and default display (MARC or text).
2) Users will be able to set holdings from the Preview screen and from the bibliographic display (if no editing is required).
3) Enhanced bibliographic displays will show more information. Users will also be able to notify OCLC via the "Contact" option, similar to the existing feature in CORC.

CORC users will be able to choose the CatExpress subset from within CORC. CatExpress subscribers will not have access to the CORC Resource Catalog or the Pathfinders.

There is no change in billing. The CatExpress tutorial will be revised to reflect these changes.

More information about these changes will be sent in the coming weeks.

[Linda Gabel, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

National Library of Canada Control Numbers Removed from Field 010

In May 2001, OCLC removed National Library of Canada (NLC) control numbers from field 010 and constructed field 016 using data from field 029. A total of 734,697 records in WorldCat (the OCLC Online Union Catalog) were modified. Field 010 is restricted for Library of Congress control numbers and National Library of Canada serials control numbers. NLC control numbers in serial records are stored in field 010 and field 016. NLC control numbers in all other records are stored in field 016 and field 029. Do not input NLC control numbers in field 010 in records other than serials; use field 016 instead.

For additional information about this conversion, see *Technical Bulletin 241: National Library Control Number Changes*

> http://www.oclc.org/oclc/tb/tb241

[Susan Walker, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

Spelling Checker for OCLC CatME Now Available

The Spelling Checker for CatME, developed by InfoWorks Technology Company, is now available for electronic download at no charge from the OCLC website. Download, install, setup, and begin using the Spelling Checker with current versions of OCLC CatME for Windows. You can customize the software to check selected fields. With many fields, you can specify to skip subfields that include names. For more information and to download the software, visit the CatME home page at

> http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/catme.htm

[David Whitehair, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

OCLC AsiaLink Sets Available in Standard and Plus Packages

OCLC offers two different AsiaLink options to meet libraries' needs. Both packages contain the same titles. The Plus Package allows for customization of the MARC record to follow local cataloging practices. AsiaLink offers annual pre-selected sets of 25, 50 or 100 titles in Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and Russian; Japanese sets contain 20, 40 or 80 titles.

AsiaLink Update Sets let libraries add an additional 25 or 50 titles on a quarterly or semi-annual basis. Japanese update sets contain 20 or 40 titles. AsiaLink no longer offers customized collection development services.

Standard Package

- The cost of the materials, plus a full-level OCLC-MARC record for each title
- The existing LC or DDC call number and Cutter, OR customized editing up to 3 elements of the call number (for DDC Cutter, a choice of Cutter Sanborn, C.A. Cutter, OCLC 4-digit Cutter, or local Cutter)
- Non-fiction records contain up to 3 LC subject headings
- Adding holdings symbol to records in WorldCat
- Delivery of records via diskette, FTP, e-mail attachment, printouts or save file
- Shipping

Plus Package

- The cost of the materials, plus a full-level OCLC-MARC record for each title
- Customized editing of the call number/Cutter to follow local practices
- Editing of additional fields of the bibliographic record to follow local practices (limit of 4 fields)
- Non-fiction records contain up to 3 LC subject headings
- Adding holdings symbol to records in WorldCat
- Delivery of records via diskette, FTP, e-mail attachment, printouts, or save file
- Shipping

[Lydia Kegler, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

OCLC Forest Press to Discontinue Dewey for Windows

OCLC Forest Press will discontinue the Dewey for Windows CD-ROM product effective Dec. 31, 2001. Subscribers should plan to migrate to WebDewey in CORC or WebDewey. WebDewey in CORC is available now to full cataloging members and partial users. It will become available to CatExpress users this August. An annual subscription to WebDewey in CORC is $500 for an unlimited number of users at the same physical location. A single-user subscription option, priced at $225 per year, will become available in Jan. 2002. See the WebDewey in CORC order form at:

https://www3.oclc.org/app/webdewey/

WebDewey will be released in Jan. 2002. Based on the same database as WebDewey in CORC, WebDewey will be available to those without an OCLC Cataloging service authorization. Licenses to WebDewey will be available by subscription at a special introductory price of $225 per year for a single user and $500 per year for an unlimited number of users at one location. The introductory

prices will be in effect through March 31, 2002. After that, the regular subscription prices will apply: $275 per year for a single user and $575 per year for an unlimited number of users at the same site. After the first year, all subscriptions will renew at the regular subscription prices. Further information, including an online order form, will be available on the Dewey website this fall.

Background

The Dewey for Windows CD-ROM product has been released annually since 1997. In keeping with the OCLC strategy's emphasis on web-based services, our efforts are now on developing web-based versions of the enhanced DDC database. Development of web versions of an updated and enhanced Abridged Edition 13 database will begin late this summer. The DDC databases are currently enriched with intellectual and statistical mappings to Library of Congress Subject Headings. Planned enhancements to web versions include mappings to other terminology sets as well.

If you have questions, please contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Unit (800-462-5348, 612-624-4002).

[Dawn Lawson, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

RESOURCE SHARING

Canada Institute for Scientific & Technical Information (CISTI)

This month's featured participant in the OCLC ILL Document Supplier Program is the Canada Institute for Scientific & Technical Information (CISTI). The following article details its collections along with some ILL policies.

CISTI supplies loans and copies of original documents subject to restrictions imposed by Canadian copyright legislation. CISTI is an international document supplier for scientific, technical, and medical information.

CISTI covers the fields of science, technology, and medicine. It holds more than 50,000 journal titles in most languages, worldwide conference proceedings, over 1 million technical reports in microform, and 500,000 monographs.

The CISTI catalogue offers free searching of CISTI's holdings (http://cat.cisti.nrc.ca or telnet to cat.cisti.nrc.ca). CISTI Serials List, available in print, lists over 15,000 currently received subscriptions alphabetically by title with ISSN when available.

CISTI offers both loans and copies. OCLC orders are downloaded frequently throughout the day. To order, clients must register with CISTI and establish a billing or credit card (Visa or Master Card) account. IFM is accepted. Photocopies may be kept. Loaned documents must be returned within one month; renewals for loan charge for each month. For detailed current price information, see Name-Address Directory record NACN :4531, or call Document Delivery Client Assistant at: Tel: 1-800-668-1222 or 613-993-9251; fax: 613-993-7619; E-mail: cisti.docdel@nrc.ca, or see CISTI's Web site

      http://www.nrc.ca/cisti

To register, contact CISTI Client Registration at: Tel: 1-800-668-1222; fax: 613-954-2217; E-mail: cisti.ers@nrc.ca; URL:

      http://www.nrc.ca/cisti/register_e.shtml

Orders are generally filled within 48 hours of receipt. Enter the symbol, CAI, only once. Copies are sent via fax or Ariel, or by overnight courier. There is no additional charge for Shipping/Handling and Urgent Service is available. Two-hour guaranteed turnaround time for copies is available. Loans and lengthy articles are delivered by overnight courier. See :BORROWING NOTES:.

Prices outside Canada vary – see NACN :4531 for details. For U.S. clients see NACN:100247. Other specialized services are available. For further details, contact Document Delivery Client Assistant.

For complete lending polices and workform instructions, please see Name-Address Directory record NACN:4531, or contact CISTI Document Delivery.

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      National Research Council of Canada
      Ottawa K1A 0S2, CANADA
      Telephone: 1-800-668-1222 or +613-993-9251, Fax: +613-993-7619,
      E-Mail: info.cisti@nrc.ca, URL: http://www.nrc.ca/cisti/docdel/docdel_e.shtml

[Mark Tullos, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

"Think Link" and Electronic Collections Online

Has this happened to you? You are searching in several bibliographic databases. You do not see links to your Electronic Collections Online journals in your results for a particular journal. Several factors may be at work. Here are some troubleshooting tips:

- After checking the administrative module to be sure the access to Electronic Collections Online is on, check the table of FirstSearch Database Features at http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/databases/frtable.htm to be sure you are searching in a database that links to journal articles and the other full-text databases. Then, use the FirstSearch Periodicals Titles Finder at http://www2.oclc.org/oclc/fs/fstitle/index.asp to see which databases index the journal title. Search for the name of the journal as a Source Phrase in those databases to see if you can get results that include Electronic Collections Online links.
- You might not be seeing many links from FirstSearch databases to Electronic Collections Online articles because you only subscribe to a few titles.
- There aren't many links between those particular titles and the FirstSearch databases they make available.
- If your journal subscriptions started relatively recently, many links may not exist because the links only have a few years of the journals to draw upon.
- Another possibility is that the bibliographic database indexed the journal in the past but no longer does.
- Finally, all the information needed to make the link (ISSN, primarily) needs to be present in the citation in each database.

[Tam Dalrymple, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

OCLC FirstSearch Featured Database for June: Consumers Index

Consumers Index, produced by the Pierian Press, is the FirstSearch Featured Database of the Month for June. You may search Consumers Index at no charge during June from these pages on the FirstSearch web site:

http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/databases/index.htm and

http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/about/content.htm

Consumers Index helps consumers find information they can use to evaluate products, services, and facilities. In addition, Consumers Index abstracts articles on consumerism and consumer protection. Users can search the database by indexes including product name, company, and subject. They can limit search results to alerts, warnings, or advisories; "best ratings"; crash test results; descriptions; evaluations or tests; recalls; or legal actions. More than 23,000 records in Consumers Index include links to resources available via the web.

More information on this database is available at:

http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/databases/details/dbinformation_ConsumerIndex.html

[Joan Giglierano, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

OCLC FirstSearch Service Adds ATLAS Database

The American Theological Library Association Serials Database (ATLAS) is now available on the OCLC FirstSearch service. ATLAS will initially contain the full text of 29 key journals in religion and theology indexed in the ATLA Religion database covering the period from 1946 to the present. The American Theological Library Association plans to expand the coverage of journals in the ATLAS database on an ongoing basis. The full text of 16 more journals will be included in the database shortly, increasing the coverage to 45 journals.

OCLC currently provides access to the ATLA Religion database produced by the American Theological Library Association (ATLA). The ATLAS database will enhance the value of the ATLA Religion database by providing web access to the full text of 29 key journals in religion and theology selected by a nationally renowned advisory panel of scholars from all fields of religious studies.

[OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]

OCLC SiteSearch Development Discontinuation

To help realize objectives of its global strategy, OCLC will discontinue development of the OCLC SiteSearch Suite following the release of version 4.2 scheduled for fall 2001. Version 4.2 incorporates open source technology developed by OCLC as the new architecture for building local databases. Labeled Pears, the new technology is java-based to provide greater flexibility and ease of use. It supports custom indexing routines, import and export of records, and Unicode. It also supports databases built with earlier versions of SiteSearch.

OCLC will support SiteSearch versions 4.1 and higher to current licensees for an extended time frame, through at least Dec. 2002. During this period, current licensees may continue to submit

service requests to the SiteSearch support desk and enter custom services contracts with OCLC. Training for Pears will be conducted through online computer-based training modules.

The OCLC strategy anticipates providing integrated services to libraries through web-based portals. One portal under consideration is the Library Integration Manager (LIM). LIM would integrate a family of WebZ products, including SiteSearch, WebExpress and FirstSearch, into a single view of electronic resources. With LIM, libraries would provide patron cross-database access to Z39.50 resources (initially) and administer and customize the environment through a web client.

OCLC is also investigating community sourcing of SiteSearch. OCLC would provide the full SiteSearch source code to current licensees. OCLC would host the community sourcing project to facilitate the exchange of custom code within the community.

Through the summer 2001, OCLC will solicit SiteSearch licensees for their opinions and comments on LIM, community sourcing, and other ideas for supporting the product. OCLC will present a detailed plan for SiteSearch by the fall 2001 corresponding with the release of 4.2.

Direct questions concerning SiteSearch to Doug Loynes, Site Search Product Manager, at OCLC (800-848-5800).

[Meredith Dean, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, June 2001; edited]