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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Deadline Approaching for Hmong and Somali Language Sets**

Last month we told you about OCLC's special offer on Language Sets for MINITEX libraries. This offer ends on Feb. 29, 2008!

The discount covers all OCLC Language Sets, including two unique sets in Hmong and Somali created especially for MINITEX libraries.

Go to our Web site to get the full information about the offer, the available Language Sets, and their prices:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/bats/news.aspx#20071211>

Virginia Dudley, MINITEX BATS

### **New Frequently Asked Questions Web page**

We have added a new resource to our BATS section of the MINITEX Web site. The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Web page contains answers to questions asked by MINITEX/OCLC member libraries. The questions range from "Why can't I access my local save file record in Connexion client" to "How do I change my OCLC Profile?" The list is organized by broad categories, containing FAQs about OCLC products and services.

- CatExpress
- Connexion
- CONTENTdm
- OCLC Profile
- WorldCat Resource Sharing

We will continue to add more topics on cataloging best practices, OCLC billing, and statistics, among others. Feel free to send us suggestions for questions you would like added to the page. You can access our NEW FAQ page here:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/bats/faq.aspx>

Sara Ring, MINITEX/BATS

## GENERAL

### Recently Scheduled Webinars

The Bibliographic and Technical Services (BATS) Unit has scheduled the following webinars to be presented in the next few months:

- Advanced Searching Using Connexion Client
- Basic Searching Using Connexion Client
- Connexion Client Keeps Getting Better and Better! - **NEW**
- Connexion Client Macros for the Absolute Beginner
- Introduction to Using OCLC Cataloging Statistics
- Introduction to Using OCLC Resource Sharing Statistics
- Tools for Original Cataloging with Connexion Client

To view a complete description of a webinar or to register, visit the following url:  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/oclc.asp>

Sara Ring, MINITEX/BATS

### OCLC Annual Report Print Copies Available

We have extra print copies of the *OCLC Annual Report 2006/2007*. It includes statistics on things like the number of records by format, further distinguished by LC or member input; or the date ranges of records (did you know there are 9,975 records for items "published" before 1 B.C.?); as well as the more standard year-in-review type information.

If you would like a print copy, please e-mail Carlos Portillo ([porti002@umn.edu](mailto:porti002@umn.edu)), and we'll send you one, or you can view the pdf file at:

<http://www.oclc.org/news/publications/annualreports/2007.pdf>

Carla Dewey Urban, MINITEX/BATS

## CATALOGING & METADATA

### **Connexion Client Keeps Getting Better and Better!**

This new one-hour Webinar highlights a variety of enhancements from recent versions of the OCLC Connexion Client, including 1.7, 2.0, and the newest version 2.1.

Do you know about all the new display options and navigational changes? And the OCLC supplied macros that are a cinch to use and can save you time? Did you know that genre headings can now be controlled? How about importing and exporting records in Dublin Core?

Come learn about all this and more! We'll also cover what you need to know to upgrade to the newest version 2.1.

We have scheduled five sessions and if these fill up, we will schedule more:

- Thursday, February 14, 2:00 to 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, February 20, 9:00 to 10:00 am
- Wednesday, March 5, 1:30 to 2:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 11, 10:00 to 11:00 am
- Thursday, March 13, 2:00 to 3:00 pm

To register, please go to:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#177>

Virginia Dudley, MINITEX BATS

### **Top 10 OCLC Original Catalogers in the MINITEX Region**

As a whole, libraries in the region cataloged 23,541 original records in WorldCat (about an 8% increase since calendar year 2006) in 2007. Below you will find the top 10 list for 2007. The same caveats apply as listed in last year's blog post:

[http://blogs.minitex.umn.edu/bats/2007/01/top\\_ten\\_libraries\\_contributing.html](http://blogs.minitex.umn.edu/bats/2007/01/top_ten_libraries_contributing.html)

The list does not include libraries that batchload their holdings to OCLC. It only includes libraries that created original records using either Connexion client or Connexion browser.

- Minnesota State University-Mankato (2,429)
- North Dakota State Library (2,346)
- Metro State University (1,240)
- MINITEX Contract Cataloging (1,202)
- Hennepin County Library, MN (1,032)

- Minnesota Historical Society (886)
- State Historical Society of North Dakota (853)
- Traverse Des Sioux Library System, MN (822)
- Pioneerland Library System, MN (766)
- South Dakota State Library (598)

If you're interested in finding out how to access your own institution's statistics, check out the resources below:

OCLC Cataloging Statistics Web page:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/bats/products/stats/cataloging.aspx>

Webinar – Introduction to Using Cataloging Statistics:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#142>

Sara Ring, MINITEX/BATS

### **View ALA Midwinter Connexion Users Group Meeting Presentation**

The Connexion Users Group meeting was held on Sunday, Jan. 13, at the American Library Association Midwinter meeting. If you'd like to view the presentation slides, see

<http://www.oclc.org/membership/usergroups/profile22.htm>

During the meeting, David Whitehair provided an update on Connexion and other cataloging products and services. Claire Cocco provided an overview of CONTENTdm and introduced new Connexion tools related to uploading CONTENTdm data.

OCLC; edited

## **LOCAL HOLDINGS MAINTENANCE**

### **OCLC Local Holdings User Group Virtual Meeting**

Staff of many libraries are interested in OCLC Local Holdings (i.e., what we used to call MULS holdings), but cannot make it to ALA's Midwinter or Annual Conference to attend a User Group Meeting. This year, OCLC has planned a special virtual meeting to bring information directly to staff members whose jobs are affected by Local Holdings data.

**What:** Local Holdings User Group virtual meeting

**Date:** Thursday, February 7, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. CST

**Cost:** FREE

**Register:** <http://www.oclc.org/info/localholdings>

Guest speakers will include:

- Jennifer Kuehn, Ohio State University, who will present her library's results after taking advantage of Local Holdings Records to set copy/loan bytes for materials in OSU's special collections.
- Judy Murran, OCLC, who will talk about batch-updating of Local Holdings Records
- Christa Starck, OCLC, who will discuss deflection and the role played by copy/loan bytes in Local Holdings Records

We'll be particularly interested in the discussion of **batch updating** of Local Holdings Records (LHRs) since a number of libraries in the MINITEX region are interested in exploring this method of updating their LHRs.

Please contact Dave Linton or Cec Boone in the MINITEX/MULS office with any questions you have about the session (Contact information at the end of this *Mailing*)

Dave Linton, MINITEX/MULS

## RESOURCE SHARING

### Top Ten OCLC ILL Lenders in the MINITEX Region

You may have seen the top 10 libraries contributing original cataloging records to WorldCat article in the Cataloging section of this *Mailing*. I was asked to create an ILL counterpart to the cataloging list. Below you will find the top 10 lenders in the MINITEX region, based on the number of filled requests. There are a few caveats that apply; these statistics only apply to libraries using WorldCat Resource Sharing or ILLiad (OCLC ILL) to borrow and lend items. The statistics reflect **calendar year** activity for 2007. The statistics were compiled using the OCLC Online Usage Statistics Web site, and then cross checked against a report from our MINITEX/OCLC billing system. If there was a slight discrepancy in the numbers, the Online Usage Statistics figure was used.

The top lender was MINITEX with 65,598 loans filled (under the symbol MII), but since this is a list of the top ten *libraries* in the MINITEX region, we decided not to include our stats in the list

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below. The University of Minnesota Libraries number below combines all of the Twin Cities statistics (except for the Law Library at the U of M). A large portion of the lending for the U of M is done by MINITEX staff, under the OCLC symbol MNU.

1.	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, MN	34,943
2.	University of St. Thomas, MN	6,240
3.	University of South Dakota, SD	6,142
4.	South Dakota State University, SD	4,793
5.	University of North Dakota, ND	4,238
6.	North Dakota State University, ND	3,593
7.	Carleton College, MN	3,202
8.	Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN	2,887
9.	University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN	2,881
10.	St. Olaf College, Rolvaag Library, MN	2,453

If you would like to find out how to access your own institution's statistics, check out the following support resources on our Web page. The Web page includes links to a quick reference guide and training:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/bats/products/stats/sharing.aspx>

Sara Ring; MINITEX/BATS

## **WorldCat Resource Sharing – Upgrade Issues**

In late January, OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing was enhanced so that users could export printing to a .PDF file when creating one and two-per-page printouts. This decision was made based on user input to improve readability and compatibility with the web browsers, Mozilla Firefox and Internet Explorer 7. See the following URL for a full description with screenshots:

<http://www.oclc.org/resourcesharing/support/enhancements/default.htm>

After the install, users reported problems with two-per-page printouts. The text does not wrap-around in the printouts. OCLC is aware of this problem and hopes to create a fix by February or March.

If you have experienced the issues listed below, visit the WorldCat Resource Sharing Known Issues Web page to view the resolutions:

<http://www.oclc.org/resourcesharing/support/issues/default.htm>

- Automatically updating pending requests to in process
- After users print their first 100 requests, they're unable to print additional requests

Sara Ring, MINITEX/BATS

## **Updated Tutorial on Deflection in the OCLC ILL Policies Directory**

There have been a few enhancements to the OCLC Policies Directory in regards to Deflection Policies (see the Dec. MINITEX/OCLC *Mailing* article, page 6). We have updated the tutorial "Setting Up Deflection in the OCLC ILL Policies Directory" to include these recent enhancements. If you have not seen the tutorial yet, check it out at:  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/archived.asp#127>

You can also check out our other tutorials and archived training session by visiting the URL listed above.

Sara Ring, MINITEX/BATS

## **REFERENCE**

### **AskMN – Minnesota’s Statewide Cooperative Virtual Reference Service**

MINITEX, working in collaboration with seven participating libraries, is delighted to announce the creation of AskMN: The Librarian Is In (Minnesota’s new statewide cooperative virtual reference service)!

In December, seven academic and public libraries came together to discuss the issues involved in cooperatively creating and running a statewide virtual reference service. It was decided to move forward with the initiative to provide quality reference service and assistance online to all Minnesota residents with the use and support from the ELM databases ([elm4you.org](http://elm4you.org)). Initially, the service will be operated by the seven libraries: Hennepin County Library -- suburban and Minneapolis locations; Rochester Public Library; Minnesota State University, Mankato; St. Cloud State University; Joint Libraries of the College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University; College of St. Catherine; and University of Minnesota, Duluth, as well as MINITEX Reference Services, with plans to extend participation to many more interested libraries in the near future.

The service will use OCLC’s QuestionPoint virtual reference management software, which is well suited to handle multiple-library and cooperatively run programs like Minnesota’s. Staff members of participating libraries will work together to answer questions from residents during selected hours Monday–Saturday with backup service provided by the QuestionPoint national cooperative virtual reference program to give us 24/7 coverage for anywhere, anytime answers. The service will be launched sometime this Spring.

Look for more information to follow throughout the coming months!



## **Facebook Application Now Available at WorldCat.org**

The new WorldCat Facebook application provides access to WorldCat.org searches and user-created lists from personalized pages within a Facebook account. The application includes a home screen with the WorldCat.org search box, as well as quick links to WorldCat.org searches based on topics listed in a Facebook profile as personal interests. The application also includes:

- a built-in, advanced WorldCat.org search
- a panel that allows users to invite other Facebook friends to install WorldCat.org
- a "Something to Read" panel that displays books recently added to WorldCat.org lists
- a "Favorite WorldCat.org Lists" panel where users track their own lists or those of other WorldCat users.

For more information about the WorldCat.org Facebook application, check out the following URL:  
<http://worldcat.org/toolbars/default.jsp>

Facebook is a social networking Web site, originally launched in 2004 at Harvard College. Initially the membership of Facebook was restricted to students of Harvard College, and then expanded to other colleges. Eventually, people with a university (e.g. .edu) email address from institutions across the globe were eligible to join. Since 2006 Facebook has been open to anyone 13 or older. Users can select to join one or more participating networks, such as a school, place of employment, geographic region, or social group. Does your library have a Facebook profile? Check out other these other library Facebook pages to see how they are using it to connect to their users:

Hennepin County

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Minnetonka-MN/Hennepin-County-Library/7223112325?ref=s>

Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Charlotte-NC/Public-Library-of-Charlotte-Mecklenburg-County/8155960271?ref=s>

Sara Ring; MINITEX/BATS

## DIGITIZATION & PRESERVATION

### Featured CONTENTdm Collections

This month, three collections from the CONTENTdm Collection of Collections are featured on the CONTENTdm Web site. The featured collections for January are the *University of Utah Institutional Repository*, *TIDES* and *Francisco Goya Prints*.

**University of Utah Institutional Repository** - <http://uspace.utah.edu>

*University of Utah*

The Institutional Repository at the University of Utah brings together scholarly materials and institutional archive materials. A collaborative project between the libraries at the University of Utah and the University community, the Institutional Repository provides access to the intellectual capital of the University and makes these scholarly materials freely available on the Internet.

**TIDES** - <http://tides.sfasu.edu:2006/index.php>

*Stephen F. Austin State University*

The TIDES program is an online effort to provide access to primary resources in East Texas educational institutions, libraries, archives, museums and other cultural institutions. Partner institutions now include Mexican schools, museums and wildlife centers. It began in 2002 through a Texas Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant and continues to expand through an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant awarded in 2005.

**Francisco Goya Prints** - <http://ccdlib.libraries.claremont.edu/col/fgp/>

*Claremont Colleges*

Francisco de Goya y Lucientes (1746-1828) was one of history's most masterful printmakers and social satirists. Pomona College Museum of Art is proud to own first editions sets of all four of his etching series, a total of 211 prints. This collection includes digital representations of all of them.

These are just a few of the many digital collections created by CONTENTdm users. To access the entire Collection of Collections go to:

<http://www.contentdm.com/customers/index.html>

Laura Kreis, OCLC; edited

## Contact Information

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MINITEX Contract Cataloging Program (ConCats), Edward Swanson, Manager, 612-624-4002, 800-462-5348, [ConCats@umn.edu](mailto:ConCats@umn.edu)

MINITEX Cooperative Purchasing & Electronic Resources Services (CPERS), Rita Baladad 612-626-8252, [balad001@umn.edu](mailto:balad001@umn.edu)

OCLC Reference products and services

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OCLC Local Holdings Maintenance (formerly Union Listing), including MULS

For address and name changes, please send a message to **[mino@umn.edu](mailto:mino@umn.edu)**

**MINITEX Calendar of Training, Meetings, and Conferences**  
**February 2008**  
(Updated Feb. 1, 2008)

This calendar primarily lists events scheduled by MINITEX, although other events are included. This is an informational posting only, registration materials are sent separately. If you are interested in attending a workshop and have not received registration materials two weeks prior to the event, contact the MINITEX Office (612-624-4002, 800-462-5348). For OCLC training sessions, ask for Kay Kirscht. There is a registration fee for many of the events listed.

Some events listed on the calendar may be cancelled due to lack of registered participants. Cancellations and changes are highlighted by **\*\*CANCELLED\*\*** following the date of the event.

This calendar will be updated and posted at the beginning of each month. If you would like your event included in the calendar, please call Kay Kirscht at 612-624-3532.

FEBRUARY

- 7 OCLC Local Holdings User Group  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., CST  
A free, Virtual Meeting  
<http://www.oclc.org/info/localholdings/>
- 8 Teleconference – “*People Watching with a Purpose*”  
Presented by the College of DuPage  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CST  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/teleconferences/#peopleWatch>
- 8 Webinar – Casual Conversations Series: Lori Bell  
Host: TAP Information Services  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., CST  
  
*Quick Link for Regular Participants who have already installed the OPAL Software: OPAL Online Auditorium:* <http://www.conference321.com/mastera...rs1641902f62b4>  
  
*Link for First-Time OPAL Users, Moderators, and Users of the No-Software-Download Required Interface: OPAL Online Auditorium*  
<http://www.conference321.com/mastera...rs1641902f62b4>  
  
Location: OPAL  
Link: <http://www.opal-online.org/progschnono.htm>
- 12 Minnesota Opportunities for Reference Excellence Series, *Part 3 of 4*  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#157>
- 13 Webinar – Advanced Techniques for Web Searching  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#173>

FEBRUARY, *continued*

- 14            Webinar – Connexion Client Keeps Getting Better and Better  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#177>
- 15            Webinar – Casual Conversations Series: Michelle Boule  
Host: TAP Information Services  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., CST  
  
*Quick Link for Regular Participants who have already installed the OPAL Software: OPAL Online Auditorium:* <http://www.conference321.com/mastera...rs1641902f62b4>  
  
*Link for First-Time OPAL Users, Moderators, and Users of the No-Software-Download Required Interface: OPAL Online Auditorium*  
<http://www.conference321.com/mastera...rs1641902f62b4>  
  
Location: OPAL  
Link: <http://www.opal-online.org/progschno.htm>
- 19            Minnesota Opportunities for Reference Excellence Series, *Part 4 of 4*  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#157>
- 20            Webinar – Connexion Client Keeps Getting Better and Better  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#177>
- 21            Webinar – Advanced Techniques for Web Searching  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#173>
- 21            Webinar – Tools for Original Cataloging Using Connexion Client  
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#98>
- 27            MLA Legislative Day  
<http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/>
- 28            Webinar – Advanced Techniques for Web Searching  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#173>
- 29            Webinar – Dance & Theater Studies Hands-On Session  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/reference.asp#174>

## MARCH

- 1           **Conference – “Afloat in the Wireless Pond: Minnesotans: Reflect on Living in Digital Days”**  
Presented by the College of DuPage  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CST  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/teleconferences/#libraryTrends>
- 5           Webinar – Connexion Client Keeps Getting Better and Better  
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#177>
- 10          Webinar – Connexion Client Keeps Getting Better and Better  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#177>
- 12          Webinar – Introduction to Using OCLC Resource Sharing Statistics  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#143>
- 13          Webinar – Tools for Original Cataloging Using Connexion Client  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#98>
- 13          Webinar – Connexion Client Keeps Getting Better and Better  
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., CST  
Online Training Session  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#177>
- 14          Teleconference – “Library Trends”  
Presented by the College of DuPage  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CST  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/teleconferences/#libraryTrends>
- 17-20       NACO Training  
MINITEX / OCLC Training Session  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., CST  
S-30C Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus  
Minneapolis, MN  
***NOTE: Prospective Minnesota NACO Funnel Project participants should print out and complete the form at <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/naco/funappl.html> and fax it to Edward Swanson at 612-624-1186 no later than February 1, 2008*** (Do not send it to the Library of Congress). Once an application has been approved, the library will be notified with instructions for registering for the training session.  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/oclc.asp#102>
- 25-29       PLA 2008 Conference  
TBD - Minneapolis, MN