

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Washington County Library Becomes OCLC Governing Member

MINITEX is excited to announce that, as of May 1, 2004, Washington County Library is now a Governing OCLC member -- or what we used to call a 'Full Cataloging' member. Its OCLC symbol is WLM.

Having grown from a small library with a bookmobile to a thriving system of 11 libraries with a collection of over 600,000 items serving a population of over 200,000, Washington County Library was facing challenges with their cataloging process. Inordinate amounts of original cataloging had led to backlogs that, in some cases, ran to 12 weeks.

Library Director Pat Conley states, "With OCLC and some changes in processing, our goal is to move material from the loading dock to the library shelves within 30 days. OCLC will provide Washington County with access to a much larger database of MARC records. OCLC will bring us greater speed in identifying and cataloging materials. OCLC will help bring our catalog up to industry standards. Finally, OCLC will bring the Washington County Library collection onto WorldCat for all to see and use!"

The Library also plans to become an OCLC ILL supplier later this year, after they have completed their migration to a new Horizon online system.

MINITEX is very pleased to have the Washington County Library join the 191 other OCLC members in the three-state region. For more information about how OCLC Services can help your library increase efficiencies and save money, please contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Unit.

Carla Has Returned

Carla Dewey Urban has returned from maternity leave. Colin Walter Urban joined the family on Feb. 3, weighing 9 lbs., 12 oz. and measuring 22 inches in length. The little (big) guy is now over 26 in. long, weighs 20 lbs. and keeps busy entertaining his big brother Marshall.

If you sent a query Carla's way in February, March or April and never got a response, it was probably buried in the 1,500+ e-mails awaiting her upon her return. Call or send another e-mail and she'll be happy to address your issue!

netLibrary e-Book of the Month

Have you noticed that netLibrary is now featuring an eBook of the month to provide libraries and their users with free access to contemporary best sellers?

The eBook of the Month showcases new and noteworthy titles available from netLibrary and encourages library users to visit their eBook collection. Each month, netLibrary selects a new featured title and provides free, unlimited access through the authenticated homepages of more than 8,700 public, academic, and special libraries.

COLLECTIONS and TECHNICAL SERVICES

View a Recording of the Connexion Client Macro session

Macro gurus Harvey Hahn and Joel Hahn presented a training session "Your Passport to Connexion", over the Internet in early May. The live session was recorded and is now available at no charge.

Harvey Hahn, Arlington Heights (Illinois) Memorial Library, and Joel Hahn, Niles (Illinois) Public Library District, led this session for Passport macro users who wish to move their macros to Connexion.

The migration necessitates recreating macros manually or re-recording them for use with the client. Since the structure of Passport macros is different from those used with the client, the information in this recorded session may help you in this process.

Besides having some knowledge of Passport macros, we recommend that you look over Lessons #1, 5, and 6 of Joel Hahn's Connexion macro lessons prior to viewing the session. You can find these at:

<http://users.rcn.com/aardy/oml/lessons/index.html>

The link to the Connexion Client Macro session can be found on the Connexion macro page at:

<http://www.oclc.org/connexion/support/macros.htm>

Take note of all the other macro support materials on this page as well.

[OCLC Web Site, viewed 5/18/04; Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

OCLC Interim Support for ISBN 13

A new international standard is expanding the current 10-digit ISBN to a 13-digit ISBN.

The new ISBN will consist of 13 digits: the 3-digit prefix that identifies the book industry (currently 978), followed by the core 9-digit number and the recalculated check digit that validates the internal integrity of the whole number. As such, it will also be identical to the EAN 'Bookland' 13-digit code that already appears encoded in the bar code printed on the back of the book. While the official date for moving to this new standard is January 1, 2007, some publishers expect to begin printing both the current 10- and the new 13-digit ISBNs in materials later this year. This will allow them to transition more easily to the new ISBN-13.

For further details on the ISBN-13 implementation, please see:

<http://www.isbn-international.org/en/revision.html>

and

<http://www.isbn-international.org/en/download/implementation-guidelines-04.pdf>

The Library of Congress expects to begin recording ISBN-13 numbers in LC records on October 1, 2004.

Because OCLC is in the process of moving to a new system/database platform, and because this implementation will not be complete by October, OCLC will adopt the following interim support for ISBN-13 numbers in WorldCat. This will allow OCLC to focus on completing the migration to the new platform without having to retrofit systems that will soon be retired.

- Records loaded into WorldCat from the Library of Congress and our other trading partners:
 - OCLC will convert a 13-digit number appearing in field 020 subfield \$a to an EAN (field 024, first indicator '3').
 - If the record contains a 13-digit ISBN without a corresponding 10-digit ISBN, OCLC will convert a 13-digit ISBN beginning with 978 to a 10-digit ISBN, modifying the check digit along the way, as well as convert to an EAN as indicated above.
- Online input:

Please Note: Since some publishers are already printing ISBN-13 numbers in books, you may apply these instructions immediately for online input. However, wait for further information before using with OCLC Batchload.

 - For original records, OCLC libraries should input ISBN-13 numbers into an EAN field (024, first indicator '3') rather than inputting into the ISBN field (020).

- For copy cataloging that contains an ISBN-13 on the piece but not on the record being edited, users with full-level or higher authorization may add the ISBN-13 numbers into an EAN field (024, first indicator '3') as a database enrichment using system lock and replace capabilities. Users that do not have full-level authorization may report these to OCLC Quality Control Section using one of the many error reporting options: online system, email, fax or mail.
- OCLC libraries should NOT input ISBN-13 numbers in an 020 field. If libraries do enter the 13-digit ISBN in an 020 field, validation will move the number to \$z indicating that it is an invalid ISBN. Such numbers will not be indexed and retrieved as the user might expect. (See Searching below).
- Searching:
 - No indexing/searching changes will be implemented at this time. Libraries can search for ISBN-13 numbers using the "Standard Number" index, which covers both the 020 \$z and the 024 fields.
 - ISBN-13 numbers will not be retrievable using the ISBN index during this interim period.
- After OCLC completes the implementation of our new system/database platform, we will add support for the ISBN-13 numbers in the 020 field for Batchload, online input and searching.

[OCLC Web Site, viewed 5/18/04; Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

Double-clicking When Using OCLC Connexion Browser

A problem has been discovered in the browser version of OCLC Connexion. If you double-click on any button or command, Connexion registers the action twice. Technically, the second click should cancel out the first click, and you should not notice any difference. However, in almost all cases, Connexion currently tries to complete both requests, causing a delay of over a minute in the respond to you, and, in some cases, causing the record to be invalidated and the system to return error messages that are not useful.

When using the OCLC Connexion browser, it is best to avoid double-clicking and to wait for a system response before sending the next command.

We will be resolving this problem in the future, but for the time being, please avoid double-clicking in the OCLC Connexion browser.

[Robin Buser, OCLC]

MIINTEX CONTRACT CATALOGING

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Bill Gerlach, former pool cataloger with the Contract Cataloging Program. On Sunday, June 6, 2004 Bill will be ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fargo. Prior to entering his seminary studies, Bill was a cataloger at North Dakota State University. While he was in seminary in Saint Paul, he worked with the Contract Cataloging staff during his vacations. At the end of June, he will take up his new duties as the assistant pastor at one of the churches in Fargo. Our best wishes to Bill as he embarks on his new adventures.

[Edward Swanson, MINITEX Contract Cataloging]

REFERENCE SERVICES

Advance Notice of Discontinuation of the Union List of Periodicals Database on OCLC FirstSearch

Because local data record information has been available in WorldCat for over a year now, and in view of steadily declining usage of the OCLC FirstSearch Union Lists of Periodicals database, OCLC has concluded that it is in the membership's best interests to discontinue per-search and subscription access to the Union Lists of Periodicals database on Monday, August 31, 2004. The database will also be removed from the OCLC Base Package on that day. Consequently, the Union Lists of Periodicals database will not be updated as scheduled in Aug. 2004.

Please note that users will continue to have access to local data records created by their libraries through WorldCat where they are significantly more visible and more likely to be used. OCLC has carefully evaluated the availability of this information through both WorldCat and the Union Lists of Periodicals database, and believes that FirstSearch users will be well served by the availability of union list information in WorldCat where the information is more current and complete.

Additionally, the discontinuation of the Union Lists of Periodicals database does not impact *MULS*; *the MINITEX Union List of Serials* or other OCLC based union lists in any way.

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