

## Introducing the New OCLC Terminologies Service

### Add Power to Your Cataloging Projects With OCLC Terminologies Service!

Using OCLC's new Terminologies Service you can improve access to your library materials and increase visibility of your collection. This powerful new metadata creation tool helps you easily catalog both digital and traditional hardcopy materials by bringing multiple thesauri together into a single interface – to save you time and improve metadata creation.

#### Check out the features of this powerful new tool:

- Eliminates the need to learn multiple interfaces and search strategies for each terminology.
- Delivers more consistently tagged metadata to WorldCat or any union catalog.
- Use a stand alone service or with your Web-based metadata editor.
- Access pertinent thesauri such as mesh, gmgpc, gsafd, lctgm, ngl and dct.

Learn more on the OCLC web site at < <http://www.oclc.org/terminologies> >.

## WorldCat Collection Analysis Service Adds Enhancements

The following enhancements were made to the WorldCat Collection Analysis Service in June:

### Predefined Groups for Group Subscribers

Group Subscribers can now compare the aggregated holdings of their group to a selected Predefined Group. A comparison can be requested through the FirstSearch Administrative module, via the "Predefined Groups" button on the Collection Analysis tab.

### Authoritative List Comparisons for Individual and Group Subscribers Added

Authoritative List Comparisons allow individual subscribers and group subscribers to compare their collections to collection development lists. The three available lists are *Books for College Libraries* (3rd ed.), *Choice Magazine's* "Outstanding Academic Titles," and titles reviewed in ALA's *Booklist* magazine. Comparisons with the Authoritative Lists can be requested through the FirstSearch Administrative module, via the "Authoritative Lists" button on the Collection Analysis tab.

Prior to running the comparison with an authoritative list OCLC runs an algorithm in WorldCat to pull together multiple versions of the same title. This means different editions of an

item, such as a book published by several publishers, in multiple physical formats (large print, audio, electronic, etc.), as well as paperback and hard cover editions, are merged together prior to matching.

The method to bring the versions together is based on the principles created in Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (otherwise known as FRBR). OCLC's Office of Research has created an algorithm based on looking at the bibliographic record's author and title, including use of the uniform title, to pull various items together. OCLC is also using authority records to bring together even more items. More information on FRBR and the algorithm can be found at < <http://www.oclc.org/research/projects/frbr/algorithm.htm> >.

If items with the same author and title are available in different languages, OCLC is presenting these items as separate records. So translations of titles are kept separate from the originals.

While OCLC has pulled together many things, it doesn't pull together everything that a person may think belongs together. For example, Harry Potter movies don't roll up with the book because the primary author of the book isn't the primary person of responsibility for the movie. Also, some bibliographic records have differences in the form of an author's name. For instance, if an author on one record has a birth date and on another has no date, those two records will not be pulled together even if they are the same title.

When you click on a cell in an Authoritative List Comparison, different editions of the same title in one record are displayed (the Multi-Version Record display). This allows the user to see all versions available for a title and adds the holdings of all the versions together, highlighting the user's library holdings.

A few other things to note in Authoritative List Comparisons:

- The service exports the most held version of a Multi-Version Record.
- Publication Date and Format row dimensions or Limits are not included, since in the merged records these two elements are no longer relevant.
- Both the Authoritative List records and the individual subscriber's records are run through the algorithm, so the number of records for the individual user will be different than the number of records in their "My Library" analysis.
- When group subscribers request a comparison with an Authoritative List, the aggregated records of the group are run through the algorithm.

For more information about WorldCat Collection Analysis, contact Donna Dixon or Mary Edgerton at Nylink (518-443-5444/800-342-3353).

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## Full Implementation of OCLC-MARC Format Update 2006

With the official release of Connexion client 1.60 announced on 2006 June 15, 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.

**New searching and indexing capabilities:** With the exceptions 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.

**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.

**New fields, subfields, and indicators:** These should be used in all Connexion interfaces immediately.

**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.

**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.

**Data Conversion and Indexing:** 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.

**Upgrade to Connexion client 1.60:** 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 October 1, 2006.

For additional information on the *OCLC-MARC Format Update 2006* and Connexion Client 1.60, contact Nylink at 518-443-5444/800-342-3353. See also *Status Line*, June 2006, number 203.

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## OCLC Announces the ESerials Holdings Service

The OCLC eSerials Holding service will launch in Summer 2006. The new service is an efficient, cost-effective way to make your electronic content more visible and accessible. Working in partnership with serials management providers, including EBSCO, Ex Libris (coming later in 2006), Serials Solutions and TDNet, OCLC automatically sets and maintains electronic serials holdings information at the journal title level against existing eSerials MARC records in WorldCat. You control the receipt of ILL requests for these resources by setting a policy to deflect all eSerials requests to the next library in the lender string, deflect all but requests from libraries in your existing OCLC groups, or accept all requests for review.

***OCLC is offering the new service to member libraries at no charge.***

The OCLC eSerials Holdings service:

- Increases usage of your electronic serials collection by making it more visible to searchers and ILL librarians.
- Cost-effectively keeps your electronic serials holdings up-to-date in WorldCat without adding to your cataloging workload.
- Increases the value of your investment in A-Z lists, OpenURL resolver and WorldCat.
- Enables you to automatically control and/or deflect ILL requests from colleagues in the OCLC cooperative.
- Helps bridge the gap between print and electronic materials.
- Enhances resource sharing efficiency as librarians discover their eSerials collection in WorldCat Resource Sharing, enabling them to fill internal requests from their own collection.

The initial release will focus on the holdings component, accepting holdings directly from libraries or from partners on the library’s behalf. OCLC will set holdings on eSerials MARC records in WorldCat, and keeping them up to date monthly.

**The eSerials Holdings Service and Local Holdings Records in WorldCat:** The Service does NOT, at this time, create Local Holdings Records in WorldCat. The holdings are set at the journal title level. Creating detail holdings (MFHD level 4) will be added as an option in a future version of the service.

For additional information and a “FAQ” visit: < <http://www.oclc.org/serialsholdings/> >, or contact Nylink at 518-443-5444/800-342-3353

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## 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/appendix.pdf> >.

Additional information can be found at: < <http://www.oclc.org/marcrecords/> >, or by contacting Nylink at 518-443-5444/800-342-3353.

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## Local Holdings Maintenance (Formerly Union Listing) Topics

### Local Holdings Record Updating Batch Service Reinstated

In May 2006, libraries regained access to OCLC's Local Data Record Updating batch service to maintain local holdings in WorldCat. On hiatus during the migration of the Union Listing system, OCLC is now accepting new Local Holdings Record Updating projects.

The OCLC LHR Updating service enables libraries to add or update OCLC local holdings records (LHRs) in WorldCat through batch processing.

#### Frequency

You may submit batch files on a regular schedule of your choice, or you may update with a one-time batch project and then maintain your LHRs online through the Connexion Browser.

#### Additional Information and Documentation

See the OCLC Update Local Holdings Records web site for more information: < <http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/options/holdings/localdatarecords/default.htm> >.

General guidelines are listed at: < <http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/options/holdings/localdatarecords/guidelines.htm> >.

For details about record requirements, see the specifications at: < <http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/options/holdings/localdatarecords/dataspecifications.htm> >.

The user guide related to this service, formerly titled *OCLC Batch Services: Local Data Record Updating Guide*, Third Edition, is currently under revision. OCLC hopes to have it available soon.

#### General Guidelines

- Each holdings record, regardless of format, must contain the OCLC control number of its corresponding bibliographic record.
- You must supply all holdings records associated with a bibliographic record even if there is a change to only one of the holdings records. Each holdings record sent for a specific bibliographic record must represent the holdings data for only one copy.
- Your holdings information can be formatted as either:
  - Compliant with the MARC 21 Format for Holdings Data (MFHD), and you or your system vendor must be able to output a file of the holdings data compliant with that format;
  - or

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- “Patterned” non-MARC holdings data. The key to successful batch processing of “patterned” non-MARC data is that field descriptions and their content must be associable in a simple, consistent, discernible and predictable way across the entire file. Non-MARC data will be unusable if the description/content relationship varies or has to be derived on a record-by-record basis. Examples of commonly used non-MARC data formats are Excel© spreadsheets, Access© databases, and Word© documents. Some fields are required, while the inclusion of others is based on content.

#### To Get Started

To begin using this service, complete the new stand-alone order form for the LHR Updating batchload service at < <https://www3.oclc.org/app/ldr/> >. A sample file is submitted as part of the evaluation process.

#### Costs

The cost of this service is as follows:

- There is *no charge* for processing data.
- A one-time fee for evaluation and setup (TAP 3921) of \$353 (not included in your cataloging subscription) will be assessed.
- Possible extra evaluation hours will be billed for extensive custom programming.

For additional information see the web sites mentioned above or contact Nylink at 518-443-5444/800-342-3353.

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