

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WebJunction Celebrates One Year!

Launched May 12, 2003, WebJunction has steadily grown into a vibrant community of nearly 8,000 librarians sharing resources for the work they do in libraries. Significant achievements for the first year include:

- 183,000 visits to the WebJunction site from all 50 U.S. states, 12 Canadian provinces and territories and 40 other countries
- 700 articles, handouts, lessons, worksheets and other content items published
- 42 courses available at WebJunction's online learning center
- 2,000 messages posted to WebJunction message boards

Visit the WebJunction Web site to learn more about this exciting new community:

<http://www.webjunction.org/do/Home>

[OCLC Abstracts, June 14, 2004]

## COLLECTIONS and TECHNICAL SERVICES

### OCLC Connexion Enhancements

#### *CONNEXION BROWSER*

The following enhancements were made to Connexion browser on June 6, 2004.

- Authority searching enhancements
  - Connexion now supports more of the authority searching functionality you were used to with Passport and CatME. The additions include derived and numeric (ISSN and ISBN) indexes.
- PCC and Peer review of bibliographic and authority records

- Ability for libraries to share bibliographic and authority records for review with peers from other libraries as well as with Program for Cooperative Cataloging trainers/reviewers for NACO, BIBCO, CONSER, and funnel projects.
- Any institution using Connexion browser at a limited or higher authorization may allow other institutions to review saved bibliographic or authority records.
- Replaces current "Submit Record to Nat'l Review File" and "Responded File" functionality.
- Bibliographic Keyword searching moving to Oracle
  - OCLC is moving all bibliographic searching (cataloging, interlibrary loan and reference searching) to a single shared set of indexes on the Oracle platform. Keyword searching is the first step in this move for cataloging interfaces, including Connexion.
  - You will see few differences, but you might notice your keyword searches are more successful.
- Bypassing Active Records logoff warning now an option
  - You can now bypass the Active Records logoff warning allowing a faster system exit. If you choose this option (from Preferences), when you logoff you will no longer receive the Active Records warning screen. Please note: this will result in the loss of any editing you have done on these records.
- Connexion larger record size
  - Previous system limit of 50 occurrences of the same field is removed.
  - You can now create records of any size in Connexion browser and client.
  - Large records continue to truncate for Passport and CatME users.
- Display holdings enhancement
  - The Display Holdings command now provides a new "Select the type of holdings you wish to view" prompt immediately above your record display, allowing you to view holdings using only the keyboard.
- URLs in field 856 created in Passport or CatME and viewed in Connexion
  - Corrects a problem where a URL created in WorldCat using Passport or CatME was missing when viewed in WorldCat in Connexion on the same day.

More information on these enhancements can be found under "News" (top of right-hand menu on Connexion browser home page) in an item titled "2004-06 Connexion Browser Enhancements."

### *CONNEXION CLIENT*

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- Replace Action and 029 Error Resolved
  - When you lock a record, the masked fields such as the 029 are now displayed, and you no longer get an error when trying to Replace

The Review Files and Authority Searching Enhancements found in the browser will be added to the Connexion client later this year.

[Various OCLC Announcements and OCLC Website, viewed 6/23/04]

### **New PromptCat Vendor**

OCLC is pleased to welcome Franklin Book Co., Inc. as the newest PromptCat vendor!

Franklin Book Co. is a full-service book vendor to academic, public, corporate and government libraries.

Franklin provides firm orders, standing orders, approval plans, AV materials, rush orders, and shelf-ready processing. The Company, founded in 1969, accepts orders via paper, email, fax, phone, or their website –

<http://www.franklinbook.com>

For questions about the PromptCat service, please contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services unit (612-624-4002, 800-462-5348, [mino@othello.minitex.umn.edu](mailto:mino@othello.minitex.umn.edu)).

[Beth Fogler, OCLC]

## RESOURCE SHARING

### Update on ILL in FirstSearch

Have you tried out ILL in FirstSearch yet? On June 6, 2004, new enhancements were made to the FirstSearch staff view, further improving resource sharing workflow. These newest enhancements include:

- Complete lending functionality
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- Updated Request Manager (formerly Message File)
- Staff view tutorial
- Request History for Reasons for No
- Link to Copyright Clearance Center
- Display of Lender LDR data in requests

Read all about these enhancements at:

[http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/enhancements\\_new.htm](http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/enhancements_new.htm)

Remember, all OCLC ILL functionality is eventually moving to FirstSearch. Passport, ILL MicroEnhancer, and ILL Web interface will go away sometime between January 1, 2005 and June 30, 2005. Check out ILL in FirstSearch today and see if it is time for you to move to migrate! You can find lots of information from the Website at:

<http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/default.htm>

[Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

## REFERENCE SERVICES

### **FirstSearch-Barnes & Noble Linking Now Available**

FirstSearch libraries may now display a link to Barnes & Noble.com from within WorldCat detailed records, providing users with an additional means of fulfillment.

To activate this link, log on to the FirstSearch administrative module, click the "Resource Linking" tab, and check-mark the "Barnes & Noble.com" box on the Online Booksellers page. The link to Barnes & Noble.com will then appear in the External Resources area of the Detailed Record screen, following FirstSearch searches.

[OCLC Product Update, 6/18/2004]

## SERVICES FOR GROUPS

### **OCLC Services for Groups**

With OCLC Services for Groups, a library group or consortium can have its own union catalog in WorldCat that offers a single, unified view of its collections. The group members can eliminate duplicate spending and gain maximum use of their most valuable materials by sharing resources.

OCLC Services for Groups include a centralized union catalog, and if desired, unlimited access to cataloging and resource sharing, plus a customized FirstSearch interface. OCLC hosts the solution while the group members maintain control over all operations. Every library in the group and subgroups—regardless of size, type or current OCLC membership status—can participate in the group catalog.

Read about a group that took advantage of Group Services in the next article ("Transportation Libraries Catalog Created from WorldCat").

For more information about OCLC Services for Groups, go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/groupservices/default.htm>

Or contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services unit (612-624-4002, 800-462-5348, [mino@othello.minitex.umn.edu](mailto:mino@othello.minitex.umn.edu)).

[OCLC Website, viewed 6/22/04; Virginia Dudley, MINITEX]

## Transportation Libraries Catalog Created from WorldCat

[**Note!** Two MINITEX libraries are members of this group: Minnesota Department of Transportation and South Dakota Department of Transportation.]

A new library catalog, formed by bringing together resources from leading transportation libraries, offers a single, subject-focused group of records for finding information related to transportation.

The Transportation Libraries Catalog was created from catalog records and holdings information in WorldCat, the world's most comprehensive database of bibliographic information, contributed by 15 original participating transportation libraries with special collections that feature rare and often unique items. The customized union catalog of bibliographic records is searchable through the OCLC FirstSearch service.

The OCLC group catalog provided a simple solution to a long-standing challenge faced by the transportation libraries.

Participants in the Transportation Libraries Catalog are libraries widely dispersed across the United States, with specialized, sometimes non-circulating collections that hold important, rare items of interest. The libraries have, for some time, shared a desire to create a union catalog to increase their visibility. By bringing together holdings records already set in WorldCat, records added to WorldCat through OCLC Contract Cataloging Services, along with batchloaded records from participating libraries that may not have cataloged with WorldCat in the past, the OCLC group catalog makes it possible for users to search the collections of all these special libraries at one time, through a single interface.

"The idea of creating a transportation resource like this has been discussed for many, many years," said Nelda Bravo, Director, National Transportation Library. "We're delighted with the way this project has come together. The Transportation Libraries Catalog has exceeded the expectations of our participating libraries, and we're very pleased with the exposure this resource has brought to our libraries."

The Transportation Libraries Catalog can be viewed through a link on the National Transportation Libraries Web site at:

<http://ntl.bts.gov/>

This guest view of the catalog accounts for some 85 percent of visits, according to usage statistics.

The Midwestern Transportation Knowledge Network, which was instrumental in forming the Transportation Libraries Catalog, also offers a view of the catalog at:

<http://www.mtkn.org/index.htm>

Users of the catalog can limit searches to a specific group of transportation libraries, they can expand their searches to a larger group of transportation libraries, or they can seamlessly expand their searches even further, using the entire WorldCat database, to all types of libraries around the world.

The Transportation Libraries Catalog offers information related to a very broad topic. Transportation issues cover a variety of subjects and disciplines including engineering, geography, geology, safety, wildlife, the environment, and others.

“Transportation is a field that involves so many areas of interest,” said Ms. Bravo. “These transportation libraries have come together to provide a rich and robust resource to ensure that researchers and professionals have access to the best information possible.”

The 15 charter libraries contributing to the Transportation Libraries Catalog include:

- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Iowa Department of Transportation
- Kansas Department of Transportation
- Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
- Michigan Department of Transportation
- Minnesota Department of Transportation
- Missouri Department of Transportation
- Northwestern University, Transportation Library
- Ohio Department of Transportation
- South Dakota Department of Transportation
- Transportation Research Board
- University of Michigan, Transportation Research Institute
- University of California Berkeley, Transportation Library
- Virginia Transportation Research Council
- Wisconsin Department of Transportation

The Connecticut Department of Transportation, Montana Department of Transportation, National Transportation Library, State Transportation Library of Massachusetts, and Washington State Department of Transportation have also agreed to participate in the catalog, and will be contributing records soon. There are plans to expand the Transportation Libraries Catalog to other libraries in the United States and worldwide.

The Transportation Libraries Catalog is one of several OCLC group catalogs created from library holdings information in WorldCat. Libraries can leverage the investment they have already made in cataloging with WorldCat, use the familiar OCLC FirstSearch service to find the items they need, and OCLC Interlibrary Loan to get them. OCLC configures and hosts the service so library staff can focus on other projects.

Group catalogs have been created for Florida, Missouri, and the Military Education and Research Library Network. Other group catalogs are currently under way.

For more information on OCLC services for groups, visit:

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

[OCLC News Release, 28 May 2004]