Enhance Sharing Session at ALA Annual
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Roughly twenty-five members of the OCLC cooperative gathered for the Enhance Sharing Session during the American Library Association Annual Conference in New Orleans on Monday, 2006 June 26. Enhance Coordinator Jay Weitz moderated the meeting. An informal show of hands suggested that most of the attendees were already Enhance participants, with several other interested observers, including at least one RLG member. Highlights from the handout "News from OCLC," the full text of which follows this report, were noted.

- **RLG transition:** There is an FAQ on the OCLC Web site at http://www.oclc.org/news/releases/oclcrlgfaq.htm. The RLG/OCLC combination could result in interesting changes for WorldCat and for Enhance, such as changes in authorization levels and in Database Enrichment capabilities.

- **Connexion client 1.60 release:** See details at http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/client/enhancements/recent.htm.

- **OCLC-MARC Format Update 2006:** Details are outlined in Technical Bulletin 252 at http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/tb/252/default.htm. Includes Bibliographic Level "i" for integrating resources. Also note the related revision of "Cataloging Electronic Resources: OCLC-MARC Coding Guidelines" (http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/cataloging/electronicresources/default.htm).

- **Library of Congress series decision:** Enhance work becomes ever more important in this atmosphere. National Level Enhance participants could help pick up the slack. The updated statement of OCLC's response to the decision can be found on the OCLC Web site at http://www.oclc.org/news/announcements/announcement191.htm.

At this point, the floor was opened to questions, comments, and discussion. Note that some answers have been updated with more current or detailed information.

Comparisons between the Connexion client and the Connexion browser were brought up with the question of which is preferred. Generally, the client has more features than the browser and is intended for so-called "power users," including most Enhance participants. Most features that had previously been in the browser only have now been introduced into the client, as well. For Enhance participants, one important advantage of the client is that one does not have to lock a record before it can be replaced, unlike in the browser. In the client, the lock/replace transaction is combined and should be done when Enhance work on a record is completed. Working in the browser, one must remember to lock a record before editing begins.

In regard to the OCLC-MARC Update, the question came up about conversion of existing characters to the newly-validated characters. OCLC will convert, in appropriate circumstances, as many existing instances of the following characters as it can safely identify to the new characters in both bibliographic and authority records: superscript zero to degree sign, pound sign to musical sharp. Since the Enhance meeting, the Unicode values of all 744,942 bibliographic records and 98,841 authority records containing the Extended Latin character Alif have been converted. Enhance participants are encouraged to convert any appropriate instances of these or other characters that they encounter in their Enhance work. In addition, a complete re-indexing of WorldCat is underway. Among many other things, it will assign the correct material types to identifiable integrating resources.

In one institution, the standard workflow is to catalog locally and upload to OCLC, prompting the question, "Does this preclude Enhance?" Enhance generally presupposes online, interactive work on individual records. There are and will be increasing possibilities for merging certain data from Batchloaded records, however.

Some participants with various local systems have been having trouble with the subfield delimiter not translating correctly. Others indicated that their own local system had solved this problem, and it was

recommended that people work first with their vendor and then with their Regional Service Provider and with the OCLC help desk to work out a solution for their particular circumstance.

In response to the question of whether OCLC would be supporting RLG's "individual record" concept, it was pointed out that we are still in the fairly early stages of the RLG transition. OCLC staff have been concentrating on listening to RLG members explain how they use the "individual record" concept, and how they expect to work in the future, with the goal of not just implementing something that replicates the past. We've come up with some ideas that could work, retaining the master record concept but allowing for individual records as an option for those who might want it. Of course, we are also looking at the impact on all other services that use WorldCat, the overall cost, timeframe, and so on.

It was asked whether OCLC retained archives of an individual institution's bibliographic records. OCLC does have archives of transactions, which have historically enabled us to do "Local Database Creation" when institutions migrate to new systems or to assist in recovering from emergencies. In theory, that might be able to be used to create "individual records" for OCLC participants, but again it's too early to say if that would be a real possibility. OCLC is already intending to provide access to the full file of superseded authority records, as RLG has long made available.

The possibility of adding 4XX/8XX series fields to Database Enrichment has been a hot topic of conversation, and OCLC is planning to add that capability within the next few months. It was pointed out by at least one Enhance participant that Database Enrichment and Minimal Level Upgrade capabilities could be introduction to, and an inducement toward, Enhance participation to those RLG members who might be reluctant to work in WorldCat.

Another hot topic has been the possibility of adding non-Roman script fields to existing WorldCat records as part of Database Enrichment. At OCLC we have been seriously discussing this, especially since ALA in New Orleans, and it is almost certain to happen in the not-too-distant future.

Fields 024 and 028 were brought up as possible additions to Database Enrichment. In reality, field 024 can already be added to a record when no existing field with the same subfield $2 is present. And field 028 can be added to any bibliographic record. The full capabilities of Database Enrichment can be found in Technical Bulletin 246 (http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/tb/246/) and in "WorldCat Tips" at http://www.oclc.org/support/tips/worldcat/tip7.htm.

The status of OCLC's "Cataloging User Guide" was questioned. Large portions of the "Cataloging User Guide" had remained CatME- and/or even Passport-centric. Relevant sections of the "Guide" have been incorporated into "Bibliographic Formats and Standards" as part of its ongoing rewrite. Other sections have been put into the appropriate Connexion client and/or browser help systems.

A potential Enhance participant asked about the application and monitoring process for the program. Most of the relevant Enhance Program documentation can be found under the "Enhance" heading at http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/. (A few of those documents are in need of updating to remove references to superseded documentation and some other pre-Connexion things.) The link to the Enhance application itself is in the "Enhance Requirements and Application Instructions" document. In short, a separate application would be required for each bibliographic format of interest, accompanied by 10-15 recent original cataloging records in each of those formats. The "Enhance Evaluation Procedure" document (http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/records/enhanceevaluation/default.htm) lists the sorts of problems that we look for. When an application is accepted, we request before-and-after printouts of the first 10-15 Enhance transactions (again, in each relevant format), evaluate the work, and correspond with the accepted applicant about any problems. We continue with additional sets of 10-15 record sets until any remaining problems are worked out, at which time Enhance "independence" is granted. It's usually not a lengthy process. The list of Enhance participants can be found at http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/about/quality/enhance/default.htm. Because of the great diversity in the size of OCLC member institutions, from the one-person cataloging staff to huge cataloging departments, Enhance status is institutional. We expect that most Enhance institutions will have in place their own cataloging quality control mechanisms as well as their own policies about who can have Enhance authorizations, training for Enhance work, passing on such responsibilities when catalogers retire or change jobs, and other internal matters. Although early in Enhance history, there were some "quotas" about the number of replaces that should be done in a year, there are no longer any such quotas.

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General News

RLG Membership Approves Move to Combine with OCLC

RLG member institutions have approved a proposal to combine operations with OCLC, clearing the way for two of the world's largest membership-based information organizations to become one beginning 2006 July 1. RLG's online products and services are being integrated with OCLC's, and RLG's program initiatives are being continued as RLG-Programs, a membership-based organization that operates as a new division of OCLC Programs and Research to support architecture, standards development and best practices. The RLG Board of Directors and the OCLC Board of Trustees announced the proposal to combine organizations May 3. The agreement was approved by the required two-thirds of voting RLG member institutions. Voting concluded during the week of June 9. Staff from both organizations have been meeting since the proposal was announced in May to begin planning for the integration of systems, products and services. RLG's online products and services will be integrated with OCLC's as appropriate. For example, RLIN, the RLG Union Catalog, will be integrated into WorldCat, delivering economies of scale and reach that will benefit members of both RLG and OCLC. An FAQ that includes information on the combined organization as well as updates on some specific products and services is at http://www.oclc.org/news/releases/oclcrlgfaq.htm. The FAQ is updated as information becomes available.

LITA Names Winner of 2006 Kilgour Award

Ching-chih Chen, professor at Simmons College, is the winner of the Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology for 2006. OCLC and the Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), a division of the American Library Association, sponsor the award. The award consists of $2,000, an expense paid trip to the ALA Annual Conference, and a citation of merit. The award was established to honor the achievements of Frederick G. Kilgour, the founder of OCLC and a seminal figure in library automation. The award is given to a person who has amassed a significant body of research in the field of library and information technology. Particular recognition is given to research which results in a positive and substantive impact on the publication, storage, retrieval and dissemination of information. Chen has advocated the concept of the world digital library since 1993. Among her latest achievements is her Global Memory Net supported by the National Science Foundation's International Digital Library Program — a gateway to world cultural, historical, and heritage multimedia resources. It is an integrated world digital image library or portal which is seamlessly linked to all relevant multimedia sources – audio files, videos, and texts. Global Memory Net will be launched for universal access at the end of June 2006. Global Memory Net's innovative integrated multimedia content retrieval system (i-M-C-S) enables one to retrieve images not only by the traditional methods — such as through the metadata fields like author, title, keyword, and subject — but also through cutting-edge content-based image retrieval by color and shape from random access to the images. (Chen developed this system in collaboration with Prof. James Z. Wang of Penn State University.) The other features of the I-M-C-S include multilingual and multi-collection searches; instant link from images to related videos and documents when available, as well as to world bibliographical resources such as OCLC's World Cat and Internet resources such as Google Scholar, Google Video, and Google Image, Internet Archives and Million Books; geographical access to over 2,300 world digital collections; and dynamically generated digital watermarks of zoomed images for the protection of intellectual properties of the content providers. The three-tier i-M-C-S system will enable libraries, museums, and archives to organize, share and perform instant retrieval of their valuable digital multimedia resources using cutting-edge technologies. This three-tier approach can accommodate institutions with different levels of technology capabilities and sophistication.

OCLC, SOLINET Provide Service Credits for Recovering Libraries

OCLC and SOLINET (the Southeastern Library Network), the not-for-profit library cooperative serving the Southeastern United States, are combining efforts to provide assistance to libraries recovering from damage

inflicted by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. OCLC and SOLINET are providing credits to these 28 libraries for OCLC charges for cataloging, interlibrary loan, FirstSearch and system access, and for SOLINET dues for the year. In addition, OCLC and SOLINET are offering the OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis service free of charge to these libraries to help them assess their collections and their needs. Both OCLC and SOLINET have also collected funds for distribution to libraries, provided free access to services, and made staff and their expertise available to help libraries in their efforts to rebuild and recover. In addition to the assistance to libraries, both OCLC and SOLINET staffs have collected donations totaling $26,000 to benefit United Way and Red Cross agencies assisting in hurricane relief efforts. OCLC and SOLINET representatives have met with library leaders coordinating relief efforts.

NetLibrary Introduces New Remote Authentication Solution

NetLibrary has introduced a new authentication solution that will allow libraries to seamlessly extend access to remote users. With NetLibrary Authentication Server, librarians can now manage remote access to their NetLibrary collections using their existing Integrated Library System (ILS). Library users will be able to login and access NetLibrary eContent with their library ID or bar code, eliminating the need to create a separate NetLibrary account or login through a secure gateway. Powered by CybraryN™ software, the recognized leader in public access control, NetLibrary Authentication Server authenticates against most databases and is compatible will all major integrated library systems that utilize SIP2 and patron API protocols. Supported ILSs include Innovative Interfaces, SirsiDynix, DRA, The Library Corporation, Carl and VTLS. The software offers built-in security control features that allow libraries to restrict usage based on stored user data that includes branch, card type, fines on card and more. In addition, subscribing libraries will have access to usage reports that provide sophisticated reporting tools for capturing and analyzing critical usage data. NetLibrary Authentication Server is currently offered for sale in the United States and Canada, and will be available worldwide within the next few months. Initial purchase price and annual maintenance fee is based on full time equivalents (FTE) for academic and special libraries and annual circulation for public libraries. NetLibrary also offers complete installation and product training via Web conferencing, and ongoing e-mail and telephone support. For complete details, contact an OCLC representative at: libservices@oclc.org or call 1-800-898-OCLC.

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Connexion Client Version 1.60 Release

Connexion client 1.60 is now available. With client 1.60, you are able to:
- o Catalog electronic resources using new tools.
- o Use MARC Update functionality announced in Technical Bulletin 252.
- o Specify fields to delete in exported records.
- o Determine if local holdings are attached to records and launch local holdings maintenance in the Connexion browser.

See the Connexion client recent enhancements page at http://www.oclc.org/connexion/interface/client/enhancements/recent.htm for more information and to download the software. OCLC will discontinue Connexion client 1.50 on 2006 October 1. This message applies to users of the Windows-based Connexion client interface; it does not apply to users of the Web-based Connexion browser interface.

Connexion Browser Enhancements, May 2006

Reimplementation of Metadata Extraction: The Metadata Extraction functionality in the Connexion browser has been revised and expanded. In addition to creating records for web sites, users may now extract metadata and create records for locally stored files in the following formats: .htm, .html, pdf, and .doc. Creating records automatically from extracted data will allow users to quickly start the cataloging process for more types of electronic resources, such as electronic dissertations and theses, government documents on the web, and much more. The creation dialogs for metadata extraction have been revised to place all extract functionality on the same screen rather than splitting between Create/Single Record and Create/Multiple Records.

WebDewey / Abridged WebDewey May Quarterly Release: This May release consists of updating the DDC 22 and Abridged 14 databases in WebDewey and Abridged WebDewey, respectively. These database

updates contain the latest changes to the DDC, including new editorially mapped LCSH including up to Weekly List no. 27 & 28 (2005) and monthly postings.

Material Types in Search Dialog: In the Connexion browser, the Material Type (Mat. Type) list has been added to the Keyword/Numeric Search area in the Connexion browser to join the existing limiters of Language, Source, Format, Years, Microform, Internet and Holdings.

Connexion Browser Logoff Warning Screen: The wording of the Active Records message on the Connexion browser logoff warning screen and the format of the screen has been changed to clarify the meaning of the active records message and to provide libraries with the information to hide the logoff warning if you prefer not to see the message.

Error Fixes: Ability to correctly control subdivisions ($x/$v): Recently, the Library of Congress launched a project to modify values of bytes 008/15 (Subj use) in subdivision authority records. The new values in the records are 008/15 = b and replace the previously coded values of 008/15 = a. This had a negative impact on the ability to control some subdivisions if the heading was represented in separate authority records as both a form and topical (e.g., $x Congresses, $v Congresses) and the 008/15 values in one record = a and in the other record = b. Changes have been made to ignore the value of the 008/15 value in all subdivision records that and allow users to control to the correct subdivision record.

Full Implementation of OCLC-MARC Format Update 2006

With the official release of Connexion client 1.60 announced on 2006 June 15, OCLC users should begin to use all of the new capabilities, new fields and subfields, new codes, and new characters that were documented in OCLC Technical Bulletin 252 (http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/tb/252/) as part of the OCLC-MARC Format Update 2006.

- o *New searching and indexing capabilities:* With the exceptions and Connexion interface differences noted in Technical Bulletin 252, all new searching and indexing capabilities should now be used in all Connexion interfaces. Note that, as OCLC continues to convert data, searches that include the qualifiers for Continuing Resources, Integrating Resources, and Serials may not retrieve complete results sets.
- o *New practices for Integrating Resources, including the use of BLvl i:* These should be implemented in all Connexion interfaces immediately. Please use the "Guidelines for Integrating Resources" section of Technical Bulletin 252 to update the document "Cataloging Electronic Resources: OCLC-MARC Coding Guidelines" (http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/cataloging/electronicresources/default.htm). The document will be revised online soon.
- o *New fields, subfields, and indicators:* These should be used in all Connexion interfaces immediately.
- o *New codes:* These should be used in all Connexion interfaces immediately. In Connexion client 1.50, new codes will not appear in dropdown lists, but can be input manually.
- o *New characters:* These should be used in all Connexion interfaces immediately, subject to the revision of Library of Congress Rule Interpretations 1.0E, 1.4F5, and 1.4F6, where appropriate.

Note that some data conversions and other changes are currently still in progress and will be completed over the course of the next few weeks and months. To the extent possible, these are noted in Technical Bulletin 252. OCLC will keep users informed about the progress of the major conversions. To take full advantage of the new capabilities that are now available in Connexion client 1.60 and to avoid the limitations of client 1.50, users are strongly encouraged to switch from 1.50 to 1.60 at their earliest convenience. Remember that OCLC will discontinue the Connexion client 1.50 on 2006 October 1.

OCLC's Response to the Library of Congress Series Decision

Since the Library of Congress announced its decision to discontinue providing controlled access to series in bibliographic records and to discontinue creation of series authority records, OCLC staff have been discussing possible actions to ease the effects of this decision. This decision affects our member libraries, participants in the Program for Cooperative Cataloging and Library of Congress staff. At the May 2006 OCLC Members Council meeting, discussions with the Cataloging and Metadata Interest Group were

particularly helpful in forming OCLC's response. We are now ready to announce actions in several areas that will assist in maintaining controlled series access in WorldCat records:

1. Changes will be made to the software used to load Library of Congress records into WorldCat so that, if the existing WorldCat record contains controlled series access (either field 440 or fields 490, first indicator '1,' and an 8XX field) and the incoming LC record contains only a series statement (field 490, first indicator '0'), the controlled series access will be retained. To be implemented July 10, 2006.
2. Since, as part of the change in series practice, the Library of Congress will cease to use the 042 code 'pcc' in records for monographs and integrating resources, OCLC will also adjust the hierarchy that governs which record takes precedence when incoming records are compared with existing WorldCat records to insure that a PCC record is not bumped by a record not meeting PCC standards. To be implemented June 11, 2006.
3. OCLC will change existing Database Enrichment capabilities (http://www.oclc.org/support/tips/worldcat/tip7.htm) so that fields 440, 490, and 8XX can be added, changed or deleted by any user with a full-level cataloging authorization. This will allow cataloging users to, for example, change series treatment in LC records to match existing authority records. To be implemented in the next few months.
4. OCLC staff in the Quality Control Section will continue to make changes to series treatment in master records in response to requests from libraries made through any of the usual reporting methods. Staff in the unit are NACO participants independent in series and can, as needed, create and maintain series authority records related to the records they are upgrading.
5. OCLC staff will review statements about Library of Congress Rule Interpretations and practices in Bibliographic Formats and Standards, 3rd ed., to clarify that OCLC member libraries are not required to follow LC's decisions on controlled series access. Updates will be made to the web version of BFAS once review has been completed.
6. OCLC staff in the CIP Upgrade Unit (located at the Blackwell's Book Services warehouse in Blackwood, NJ) will continue to verify series information as part of the CIP Upgrading process and will, as necessary, change Library of Congress records to reflect appropriate controlled series access. Staff in the unit are NACO participants independent in series and will, as needed, create and maintain series authority records related to the records they are upgrading.
7. OCLC also receives upgraded CIP records from a variety of external sources and has asked those suppliers to continue verifying series access points against the authority file and to adjust coding of records as necessary to provide appropriate controlled series access.

We hope these steps will help OCLC member libraries in their efforts to provide controlled series access to their users.

Coming Soon for OCLC Z39.50 Cataloging

Two new enhancements are coming for Z39.50 Cataloging.

- *Access to LC Names and Subjects Authority File Records:* Beginning in July 2006, you will be able to search and retrieve LC Names and Subjects authority file records through Z39.50 Cataloging. Save time and improve efficiency by eliminating the time spent on accessing multiple cataloging services to search and retrieve records.
- *Non-Latin Scripts in Bibliographic Records:* Beginning in July, Z39.50 Cataloging will support non-Latin scripts, improving access to your materials. Bibliographic records will include non-Latin scripts in the 880 fields, as the new default display. If your Z39.50 client supports sending the appropriate values, you will be able to change the non-Latin default and display Latin script in the bibliographic records. OCLC has notified local system vendors to make them aware of these changes. Z39.50 Cataloging will support non-Latin scripts supported by the MARC-8 character set, including: Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Arabic, Hebrew, Greek, and Cyrillic. Z39.50 Cataloging will not support Thai, Tamil and other Unicode UTF-8 scripts.

MARC Subscription Service Supports Larger Length Records

The MARC Subscription Service (MSS) now supports larger length records, and also offers MSS users the option to select which transactions to receive. Available transaction activities include commands issued using Connexion or CatExpress for updating holdings, deleting holdings, produce actions, replacing and updating holdings. MSS users can complete the newly revised order form to update their subscription. The

form is available in PDF at http://www.oclc.org/support/forms/pdf/subser.pdf and in HTML at https://www3.oclc.org/app/subser/. In addition, Appendix E of the OCLC-MARC Records Guide has been revised. See http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/records/subscription/appendixe.pdf. To learn more, go to: www.oclc.org/marcrecords/.

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MindLeaders Partners with OCLC NetLibrary to Enhance Reference Library

MindLeaders has launched a new version of its Reference Library product created through a partnership with OCLC NetLibrary, the e-content platform for the world's preeminent library service organization. Under the agreement, OCLC NetLibrary is providing eBooks that complement MindLeaders online courses through the MindLeaders Reference Library. Reference Library provides a blended learning solution that can support any training program. It contains a current selection of searchable, full-text copies of premier reference books from the major publishers in the industry. Learners can add notes and bookmarks online, email book information to a colleague, and record favorite titles on a personal list to revisit at any time. The new Reference Library features more titles than were previously available in MindLeaders Select collections. The initial collection will contain 1,000 eBooks with a balance of Technology and Business subjects. Over time, the collection will continue to expand based on customer needs from NetLibrary's catalog of more than 100,000 eBooks, and it may eventually include other learning resources such as eAudioBooks and eJournals to offer MindLeaders customers additional blended learning tools.

New OCLC Research Prototype Assesses Likely Audience for WorldCat Resources

The Audience Level prototype uses library holdings data in WorldCat to calculate audience levels for resources represented in the database. A user can input a WorldCat number or ISBN and the system will return an assessment of the likely audience (e.g., general academic, general public, child/young adult, graduate/professional research) for the item based on the holding patterns and bibliographic characteristics of the item described in the WorldCat record. Audience level assessments are useful for collection management, readers' advisory and reference services. The Audience Level prototype is available as a human interface, a web service, and as Greasemonkey scripts for use with the Firefox browser when viewing pages from Amazon and OpenWorldCat.

NetLibrary to Offer All Springer Science+Business Media Journals

NetLibrary has signed a distribution agreement that will make all Springer Science+Business Media journal titles available through NetLibrary's Electronic Collections Online service. The Springer Journal collection will include more than 1,200 peer-reviewed journals, with topics spanning biomedicine, life science, clinical medicine, physics, engineering, mathematics, computer science, humanities, business, and

economics. Springer Science+Business Media is the second largest science, technology and medicine (STM) publisher in the world, publishing 1,450 journals and more than 5,000 new books every year, many of which are also available as NetLibrary eBooks. The Electronic Collections Online service offers Web access to a growing collection of more than 6,000 journals from leading publishers of academic and professional journals. With the new agreement, scientists, researchers, students, educators and other library users will be able to access an additional 600,000 documents spanning critical STM subject areas and up-to-date research. In addition to distributing the new Springer Journal collection content through the Electronic Collections Online service, NetLibrary also offers an extensive collection of more than 3,500 Springer eBook titles through the NetLibrary eContent platform. With a growing collection of more than 100,000 titles, the NetLibrary catalog includes the latest information technology titles, reference essentials, business and economics resources, best-selling fiction titles, and more. A complete list of NetLibrary Publisher Partners is available at http://www.netlibrary.com/Company/PublisherPartners.aspx.

Resource Sharing, Contract Services, Collection Management

Local Holdings Enhancements, May 2005

Local Holdings Constant Data Record – Summary Field: The summary field will now be part of the Local Holdings constant data records. This will allow you to include repetitive data in the summary field of the constant data record, eliminating the need to re-key the same data in multiple Local Holdings records. An example would be if you wanted to add a 'Retains Current 5 years" note to multiple local holdings records. Currently if you would create a constant data record to copy the note into the 852 $z or the 866 field but you would need to either type or copy the note into the summary field each time to complete the data entry. With this enhancement you will be able to include the note in the 852 or 866 field and the Summary field eliminating the need for you to re-key the data. A Blank Summary Field will be added to:

   o Local Holdings Constant Data record workforms.
   o Derived Local Holdings Constant Data record workforms.
   o Existing Local Holdings Constant Data records.

Local Holdings Workform – 853 subfield $v no longer a default subfield in the Local Holdings workform: Currently the 853 $v with a default value of 'c' (increments continuously) is added to all Local Holdings workforms. Since this subfield applies only to Level 4 holdings statements and the default value that is set applies only to those items where the numbering of the issues continues regardless of the volume numbering the subfield the $v was removed as a default subfield.

New WorldCat Selection Service to Streamline Selection Process

OCLC is working with Cornell University Library to develop a new WorldCat Selection service that will help libraries save time and money by streamlining the selection and ordering process for new library materials and delivering the corresponding WorldCat records. The WorldCat Selection service will allow selectors of new library materials to view records from multiple materials vendors in one central, comprehensive system. Libraries will be able to get WorldCat records for newly purchased materials into their integrated library system early in the technical services process. And the library's holding symbol will be automatically set on the WorldCat records for the materials. WorldCat Selection is being developed in partnership with Cornell University Library and is based on software known as the Integrated Tool for Selection and Ordering at Cornell University Library (ITSO CUL). The service is scheduled to launch in the second half of 2006. Cornell estimates that the software tool accounts for 40 percent of its firm orders and is saving approximately $100,000 per year in staff costs. The WorldCat Selection service automates the middle part of the acquisition workflow—the selection process. Librarians still "select" materials, but the need for sending items via paper slips or selecting items in multiple vendor systems is eliminated with WorldCat Selection. Acquisitions staff automatically load WorldCat MARC records into the integrated library system, eliminating the need to re-key data or import data from multiple sources. OCLC is in negotiations with materials vendors Aux Amateurs de Livres International, Blackwell's Book Services, Casalini Libri, and Harrassowitz to participate in the initial release of WorldCat Selection. OCLC will add more vendors as the service moves forward. More information on the WorldCat Selection service can be found at www.oclc.org/selection.