OCLC Closes on netLibrary Sale

The sale of netLibrary assets to OCLC was finalized at 5 p.m. Jan. 24 in Boulder, CO. The sale includes both the eBook Division, which will become a division of OCLC, and the MetaText eTextbook Division, which will become a for-profit subsidiary. Both operations will remain in Boulder.

"netLibrary is an excellent strategic fit for OCLC," said Jay Jordan, OCLC president and CEO. "netLibrary's eBooks will provide synergies in OCLC's core service areas of cataloging, resource sharing, reference, and digital and preservation services, and the MetaText Division will allow OCLC to develop services that will provide new links and synergies involving textbooks, classrooms and library collections.

"We at OCLC applaud netLibrary's pioneering efforts in providing digital materials," Jordan added. "The netLibrary concept has great potential, and we look forward to working with the staff in Boulder to grow these services."

(The MetaText Division <www.MetaText.com> of netLibrary creates, hosts and manages web-based digital textbooks for leading textbook publishers. MetaText digital textbooks provide instructors and students with a full range of interactive teaching, collaborating and learning tools.)

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GENERAL

Partnerships with OCLC Broaden Access to Information through WorldCat

OCLC is partnering with library service providers, online reference services, publishers and web-based booksellers to create a hub via WorldCat that links library collections to those partners and expands the availability of information. Users can access the WorldCat database through the OCLC FirstSearch service and the service providers' web sites. Libraries will have greater visibility on the World Wide Web and will be able to provide a wider range of services and materials to their users as a result of partnerships with abebooks, the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, R.R. Bowker's booksinprint.com, and Gale Group's InfoTrac.

Last September, OCLC took its first step toward extending the availability of WorldCat by partnering with Alibris, an online used bookseller. Now, users of abebooks and the Antiquarian

Booksellers Association of America web sites link to WorldCat to find library holdings; and libraries subscribing to the OCLC FirstSearch service have the option of enabling links to the partner service to purchase items.

Soon, libraries and their users will also be able to follow links to WorldCat records and holdings information from online partners R.R. Bowker's booksinprint.com and Gale Group's InfoTrac. OCLC has signed agreements with these partners in another step toward extending access to WorldCat for libraries that have subscriptions to both the partner and to WorldCat via the OCLC FirstSearch service.

About the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America: The Association was founded in 1949 to encourage interest in rare books and manuscripts and to maintain the highest standards of ethical and professional practice in the trade. Before being considered for membership, booksellers must prove that they are established, knowledgeable, and of excellent reputation. The average ABAA member has been in the antiquarian book business more than 20 years. Information about Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America Incorporated is available at:

http://www.abaa.org

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http://www.abebooks.com

About R.R. Bowker: Founded in 1872, R.R. Bowker, a Cambridge Information Group company, is North America's leading provider of bibliographic information, and is also the official agency for assigning ISBNs in the United States. The company's flagship product, Books In Print, is available on the Internet at www.booksinprint.com, on CD-ROM and in hardbound print format. The web-based version of Global Books In Print is located at:

www.globalbooksinprint.com

About Gale: Gale <www.gale.com>, a business unit of The Thomson Corporation, is a world leader in e-information publishing for libraries, schools and businesses. Best known for its reference content as well as its organization of full-text magazine and newspaper articles, the company creates and maintains more than 600 databases that are published online, in print and in microform. Gale is based in Farmington Hills, MI.

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OCLC Forest Press Introduces New WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey Services

OCLC Forest Press has released new WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey services. Both services are available to libraries via annual subscription for single-user or site licenses.

WebDewey is a web-based version of the enhanced DDC 21 database. It features thousands of Relative Index terms and built numbers not available in the print version of the DDC; Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) that have been statistically mapped to Dewey numbers from records in WorldCat (the OCLC Online Union Catalog) and intellectually mapped by the DDC's editors; 35,000 of the over 50,000 LCSH found in the OCLC Forest Press publication, *People, Places & Things*; links from mapped LCSH to the LCSH authority records; and quarterly database updates incorporating the latest changes to the DDC, LCSH mappings, index terms and built numbers.

Abridged WebDewey is a web-based version of the enhanced Abridged 13 database. Abridged WebDewey features: LCSH that have been intellectually mapped to Dewey headings by DDC editors, including many from the OCLC Forest Press publication, *Subject Headings for Children*; links from mapped LCSH to the LCSH authority records; mappings between abridged Dewey numbers and subject headings from the latest edition of H.W. Wilson's *Sears List of Subject Headings*; and quarterly database updates incorporating the latest changes to the DDC, LCSH mappings, Sears mappings, index terms and built numbers.

Both services include a robust new functionality that lets libraries add their own notes to WebDewey or Abridged WebDewey. Notes can be either related to a specific WebDewey schedule, table, or manual record, or of a general nature. Site license subscribers are able to make two types of notes: institutional notes, which are accessible by all users sharing the same OCLC symbol; and personal notes, which are associated with the authorization number used to log on to the service.

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Additional PromptCat Options for Dewey Libraries

PromptCat has two new options that allow delivery of PromptCat records with more customized call numbers to Dewey libraries.
- The **first option** allows PromptCat to place a "j" in front of the call number in the 092 field when the title is ordered on a vendor account for juvenile non-fiction material.

PromptCat can also create a call number for materials ordered on a vendor account as juvenile fiction materials. The juvenile fiction call number can begin with text such as "Juv" or "J" or "JuvFic," as defined by you.

- The **second option** allows PromptCat to truncate the Dewey call number after a specified number of characters past the decimal point. PromptCat also can provide the entire Dewey call number, or truncate at the decimal point or truncate at the first prime mark.

You can find more information about PromptCat on the OCLC website at:

http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/prompt.htm

[Robin Buser, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, Jan. 2002: edited]

Accessions List Options Offer Variety and Flexibility

Whether you are subscribing to Accessions List for the first time or changing your profile, a variety of sort and frequency options are available. There is no charge for profile changes. You can choose coverage for your entire institution or specific parts of your collections. The choices include a primary and a secondary sort sequence.

Primary sequence

- **Institution**. Titles cataloged for the entire institution are in one secondary sort arrangement with each title appearing once.
- **All holding libraries**: Titles cataloged for each holding library are in a separate section under a heading identifying that holding library. Sections for all holding libraries have the same secondary sort sequence. All entries have the same type of call number. Each title is listed under the holding library for which it was cataloged.
- **Selected holding libraries**. Titles cataloged for each holding library are in a separate section under a heading identifying that holding library. Sections for each holding library may differ by type of call number and/or secondary sort. Each title is listed under the holding library for which it was cataloged.

Secondary sequence

Control the arrangements of entries by author, call number, title, subject-first (first occurrence of a heading for the chosen subject option), or subject-all (all occurrences of headings for the chosen subject option). Call number and subject heading type are selected according to information you provide on the Accessions List Service Request.

Frequency

Semimonthly, monthly or quarterly frequencies are available. The first semimonthly list includes the 1st – 15th of the month. The second list includes the 16th through the last day of the month. The monthly frequency covers the entire month. The quarterly lists cover January–March, April–June, July–September and October–December.

New subscribers can sign up by completing the online order form at:

> www.oclc.org/app/accessions

or the PDF order form at

> www2.oclc.org/oclc/pdf/acclis.pdf

If you already subscribe and want to make changes, complete the same order form and check "Change" under "Type of Accessions List Service Request." Send your completed order form to the Bibliographic and Technical Services unit at MINITEX .

[Anna Sylvester, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, Jan. 2002: edited]

Using New Pathfinders Online Tutorials

OCLC announces a new publicly accessible tutorial for CORC users. Through a series of brief hands-on exercises that use Pathfinder screen captures, you will learn how to use these new features including:

- Automatic creation of preliminary bibliographic records for URLs in the Pathfinder at the same time as you create the Pathfinder.
- Automatic creation of preliminary bibliographic records for the Pathfinder at the same time that you add the Pathfinder.
- How to quickly build a Pathfinder using existing OCLC electronic resource records.

Pathfinders are topic-oriented lists of resources that may also include links to existing OCLC electronic resource records. Any OCLC member with an OCLC cataloging authorization can access the database of Pathfinders and the toolset. Remember, all fees associated with Pathfinder activities including Pathfinder search, add, link use, and storage are suspended until July 1, 2002.
To access Pathfinders in CORC, use your cataloging authorization and log on at:

> http://corc.oclc.org

To access "Using Enhanced Pathfinders: An OCLC Tutorial," point your browser to:

> http://www.oclc.org/corc/learning/pathtutor/pf2what/index.html

For more information, please contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services unit (800-462-5348, 612-624-4002, mino@othello.minitex.lib.umn.edu)

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RESOURCE SHARING

OCLC ILL Web Interface Enhancements

Since Sept. 2001, OCLC has made the following enhancements to the ILL Web Interface. Many enhancements resulted from suggestions by OCLC ILL participating libraries:

Local Browser Settings

- An option to script in both the authorization and password, or the authorization alone, via the Local Browser Settings
- An option to set up to four favorite Union Listing group symbols and up to four favorite Group Access Capability group symbols so they appear on holdings displays without you having to type in the group symbol manually
- Enhanced printing options to speed process and/or reduce paper, by adding an option to reduce print font size, and in Internet Explorer an option to skip the print preview window

Note: The link to the Local Browser Settings screen is located at the bottom of the ILL Web Interface Logon screen. For Help for each Local Browser Settings option, click the option description. Be sure to "Save Settings" before you close the window.

Searching and Navigation

- Name/title auto-derived searching capability, including revised Help topics and a new Margin Tip (in Search & Create/Basic Search)
- "Jump" to a state abbreviation or page number when multiple holdings screens exist (similar to the "Tag" command in Passport)
- Persistent symbols in a selected lender string, after returning to a bibliographic record and viewing different holdings displays
- Ability to return to the Search Results screen from an ILL workform or "produced" request
- When search "Exceeds System Limit" or "No matching records" found, the original search entered is retained

- Pop-up help ("Tell Me More") for Cataloging Source/Library of Congress and Message File categories
- Search terms used are displayed with all search results

Message File

- Delete option for records with a status of "Retry"

Name-Address Directory

- Name-Address Directory links for non-supplier status (lowercase letters) institutions in holdings displays
- Addition of the library symbol to the top line of a Name-Address Directory record ("General Record Information for XXX")
- Ability to print NAD records displayed as a result of clicking "**?**" in a Holdings Display

Please contact the MINITEX Bibliographic and Technical Services Unit (800-462-5348, 612-624-4002, mino@othello.minitex.lib.umn.edu) with questions about these enhancements.

[Cathy Kellum, OCLC, *Bits and Pieces*, Jan. 2002: edited]

REFERENCE SERVICES

Documentation Department Seeks Input on Print vs. Online

OCLC's Documentation Department is currently sponsoring two surveys to determine if there is a continuing need for printed versions of two popular publications: The FirstSearch Databases notebook and the Participating Institutions

Both of these publications provide their information in both printed versions and web-based versions. However, the web-based versions of both publications not only provide more up-to-date information (the web versions are updated weekly while the printed versions are updated every six months), they also provide more comprehensive information with more access points than their printed counterparts can provide.

For example, the printed Participating Institutions lists provide look-ups by institution name and OCLC symbol. But the online version allows you to search for OCLC participating institutions by institution name, OCLC symbol, city, state, country, ZIP or postal code, ILL lending policy, GAC and SUL group code, and in other ways.

Both surveys seek to determine if users of the publications in question would be willing to give up the printed editions in exchange for web-based editions that are more up-to-date with more information. If you have not received a survey request via e-mail and would like to participate, please go to the following websites and tell us what you think. OCLC would very much like to hear from you.

To take part in the survey on the FirstSearch Databases notebook, go to:

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

To take part in the survey on Participating Institutions, go to:

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

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