

Integration of the RLG Union Catalog into WorldCat

During the first six months of 2007, RLG services are being combined with OCLC's to support record creation, record supply, and cataloging. As this transition progresses, please refer to the RLG Transition Information page at <<http://www.oclc.org/community/rlg/transitions/default.htm>> for links to current objectives, ongoing processes, and updated targets for completion.

Integrating RLG bibliographic records into WorldCat is scheduled as follows.

Phase 1: Match all RLG Union Catalog Primary Cluster Members (representing the most complete cataloging in a cluster) against WorldCat, adding new Master Records for titles not yet represented but without holdings. Enhance existing Master Records from matched records as appropriate (e.g., add original scripts to romanized-only Master Records).

Target for completion: March 31, 2007

Status as of February 28, 2007: OCLC RLG Service Center has sent all 53 million Primary Cluster Member records for matching.

Processed: 43.5 million records

Matched: 36.3 million records

New Master Records created: 7.1 million records (16% add rate)

Phase 1A: OCLC RLG Service Center sends another set of Primary Cluster Members that were added or updated since the first set of records were extracted from the RLG Union Catalog in December 2006.

Phase 2: Load Institution Records from the RLG Union Catalog into WorldCat for the institutions that requested that the OCLC RLG Service Center extract their records for them. Add Institution Records and postings for records that match; create new Master Records, postings, and Institution Records linked to the new Master Record for titles not yet represented. (Institution records will not be visible to users until the Connexion 2.0 release.)

Targeted start: March 2007

Phase 2A: Load Institution Records that were created, edited, or batch loaded in the RLG Union Catalog since the first set of Institution Records were extracted from the RLG Union Catalog.

Targeted start: June 2007

Phase 3: Load records from RLG Union Catalog Contributors' local systems. Add Institution Records and postings for records that match; create new Master Records, postings, and Institution Records linked to the new Master Record for titles not yet represented.

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YBP Library Services Records Now Being Added to WorldCat

YBP Library Services, well-known as a major supplier of library materials for academic libraries, is now adding records to WorldCat.

YBP, located in Contoocook, New Hampshire, provides books and supporting collection management and technical services to libraries around the world. The titles are being added as part of the agreement between YBP's parent company, Baker and Taylor, and OCLC, to partner to provide bibliographic records to libraries. See the press release about this partnership at: <http://www.btol.com/viewnews.cfm?press_id=161&typ=c>.

YBP's product file is converted to MARC records that are then matched against WorldCat records through a batch process. When a record is matched, YDXCP is added to field 040 subfield d. This indicates that fields 029 and 938 have been added to the matching record and contain YBP product data (YBP unique identifier, i.e., book number). Examples include OCLC#27671495; OCLC#29704582. No other editing of records occurs as part of this process.

When no matching record is identified through the batch process, OCLC adds the YBP product record as a new record to WorldCat. This record contains the symbol YDXCP in field 040 subfields a and c. These records are very brief and are coded as abbreviated records (Encoding Level 3). They are not created by or examined by a cataloger. Examples include: OCLC#72470655; OCLC#72655674. This provides customers using the new YBP/OCLC Cataloging Plus service with access to the OCLC number early in the acquisitions workflow. For more information on these services, please see the YBP web site at <<http://www.ybp.com>>.

Libraries have already begun finding and upgrading these records. OCLC encourages member libraries who acquire one of these titles to upgrade and replace the record and receive credit on their OCLC bill for upgrading that record. OCLC#71890497 is an example of one of these brief records that was contributed by YBP and has been upgraded by Duke University Libraries (symbol NDD). As YBP catalogers are performing cataloging services for customers, they will also be upgrading these records. This is an important feature of the OCLC/YBP/Baker & Taylor agreement.

In both cases of original records and matches, a 938 field is added to the MARC record that contains the vendor code YANK. This code is indexed; vendor records are searchable using the vendor information keyword index (vn:).

For a list of all partners contributing records through the Vendor Record Contribution Program, see: <<http://www.oclc.org/partnerships/material/contribution/technical/default.htm>>.

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Three New Databases Added to the OCLC Terminologies Service

The OCLC Terminologies Service provides access to multiple controlled vocabularies for the creation of consistent metadata for library, museum, or archive collections. The service can be integrated with Connexion or used as a standalone tool to copy and paste terms into a variety of metadata editors including CONTENTdm.

Three databases from the J. Paul Getty Trust were added to the OCLC Terminologies Service in February: the Art & Architecture Thesaurus® (MARC code aat), the Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names® (tgn), and the Union List of Artist Names® (ulan). The other vocabularies available in the Terminologies Service are:

- Dublin Core Metadata Initiative Type Vocabulary (dct)
- Guidelines On Subject Access To Individual Works Of Fiction, Drama, Etc., 2nd ed., form and genre (gsafd)
- Medical Subject Headings (MeSH®) 2006 (mesh)
- Newspaper Genre List (ngl)
- Thesaurus for graphic materials: TGM I, Subject terms (lctgm)
- Thesaurus for graphic materials: TGM II, Genre and physical characteristic terms (gmGPC)

If you already have a Connexion, or other OCLC cataloging authorization, you may begin using the Terminologies Service immediately. It is available to you as a benefit of your cataloging subscription. For information on using the OCLC Terminologies Service, see the setup instructions at <<http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/terminologies/setup/default.htm>> or view a tutorial available at <<http://www5.oclc.org/downloads/tutorials/terminologies/setup.htm>>.

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