

Enhance Sharing Session at ALA Annual

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OCLC Enhance participants gathered during the American Library Association Annual Conference in Atlanta on Saturday, 2002 June 15. Roughly thirty people were in attendance. Enhance Coordinator Jay Weitz moderated the meeting, with welcome assistance from OCLC colleague Robert Bremer.

Highlights from the handout "The Cataloging & Collections Update" were pointed out. The full text is appended to this report. Several additional pieces of news were announced. The distribution of the print version of OCLC's "Bibliographic Formats and Standards," 3rd edition, is expected to begin before the end of June; the PDF version is now available on the OCLC Web site at <http://www.oclc.org/bibformats/>; and the HTML version will be available on the Web site in July. Jay also announced that, because he has accepted a two-year term as a voting member of CC:DA beginning after this ALA meeting, future Enhance Sharing Sessions will need to be rescheduled. There will be discussion about this scheduling change on the Enhance e-mail list when preparations begin for ALA Midwinter 2003 in Philadelphia.

Following these announcements, the floor was opened to questions and information sharing.

The reliability of British Library (UKM) CIP was questioned, especially concerning items that included both print and tangible electronic resources. Generally speaking, the 300 fields found in British CIP are better off being ignored entirely. Jodi Spillane (Texas A&M University) shared the information that she has recently written an article to be published in "OCLC Systems and Services" concerning British CIP. Apparently, the data in such 300 fields can be based on proofs, galleys, or other trial materials at any stage in the publishing process and have no necessary relationship to the final product. In light of this, Enhance participants should use judgment when editing UKM CIP. If one can be reasonably sure that the record corresponds to the item in hand, edit as needed. When in doubt, it is usually better to report errors, with appropriate proof from the item when needed. Proof may be sent via regular mail or by using the recently established toll-free Quality Control Section fax number, 1-866-709-6252. In cases where the UKM CIP appears to be a British imprint and the item in hand is a U.S. (or other non-British) imprint (or vice versa), be conservative and generally treat these as legitimately separate records, even when the ISBNs are the same. In cases where a name is incorrectly transcribed, usually correct it when the item is in hand. If an authority record has been created with that name incorrectly spelled, report the error with appropriate proof either to OCLC or to LC.

When vernacular data (Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, or Korean) is present on a record, Enhance participants are unable to lock and replace that record, and one attendee wanted to know why that is. Unless one is accessing WorldCat using the Arabic or CJK cataloging software, respectively, vernacular data will not display. The only indication that vernacular data exists is the presence of field 066 ("Character Sets Present"). Roman character data fields and their parallel vernacular data fields, which are intended to carry the same information in different characters, are linked via special control subfields. Editing roman data fields alone on these records would risk breaking the links. Such records can be locked and replaced only by someone using the specialized Arabic or CJK software (and properly authorized), so as to protect the integrity of the data in these records.

When one has created an authority record under a NACO or National Level Enhance authorization and contributed the record prematurely, someone wanted to know why it could not be immediately recalled for correction. Robert Bremer explained that, once contributed, the record is in the queue and several days must elapse for the record to proceed through the queue before it can be further updated. Such a record cannot be flagged but can be used and downloaded immediately.

There was some confusion about whether National Level Enhance authorizations would permit a library to contribute authority records to NACO. One National Level Enhance participant correctly recalled that the capability to do NACO work with the National Level Enhance authorization was added several years ago. Another participant indicated that their staff had encountered problems in using National Level Enhance to do NACO work. This latter case was most likely due to a problem with an individual authorization or a set of authorizations, however. NACO authorizations alone do not include all of the bibliographic record

editing and replace capabilities of National Level Enhance. Like Regular Enhance, National Level Enhance authorizations are bibliographic format specific.

An anomaly regarding the display of dates in headings in Arabic vernacular records was pointed out. Apparently, the Arabic software reverses the numbers in dates so that they read backwards in vernacular heading fields. OCLC's David Whitehair has responded that OCLC record numbers with such anomalies should be reported to him for further investigation. A concern was also expressed that, although there are Arabic records with field 042 coded "pcc," since there is no official Arabic authority file, there are no authoritative forms of Arabic vernacular names. That means that these vernacular headings are not backed by authority work, one of the requirements of recorded coded PCC. Reference was made to the PCC's "Supplementary Core For Multiple Character Sets" (<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/nonromancore.html>), which reads, in part:

The decision to include data in non-roman form is purely local; there is no PCC requirement to include such data in a catalog record....

The PCC Standing Committee on Standards is aware of the problems associated with the romanization of headings and the current inability to manage authority structures for romanized forms of headings and their non-roman equivalents. Until such time as changes occur in the ability of systems and the authorities format to handle roman and non-roman equivalents, romanized forms of headings must be used in core records and must be in current AACR2r form using ALA/LC romanization rules. Non-roman equivalents may be supplied but are not required in core records containing data in non-roman forms. National level authority records must be used and/or created to support romanized forms of headings. National level authority records created by NACO libraries currently cannot support headings in non-roman form.

When headings are supplied in non-roman form, names used in headings or portions of headings (e.g., name alone; name/title; name as subject/subject subdivision; name/series title) may be input as "paired" names. Geographic subject headings may be input as paired fields. Translations of subject headings MAY be input but must be done so in a manner that clearly indicates they are non-standard (uncontrolled index terms (field 653) or identified as "source not specified" (6XX with second indicator "4")).

The Cataloging & Collections Update

News you can use from OCLC Cataloging, Collections and Metadata Services
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Collection Assessment & Development Services—services that libraries use related to the selection and acquisition of resources

Automated Collection Analysis Service (ACAS)

OCLC Automated Collection Analysis Service (ACAS) offers precision subject analysis of the collections of one library or groups of libraries by publication date and other elements of the MARC record. The output reports for this age and content analysis are now Web based and can be retrieved through the OCLC Metadata Desktop. Once an analysis has been completed the reports for the libraries' results are produced in both table and graphical format. The Web output medium allows libraries to view the data in a variety of standard established reports, or export the data to Excel, Access or some other application to further manipulate the information provided. Demo analyses are available showing examples of both single institution analysis and multi-library comparisons. Comparisons of library collections against standard lists such as Books for College Libraries, Books for College Libraries and Booklist are also provided, as are comparisons with peer collections. ACAS projects are individually evaluated and a custom quote and project estimate can then be easily provided to the library or consortia. Automated collection analysis is an organized and logical approach to collection management, planning, growth, and shared resource development. See <http://www.oclc.org/western/products/aca/index.htm> or contact Glenda Lins glenda_lins@oclc.org at OCLC Lacey Product Center for more information.
—Glenda Lins

Local Library Catalog Services—services that libraries use to maintain their local catalog(s)

OCLC Bibliographic Record Notification service

The OCLC® Bibliographic Record Notification service (BibNote) eases cataloging maintenance by automatically delivering upgraded OCLC-MARC records to libraries including records with Table of Contents (TOC) data and/or Electronic Location and Access (856 field) data. BibNote will deliver 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), if the \$u or the \$z have been added, changed, or deleted, or if the entire 856 field has been deleted from the master record. Additional BibNote profiling includes: TOC (Table of Contents) information; ability to limit the type of records received by format, encoding level, and publication date; and the ability to exclude delivery of a library's own upgrades. BibNote is a useful companion product for WorldCat Collection Sets and the new cataloging service. Other enhancements are being looked at but are not yet scheduled.
—Julie Whitley

MARS Authority Control, Database Preparation and Enrichment Services

MARS authority control service provides basefile, current cataloging, and notification services to libraries wanting to create or update their authority file. Recent changes to the service include new GMD (General Material Designation) processing (changing obsolete GMD's to the current accepted form) and new Authority Change reports. These new reports are easy to use, giving the library the old version of the record and the new version of the record on the same page with the changes highlighted for easy recognition. Libraries implementing a new local system or joining a consortium would benefit from this service. OCLC MARS also offers table of contents record enrichment services (TOC) to libraries through Blackwell's and Syndetic Solutions and offers smart barcode generation. MARS is customizable to meet the individual library's needs. Additional information about MARS is available at <http://www.oclc.org/western/products/mars/>.
–Glenda Lins

People, Places & Things

Due to many requests for multiple copies, we have restructured the price of *People, Places & Things*. *People, Places & Things* provides a list of over 50,000 popular Library of Congress subject headings and pairs them with corresponding Dewey Decimal Classification numbers. Library users will find this new publication guides them to the right places to browse for information on topics that interest them. Classifiers will find that it can help them apply the DDC. Librarians in all types of libraries will find *People, Places & Things* a convenient aid to browsing and subject heading application.
–Libbie Crawford

Metadata Capture Services—services that acquire metadata and holdings from libraries and partners

RetroCon Batch

The OCLC RetroCon Batch service currently offers users options for converting retrospective materials of minimal MARC records or non-MARC database files to full bibliographic records in OCLC-MARC format. To accomplish this, users send either MARC records or search keys to OCLC for matching. This capability will be expanded next fiscal year to include all materials, not just retrospective materials. However, the RetroCon Batch product name will be discontinued. Instead the capability of returning OCLC-MARC records from MARC record input will be added to Batchload (see “Batchloading” update below). Returning OCLC-MARC records from files of search keys will be made a stand-alone product. A new name for this service will be forthcoming.
–Doug Perkins

Batchloading

OCLC RetroCon Batch/MARC (formerly FullMARC) will soon simply be a part of Batchload. When an institution wants to set holding and receive OCLC MARC records for those holdings set (output) they will just need to choose an output option on the Batchload Order Form. OCLC Batch Services and OCLC MARC Record Services (MARS) are now sharing files. For example, if an institution sends the same records to

MARS for Authority Control and to Batchload for setting holdings, they can simply tell OCLC they want the same file used for both services. The option has been added to the MARS Profile Form and there are plans to add the complimentary option to the Batchload Order Form. In addition, development efforts are underway to incorporate into Batchload the ability to upgrade PCC records. Two new product codes will be implemented to track PCC upgrades.

–Joanne Gullo

MARC Record Output

OCLC is planning to discontinue offering round reel 9-track tapes as a MARC record output option, as most major suppliers are no longer manufacturing this medium. We plan to have tapes available throughout the 2002 calendar year, but will not be offering them after the end of December 2002. The OCLC products affected by this change are: MARC Subscription, GovDoc, Batchload, OCLC Bibliographic Record Notification, SULOP (Serials Union List Output Product), WCS (WorldCat Collection Sets), LDC (Local Database Creation), and RetroCon Batch. We currently offer pickup of files via EDX as an option for output, and via OCLC Product Services Web. In addition to daily, we will be offering alternative EDX frequencies for MARC Subscription, which include weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, and semi-annual. We are exploring other physical output options as well.

–Cheryl Baugess

Metadata Capture

The Metadata Capture effort is progressing. The Record Converter (Phase 1 of the Metadata Capture project) was completed on Dec. 31, 2001. The Converter assists Database Specialists in converting non-MARC bibliographic data to MARC or to search keys for processing through OCLC's RetroCon Batch (formerly OCLC's TapeCon) Service. The Record Converter has been used on a couple of projects to date. Non-MARC projects will continue to be converted on a case-by-case basis. Batchload Redesign (Phase 2 of the Metadata Capture project) is currently in the design phase. There is much work to accomplish in moving existing Batchload functionality to the UNIX environment. Some new functionality will be designed into the project, such as providing Database Specialists with tools to increase flexibility and customization of projects, giving libraries the ability to export or download unresolved Batchload records, creating a single unified tracking database so all information on a project is in one place, etc. It is anticipated Batchload Redesign will be completed next winter. Preliminary work on the creation of new Matching Algorithms (Phase 3 of the Metadata Capture effort) has only begun. This effort requires close coordination with XWC (Extended WorldCat) searching and matching. The Metadata Capture project team is hoping that this phase will ramp up during the summer of 2002.

–Marianne Kozsely

Online Cataloging Services—services that libraries use to catalog resources themselves, and record output from these services, and related projects

Abridged WebDewey

Group pricing is now available for Abridged WebDewey (Cataloging Services Edition) and Abridged WebDewey. Both services became available in January 2002. Abridged WebDewey (Cataloging Services Edition) is available to cataloging members within the OCLC cataloging environment, and Abridged WebDewey, based on the same database, is available to all libraries, regardless of OCLC cataloging membership status, in a separate environment. If a library is not a member of a group, licenses to the Abridged WebDewey services are available by annual subscription on either a single-user or site-specific-network basis. Contact Libbie Crawford for a quote. The Abridged WebDewey services are based on the enhanced Abridged Edition 13 database, which includes the contents of the one-volume print edition, published in 1997; all editorial updates; intellectually mapped LCSH; and mappings between abridged Dewey numbers and the latest edition of H.W. Wilson's *Sears List of Subject Headings*. Some of the intellectual mappings come from *Subject Headings for Children*, an OCLC Forest Press print publication listing associations between abridged Dewey numbers and LCSH most frequently applied to children's materials. Like the WebDewey services, the Abridged WebDewey services are updated quarterly and include an annotation feature that allows users to add notes to the database reflecting local classification practices. Holders of site-specific-network licenses can make two kinds of notes: institution notes, which are viewable by all Abridged WebDewey users at a library, and personal notes, which are viewable only by the individual user who entered the note.

-Libbie Crawford

WebDewey

Group pricing is now an option for WebDewey (Cataloging Services Edition), the WebDewey service available within the OCLC cataloging environment that was enhanced to include a user annotation capability in January 2002. Also in January, WebDewey, based on the same database, became available to all libraries, regardless of OCLC cataloging membership status, in a separate environment. If a library is not a member of a group, licenses to both WebDewey services are available by annual subscription on either a single-user or site-specific-network basis. Both WebDewey services are updated quarterly and include the new annotation feature, which allows users to add notes to the database reflecting local classification practices. Holders of site-specific-network licenses can make two kinds of notes: institution notes, which are viewable by all WebDewey users at a library, and personal notes, which are viewable only by the individual user who entered the note. Linda Gabel will be assuming product management duties.

-Libbie Crawford & Linda Gabel

Using WebDewey: An OCLC Tutorial

This tutorial introduces you to searching and browsing, teaches you how to create user notes, and shows you how to build numbers accurately and efficiently with WebDewey. Using WebDewey is now available to you at www.oclc.org/fp

Dewey Cutter Software

The Dewey Cutter Software program automatically provides cutter numbers from the OCLC Four-Figure Cutter Tables (Cutter Four-Figure Table and Cutter-Sanborn Four-Figure Table) upon input of text and works with Windows 95, 98, NT, XP, and 2000. Dewey Cutter Software is now available to you at www.oclc.org/fp

OCLC Arabic Cataloging

The OCLC Arabic Cataloging software is available at no charge to OCLC Cataloging members. With the software, you can easily add Arabic script to a romanized record with the automated transliterator tool. This can be used when you create original records, or it can be used to upgrade roman-only records that are currently in WorldCat. When you upgrade a record to add the Arabic script, you receive an Enhance credit. For more information about the software, please see <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/arabic/>. You can download the software from this site using your OCLC Cataloging authorization number and password.

–David Whitehair

OCLC CatME for Windows

Version 2.10 of the OCLC Cataloging Micro Enhancer (CatME) software is now available. This new version includes enhancements to local file indexing, a new "my status" for the local file, a new inactivity timer to automatically log off the online system, several new macro commands, and a new terminal session to allow you to connect to your local system from within CatME to run macros between CatME and your local system. In addition, the CatME documentation, including the *Getting Started*, *Quick Reference*, and *Learning to Use* documents, have been updated. This new version of software and the updated documentation are available at no charge via electronic download from the OCLC Web site. OCLC CatME is a Windows-based interface to OCLC Cataloging that includes both online, interactive access to OCLC Cataloging along with optional offline, batch functionality. Please visit the CatME home page at <http://www.oclc.org/catme> for more information about CatME and to download the software and documentation.

OCLC CatME for Windows Spanish edition is now available. This Spanish edition (CatME 2.11) includes all of the same functionality as the latest English version (CatME 2.10). You can now download the software from the OCLC web site (<http://www.oclc.org/catme>), and it will be available on version 5.00 of the OCLC Access Suite compact disc in late June or July. When available, you can order the OCLC Access Suite compact disc at no charge. CatME Help, which is included with the CatME software, is currently available in Spanish. The other CatME documentation, such as the *Getting Started*, *Quick Reference*, and *Learning to Use* documents, will be available in Spanish from the OCLC web site over the coming months.

–David Whitehair

CatExpress

OCLC Cataloging Express service (CatExpress) will be implementing a choice in record delivery options starting in July 2002. Users may continue to receive their records via the Product Services Web as before, or they may choose a session-specific file delivery (also known as “export”). Members using CatExpress as an interface option will be able to export records without setting holdings once this has been implemented. Libraries wishing to change their delivery mechanism should contact their regional OCLC service providers. CatExpress will also be affected by the migration to the new cataloging service. The change is primarily just a re-positioning of the navigation bar. All other functionality will remain the same. With the migration, CatExpress can be accessed from the express tab within the new cataloging service.

–Linda Gabel

OCLC Connexion, the new OCLC cataloging service

OCLC is pleased to announce the name for the new OCLC cataloging service: OCLC Connexion, Integrated Cataloging and Metadata services. Connexion (pronounced “connection”) is the newest member of the OCLC Cataloging and Metadata services family. It integrates the functionality previously provided through CORC and CatExpress, as well as many of the features of the OCLC Cataloging service. The name “Connexion” was chosen to reflect the essence of collaboration that continues to be at the center of OCLC Cataloging services. The new service provides a connection to WorldCat, to other OCLC services, and to other librarians through the process of shared cataloging. The Connexion brochure is available at the OCLC Booth at ALA and will soon be on the Connexion Web site; the URL to this web site will be announced as soon as it is ready.

OCLC Connexion will be introduced on June 30, 2002. The initial release will enable users to access all OCLC cataloging and metadata services using a web browser. In the second quarter of 2003, an optional Windows client will be released that will provide functionality for those tasks not easily accomplished via a browser. Selected features available as of June 30, 2002 include:

- Full access to WorldCat with derived, numeric, browse title, and keyword searching
- Full set of cataloging work forms for all bibliographic formats
- Full record display and edit, not just a screen at a time
- Create and edit bibliographic records in either MARC or Dublin Core
- Export bibliographic records in OCLC MARC, Dublin Core HTML, and Dublin Core RDF/XML formats
- Export authority records in OCLC MARC
- Constant data to save time editing and setting up specific fixed field elements for updating
- Automatic extraction of metadata from electronic resources
- Dynamically linked authority headings capability
- NACO support
- Search the save files by indexes such as author, title, and record status
- Create pathfinders
- Export Pathfinders as a URL or in HTML

The benefits of OCLC Connexion include: a single, easy-to-use, entry-point for all cataloging products and services and formats leads to reduced support and training costs; enhanced efficiency with new technology and automated features; increased access to additional metadata formats as they are added to WorldCat; the latest enhancements and fixes available immediately upon login; no software to install. OCLC Connexion will eventually replace all current OCLC cataloging interfaces. Users may log in and try Connexion on June 30, 2002 with their current OCLC Cataloging service authorization and password. The pricing for Connexion is exactly the same as cataloging via Passport or CatME. Please check with your regional service provider for specific pricing. The pricing structure for Connexion is transaction based. You will continue to have the option of fixed fee pricing. Passport for cataloging users should plan for migration to OCLC Connexion between June 30, 2002 and December 31, 2003, when Passport for cataloging will no longer operate with the OCLC Cataloging service. Contact your OCLC-affiliated regional service provider for more details, or visit us at <http://www.oclc.org/strategy/cataloging>.

–Bill Carney

OCLC CJK and OCLC Multiscripts Z39.50 Client

OCLC presented the 2002 OCLC Annual Report at the OCLC CJK Users Group Meeting during AAS (Assoc. for Asian Studies) in Washington, D.C. The individual reports on various topics by directors and the staff are available at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/cjk/news.htm#report>. And, the comprehensive meeting minutes are at <http://oclc.cjk.lib.uci.edu/mtg2002.htm>. OCLC expects to release both CJK 3.11 and Z-client 1.00 on the OCLC Access Suite compact disc during June 2002. Since OCLC is now focusing on developing the new cataloging service, OCLC CJK 3.11 and Z-client 1.00 are the final versions of these programs. CJK will be incorporated into the Windows client of the new service sometime after 2004. At this time, OCLC does not have a timeframe for when CJK 3.11 support will end. OCLC efforts to expand the CJK and Z-client user base worldwide will continue with the user-training program and consultations. OCLC QC is supporting CJK quality assurance tasks. CJK Database Statistical Report is updated semiannually and posted at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/cjk/stats/stats.htm>.

- Hisako Kotaka

CONSER PURL Server

The CONSER PURL Server was installed on January 17, 2002. This PURL (persistent uniform resource locator) server is hosted by OCLC for use by CONSER participants. To date, PURLs have been created for over 1,400 URLs. The PURLs are entered in the 856 field of OCLC bibliographic records. If the corresponding URL changes, participants simply modify the PURL on OCLC's server. This effort saves OCLC users from having to update changed URLs in bibliographic records. Participants discussed the server at the CONSER Operations Meeting on May 1, 2002 and received positive feedback. Additional members have agreed to participate. The server is located at <http://bibpurl.oclc.org/>.

–Susan Walker

OCLC Keyword Searching

OCLC implemented some changes to keyword searching of WorldCat for OCLC Cataloging, CORC, Interlibrary Loan, Selection, and Union List on February 24, 2002. Four existing indexes were updated: Notes, Report number, Standard number, and Subject/Title/Contents. Seven new subject indexes were added: Library of Congress subject headings, Library of Congress Children's Literature subject headings, Medical subject headings (MeSH), National Agricultural Library subject headings, Canadian English subject headings, Canadian French subject headings (Repertoire des vedettes-matiere), and Sears subject headings. For more information on the changes, please see <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/bit/258/content.shtm#keyword>. In addition, Technical Bulletin 235 has been revised on the OCLC Web site at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/tb/tb235/tb235.htm>.

–David Whitehair

OCLC Cataloging Label Program

Version 1.21 of the OCLC Cataloging Label Program is now available for electronic download at no charge. This new version resolves problems reported with version 1.20. Please see the Label Program home page at <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/label.htm> for more information and to download the software. This new version of the Label Program is not currently available on compact disc; however, it will be included on version 5.00 of the OCLC Access Suite compact disc in June or July 2002.

–David Whitehair

MARC Updates

OCLC completed additional updates on April 7, 2002 and on May 5, 2002, limited to changes to MARC code lists. Other changes announced by the Library of Congress have not been scheduled yet. However, changes not specifically related to integrating resources will be implemented in the coming months. Most of those related to integrating resources will not be implemented prior to July 2003. We will announce plans and dates when we are further along in our planning.

–Rich Greene

QC (Quality Control)

Through the end of April 2002, QC has received a total of 45,499 requests to change bibliographic records. This total also includes duplicate error reports. QC staff have manually merged 15,486 sets of duplicate records and have made changes and/or corrections to 7,758,709 bibliographic records in the WorldCat database, manually or via macros, as well as corrected a total of 5,272,897 records via automated scans. Some of the cleanup of records via macros has included continuing cleanup on punctuation and spacing changes on records, updating of some old subject heading forms to current forms, bibliographic file maintenance on name headings based on changes in the authority file records and corrections to some obsolete coding. QC staff also completed the second pass of clean up of LC class numbers. The first pass consists of searching the first three characters of invalid LC class number combinations with a truncation key. (Example: fin lc abc?) More than 200,000 records have been modified. We are presently working through law call numbers and expect to complete them by the end of June.

–Brenda Block

Searching WorldCat: An OCLC Tutorial

Learn to search WorldCat (the OCLC Online Union Catalog) through OCLC Cataloging, Interlibrary Loan, Selection, and Union List services. Use hands-on exercises to learn searching strategies and techniques in a self-paced, offline environment. OCLC Searching WorldCat version 1.02 is now available for download. Version 1.02 includes updates to the lists of keyword indexes and search examples for each index. This new version is not currently included on the OCLC Access Suite compact disc; however, it will be included on version 5.00 of the compact disc during June or July 2002. Visit <http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/tutorial.htm> to access the tutorial.

—David Whitehair

Shelf-ready Services—services that libraries use to obtain a packaged solution from OCLC

Metadata Contract Services

Metadata Contract Services successfully completed the large conversion project for Yale University in March. The official catalog of books and serials totaled more than 1.9 million titles and involved the efforts of more than 35 staff over a three-year period. Staff in Metadata Contract Services began work on the Homer L. Thomas project recently—a collection of materials that were donated to the University of Edinburgh by a preeminent scholar and archaeologist, Dr. Homer L. Thomas. By also donating funds for cataloging, Dr. Thomas is providing access to some of the most important archaeological manuscripts and publications of the 20th century. Arizona Historical Society awarded an RFP for conversion of approximately 25,000 titles to Metadata Contract Services. Work on this project will begin very soon and be finished by no later than mid-summer. We were also awarded RFPs for contract cataloging for Colorado State University and University of Houston Law Library, both of which are disaster-recovery efforts.

—Sandi Jones

Language Sets

Language Sets will add Indic Language Sets in June 2002. Libraries will be able to select from 6 different languages in the Indic group: Hindi, Bengali, Gujarati, Panjabi, Urdu and Tamil. Indic Sets will follow the established format of the Language Sets and be offered as ready-for-the-shelf collections of books for adults and children. The fixed price includes the materials, selection and acquisition costs, full MARC cataloging, the setting of holdings in WorldCat and delivery of bibliographic records. As always, shipping is free. New sets will be offered every other month (i.e., February, April, June, August, October, December). OCLC will start accepting orders in June 2002. The initial set will be shipped in October.

- Lydia Kegler

PromptCat

We are currently refining PromptCat functionality. For Dewey libraries, we've added another option for truncating the Dewey number, and the ability to designate juvenile

non-fiction materials. For all libraries, we are working on some issues with delivery of UKM records, and being able to add volume and part numbers to the appropriate barcodes in PromptCat records. We continue to work with new vendors, and hope to be able to announce some names very soon.

–Robin Buser

WorldCat Collection Sets

Group and individual orders for netLibrary sets of records are still being processed through Collection Sets. The netLibrary Publicly Accessible set is now available. The price of group orders for the netLibrary records is now included in the netLibrary Content Support Service fees. As in the past, the only processing options that the group may choose are 856 field processing options and the required 049 code. One file is output and all group members retrieve that same file. Any individual orders for existing netLibrary sets will be billed (product code TAP3964) if users select any options beyond 856 field processing and the required 049 code. As always, we are seeking cataloging volunteers. For additional information about WorldCat Collection Sets please see

http://www.stats.oclc.org/wcs_list.html.

–Susan Walker

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Integrating Resources

The Library of Congress has announced 2002 December 1 as the date for its implementation of the new AACR2 Chapter 12. OCLC expects to be implementing some of the MARC format changes necessary to support the creation of records for integrating resources under this revised chapter to coincide with that date. As things stand now, we plan to implement most of the changes to codes in fields 006, 008, and 539; to open the 022, 222, 247, 310, 321, and 362 fields to non-serials; and to define a backlog of Language Codes and other miscellaneous format changes in time for 2002 December 1. Some other MARC coding changes (particularly the implementation of repeatable 260 fields and the definition of the new Bibliographic Level code “i”) will not be implemented prior to July 2003. As usual, all implementations will be coordinated with LC and RLG; more specific plans are not available at this time. Once AACR2 Chapter 12 and new guidelines from CONSER are both published, we will review our policies for Enhance.

Batchloading of PCC Records

OCLC processed the first file of Cornell PCC records through the new Batchloading software on 2002 June 5. We are ready to handle files from other PCC institutions. Please contact Joanne Gullo (1-800-848-5878, ext. 6415 or joanne_gullo@oclc.org at OCLC if you are interested.