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Upcoming Nylink Training Calendar for June 2007

Visit our web site <<http://nylink.org>> for up-to-date information, course descriptions, directions and online registration.

June

Day	Class	Time	Location
4	Introducing OCLC ILLiad Software	1-2:30p.m.	Webinar
5	Cataloging Electronic Serials	10a.m.-3p.m.	Nassau Library System
6	Boosting Productivity With the Connexion Client	10a.m.-3p.m.	Nassau Library System
8	OCLC FirstSearch: Searching WorldCat	9:30a.m.-12:30p.m.	SUNY Farmingdale
18	MARC Format for Holdings Data	1-2:30p.m.	Webinar
19	Metadata: MARC and Dublin Core	10a.m.-3p.m.	WNYLRC
20	Cataloging with the OCLC Connexion Client	10a.m.-3p.m.	WNYLRC
22	OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics	10a.m.-4p.m.	NNYLN
22	How to Create Digital Collections Using CONTENTdm	9:30a.m.-3:30p.m.	Nylink

What's Up on the Web?

Taking care of yourself financially and learning more about improving the world around you: If these topics are of interest, then you may wish to explore the web sites below. I discovered them while recently perusing Librarians' Internet Index <<http://lil.org>>, Neat New Stuff on the Net <<http://marylaine.com/neatnew.html>> and refdesk.com <<http://www.refdesk.com>>.

MyMoney.gov <<http://www.mymoney.gov/>>: The U.S. Financial Literacy and Education Commission has provided a site that provides convenient access to personal finance resources from 20 federal agencies including the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Securities and Exchange Commission, Social Security Administration, and the U.S. Departments of Education, Labor, Treasury and Veterans Affairs. Topics covered include budgeting and taxes, credit, home ownership, "responding to life events" (birth, death, disability, etc.), privacy, fraud and scams.

Personal Emissions Calculator <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html>: This curious title pertains to a self-assessment tool offered by the Environmental Protection Agency for determining the amount of greenhouse gas emissions one produces at home and via one's automobile. When I first reviewed the questionnaire, I found myself wondering what the EPA based the numbers on, and then I noticed that the EPA provides a spreadsheet version of the calculator revealing the formulas (if you really want to decipher them!) along with a page explaining the assumptions and sources upon which the calculator is based. Several links are provided to related resources on the Energy Star program, fuel economy, and basic steps we can all take to conserve energy and other resources.

Fair Trade Certified <<http://www.transfairusa.org/>>: If you've ever wanted to know more about the fair trade products initiative, this web site from TransFair USA provides a helpful resource with detailed information about fair trade practices and certification; "fast facts" documents about coffee, tea, fresh fruit, rice, vanilla and sugar; and almanacs with fair trade statistics. Lists of brands and retailers are also provided. TransFair USA is a nonprofit fair trade certification organization based in Oakland, Calif., and is a member of Fairtrade Labelling Organizations International <<http://www.fairtrade.net/>>.

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OCLC Control Numbers: To 100 Million... and Beyond!

A record receiving OCLC Control Number 100,000,000 was added to WorldCat on March 29, 2007, by the Windsor Public Library in Connecticut (OCLC symbol CKE).

They contributed cataloging for the book: *It's a Horse's Life!: Advice and Observations for the Humans Who Choose to Share It*. But the Control Number explosion is just beginning. Since Monday, March 26, 2007, cataloging users have started to see significant increases in the size of OCLC Control Numbers as OCLC began the process of assigning OCLC numbers to article citation records. These article citation records will be added to WorldCat.org in support of a mid-April release of the next phase of WorldCat.org development.

Although the citation records themselves will not be added to WorldCat and will not be visible to other users until the release of the next phase of WorldCat.org, their presence caused a massive leap in the size of OCLC Control Numbers assigned to newly cataloged works. According to OCLC's WorldCat Watch (at <<http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/default.htm>>) as of April 19, 2007, there were over 84 million (84,123,172 to be exact) OCLC records for items available for discovery in WorldCat.

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WorldCat: Not Just Bigger... Better!

A recent posting on OCLC-CAT by Glenn Patton, OCLC's Director of WorldCat Quality Management, provided an interesting summary of OCLC's Quality Control Section's activities. According to Patton, "For the first 9 months of this fiscal year (July 2006 through March 2007), OCLC staff have:

- Corrected 2,012,675 bibliographic records.
- Performed 22,853 merges resulting in the deletion of 25,625 bibliographic records.
- Added 224 new authority records.
- Updated 4,111 authority records.
- Referred 254 authority records (name and subject) to the Library of Congress for resolution.

"Many of the changes resulted from the processing of 129,931 change requests," Patton said, "an increase of 121% over the same period of fiscal year 2006."

Congratulations to the Quality Control Section and Connexion users everywhere, who take the time to report and correct errors and issues in WorldCat and the Authority Files. Now that's collaboration!

For more information about OCLC's quality programs, and how to report errors, please see <<http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/quality/default.htm>>.

Patton, Glenn <patpng@oclc.org>, "OCLC Quality Control Section Activities," Apr. 13, 2007, <listserv://OCLC-CAT@OCLC.ORG>.

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OCLC Announces Two New WorldCat Selection Vendors: China National Publishing Industry Trading Corporation and Coutts Information Services

OCLC has announced the addition of these two new active WorldCat Selection vendors:

China National Publishing Industry Trading Corporation:

Founded in October 1980, the China National Publishing Industry Trading Corporation (CNPITC) is one of China's largest foreign trade enterprises in the national press and publishing industry. Its business covers the import and export of books, periodicals, newspapers, audio-visuals, electronic publications, and cultural products, among other things and is a leading supplier of Chinese publications to libraries worldwide.

With main offices in Beijing, CNPITC also has branches in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. In June 2002, CNPITC became the first ISO9001-2000 certified corporation within the Chinese press and publishing industry. Visit their web site at <<http://www.cnpitc.com.cn>>.

Coutts Information Services: Coutts is the first WorldCat North American vendor to become a partner in OCLC's WorldCat Selection service. Coutts serves libraries around the world with offices in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands.

Coutts Information Services provides book supply, collection management and shelf-ready services to libraries throughout the world, including approval and new title notification plans based on customized library profiles, as well as firm and standing orders. Coutts is a global partner able to help libraries with the transition from print to electronic content, offering the MyiLibrary aggregated eBook platform and integrated workflow processes. Visit their web site at <<http://www.couttsinfo.com/>>.

These new vendors join Aux Amateurs de Livres International, Casalini Libri, Harrassowitz, Puvill Libros, and Jean Touzot Librarie Internationale as active WorldCat Selection vendors.

For more information about WorldCat Selection and the vendor partners, please visit <<http://www.oclc.org/selection>> or contact Lauren Pinsley at Nylink via phone at 800-342-3353/518-443-5444, or by email to pinsleyl@nylink.org.

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WorldCat Collection Analysis Offers Two New Predefined Peer Groups

In January 2007 two new predefined peer groups were added to WorldCat Collection Analysis (WCA).

These predefined peer groups allow subscribers to compare their collections to the collections of leading Irish and Canadian institutions.

To add a predefined peer group, log-in to the Administration Module of WorldCat Collection Analysis at <<http://firstsearch.oclc.org/admin>>. Then:

1. Click on the Collection Analysis tab.
2. Click on the Predefined Groups sidebar tab.
3. Choose a Category, Subcategory, and Predefined Group.
4. Click the Add button.
5. Click the Save Changes button.

For more information about WorldCat Collection Analysis, please see <<http://www.oclc.org/collectionanalysis/>> or contact Lauren Pinsley at Nylink, by phone at 800-342-3353/518-443-5444, or by email to pinsleyl@nylink.org.

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OCLC REFERENCE NEWS

New Databases Available on FirstSearch

This summer, OCLC is migrating ten of RLG's databases to FirstSearch. Libraries can add the databases to their current FirstSearch subscription on a subscription basis only, per-search will not be available. For new orders placed prior to June 25th libraries may purchase a 12-month subscription and pay for only 6 months. If you are interested in learning more about these databases please contact Nylink's Jen Hawkes (hawkesj@nylink.org), OCLC Services Librarian or visit: <http://www.oclc.org/services/reference/rlg/default.htm>.

Anthropological Index:

Source: Royal Anthropological Institute
 Scope: 1957-present, 900 journals (updated semi-monthly)
 Focus: Physical Anthropology, Archaeology, Cultural Ethnography, and Linguistics

Anthropological Literature:

Source: Harvard University, Tozzer Library
 Scope: Late 19th c. - Present, 900 journals (updated quarterly)
 Focus: International resource for the fields of Anthropology, Archaeology, and related interdisciplinary research

Anthropology Plus: (combination of Anthropological Index and Anthropological Literature)

Source: Royal Anthropological Institute and Harvard University, Tozzer Library
 Scope: Late 1880's to today (updated monthly)
 Focus: Anthropological, Archaeological, and Ethnographic research

Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals

Source: Getty and Columbia University
 Scope: 1741-Present, indexes more than 2,500 US and foreign journals, 75 percent of these are not indexes in any other source (updated weekly)
 Focus: Bibliographical research tool for research in architecture, urban design, historic preservation, and urban planning history

Bibliography of the History of Art

Source: Getty and INIST (Institute for Science and Technical Information)
 Scope: 1973-Present, 4,300 periodicals indexed (updated quarterly)
 Focus: Comprehensive art bibliography covering European and American visual arts from late antiquity to the present. This database indexes and abstracts journal articles, art-related books, conference proceedings and dissertations, exhibition and dealers' catalogs.

Chicano Database

Source: University of California Berkley
 Scope: Extensive coverage from 1960's-present and selective coverage from 1900's, over 59,022 records (updated quarterly)
 Focus: Indexes journal articles, newspapers, books and book chapters on the Mexican-American and broader Latino experience of Puerto Ricans, Cuban Americans, and Central American immigrants

FRANCIS (international humanities and social sciences)

Source: INIST (Institute for Science and Technical Information)
 Scope: 1984-present, 4,300 journals and provides abstracts for 80 percent of its 2+ million records (updated monthly)
 Focus: Multilingual, multidisciplinary information published in over 4,200 journals covering the humanities, social sciences, and economics.

History of Science, Technology, and Medicine

Source: International Union of the History and Philosophy of Science
 Scope: 1975-Present, citations from 9,500 journals in addition to books, book reviews, articles, and essays from books, conference proceedings, and dissertations (updated quarterly)
 Focus: Integrates four bibliographies to create an international database for the history of science, technology, and medicine, reflecting their influence on society and culture from prehistory to the present.

Index to 19th-Century American Art Periodicals

Source: Mary M. Schmidt, Head Art Librarian Emeritus at Princeton University
 Scope: 19th century
 Scope: 1840-1907, all 42 art journals published during that period from the United States (not updated, complete)
 Focus: The only online index to all 42 art journals published in the United States in the 19th century. Provides information on artists, illustrators, painting, sculpture drawing, photography, architecture and design, exhibitors and sales, decoration, and collecting.

Russian Academy of Sciences Bibliographies (social sciences)

Source: INION, Institute of Scientific Information on Social Sciences, and Russian Academy of Sciences
 Scope: 1980-present, 12,500 periodicals published in the former Soviet Union, Russia, and Eastern European countries (updated semi-annually)
 Focus: Slavic studies and social sciences

Two additional databases will be available in early fall 2007, more information to come:

SCIPIO: Art and Rare Book Sales Catalogs

Hand Press Book Database

“Cite This Item” Added to Three FirstSearch Databases

End-users of *WorldCat*, and its two derivative databases, *Ebooks* and *WorldCat Dissertations*, now see a “Cite this Item” link in the “External Resources” section of detailed records (at right). Clicking the “Cite this Item” link will bring end-users to a page that lists the citation according to the five, most commonly-used reference citation guidelines: APA, Chicago, Harvard, MLA and Turabian. Users may copy and paste the needed format into a bibliography.

OCLC cautions all users that “formatting rules within a style can vary widely between applications and fields of interest or study, and that they should apply the specific requirements of a reviewing body.”

“Cite This Item”
feature in
FirstSearch
WorldCat
detailed record.

Technology for the rest of us :
a primer on computer technologies for the low-tech librarian /
Nancy Courtney

2005
English Book Internet Resource viii, 184 p. : ill. ; 24 cm.
Westport, Conn. : Libraries Unlimited, ; ISBN: 1591582334 (alk. paper) 97815915

GET THIS ITEM

Access: <http://www.loc.gov/catdir/toc/ecip0515/0005018009.html>

Availability: **Check the catalogs in your library.**

- Libraries worldwide that own item: 437
- Search the catalog at Rensselaer Research Libraries

External Resources:

- Can I get this item online?
- Full text
- Find this item at Abebooks.com (bookseller)
- Find this item at Alibris (bookseller)
- Find this item at Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America (bookseller)
- Find this item at Barnes & Noble.com (bookseller)
- Find this item at Biblio (bookseller)
- Find this item at Direct Textbooks, Inc. (bookseller)
- Cite This Item**

Nylink NYLINK TRAINING LIBRARY Session timeout: 23:47

Citation Styles for "Technology for the rest of us : a primer on computer technologies for the low-tech librarian"

APA
Courtney, N. (2005). *Technology for the rest of us: a primer on computer technologies for the low-tech librarian*. Westport, Conn: Libraries Unlimited.

Chicago
Courtney, Nancy. 2005. *Technology for the rest of us: a primer on computer technologies for the low-tech librarian*. Westport, Conn: Libraries Unlimited.

Harvard
COURTNEY, N. (2005). *Technology for the rest of us: a primer on computer technologies for the low-tech librarian*. Westport, Conn, Libraries Unlimited.

MLA
Courtney, Nancy. *Technology for the Rest of Us: A Primer on Computer Technologies for the Low-Tech Librarian*. Westport, Conn: Libraries Unlimited, 2005.

Turabian
Courtney, Nancy. *Technology for the Rest of Us: A Primer on Computer Technologies for the Low-Tech Librarian*. Westport, Conn: Libraries Unlimited, 2005.

Note: These citations are based on the reference standard for each style. However, formatting rules within a style can vary widely between applications and fields of interest or study. The specific requirements or preferences of your reviewing publisher, institution or organization should be applied.

Caution: Some text formatting within citations may be lost or altered when copied into word processing programs or Web-based applications such as e-mail services.

Reference citation according to the most commonly-used reference citation guides.

Open WorldCat Usage Statistics

Libraries that use the *WorldCat* database to obtain, contribute or set holdings on bibliographic records, and that subscribe to the *WorldCat* database on FirstSearch have their holdings displayed on OpenWorld/WorldCat.org. The goal of OpenWorld/WorldCat.org is to raise libraries' visibility on the Web.

To determine if OpenWorld/WorldCat.org is working in reminding the Web users that libraries are most definitely here to stay, please see your library's OpenWorld/WorldCat.org usage statistics. These usage statistics are available to all FirstSearch *WorldCat* subscribers in the "WorldCat.org Clicks to Libraries Report" on the OCLC Usage Statistics web site at <<http://www.stats.oclc.org/cusp/nav>>, under the "WorldCat.org" tab; opening the "WorldCat.org Clicks to Libraries Report" link will display the number of times users on OpenWorld/WorldCat.org click to your library's specific features such as your online catalog and OpenURL links. To view a sample of the "WorldCat.org Clicks to Libraries Report," please see below:

WorldCat.org Clicks to Libraries Report-- Libraries

Reporting Period: March 2007 - October 2006

Institution: NYLINK TRANINGLER

Symbol: TQW

	Monthly						
	Mar 2007	% of clicks	Feb 2007	Jan 2007	Dec 2006	Nov 2006	Oct 2006
Total	11	100.0%	2	5	8	2	1
<i>Authenticated</i>							
CISTI	1	9.1%	0	1	0	0	0
Catlog	1	9.1%	0	0	0	0	0
FirstSearch	2	18.2%	1	0	0	1	0
Group Catalog	0	0.0%	0	1	0	1	0
ILL Request	4	36.4%	1	2	7	0	1
Open URL	1	9.1%	0	1	1	0	0

OCLC Openly Informatics Releases Free Link-Checking Software

Called Link Evaluator, the software is a free spin-off of Openly's link-checking technology that helps libraries verify the links their web sites link to. Link Evaluator can be downloaded to any Firefox browser version 1.5 and later from <<http://evaluator.oclc.org/>>.

For more information about OCLC FirstSearch, please contact Nylink's Joyce Rambo (ramboj@nylink.org) or Jennifer Hawkes (hawkesj@nylink.org), via email or phone (518-443-5444/800-342-3353).

Searching Completed ILL Requests Now Possible

OCLC has added the ability to search an archive of completed ILL requests in WorldCat Resource Sharing using the Request ID number.

When searching requests in the Request Manager, users automatically default to searching active requests. Users may choose to search their completed requests by selecting the radio button that reads “Search Closed Requests” and entering a Request ID number for a request that has been completed.

The request archive goes back to May 2005 (migration to WorldCat Resource Sharing). OCLC will maintain an archive of five years worth of requests. In the future OCLC will add additional search parameters to the archive of completed requests, for example the ability to search by borrowing or lending library, title or author.

Is Your ILL Policy Record Up-to-Date?

Accurate ILL policies let other libraries quickly determine if and how a resource that you hold can be borrowed. You can improve ILL efficiency by entering or updating your ILL policy.

To help you enter a new policy or update an existing policy, OCLC has created the OCLC ILL Policies Directory Quick Reference. This document provides a brief overview of OCLC's Policies Directory as well as information that will help you to prepare to enter your policies, contacts, and institution information into the Policies Directory <<http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/resourcesharing/libpolicies/getstart/>>.

OCLC ILL Direct Request Saves Time

The OCLC ILL Direct Request service streamlines the ILL process by automatically processing user-initiated interlibrary loan requests. ILL Direct Request sends requests created in an external system, usually FirstSearch, directly to eligible lenders without additional editing or review from library staff. Once requests are created, they are sent to profiles (filters) in criteria established by the borrowing library.

OCLC has created a *Direct Request Reference Guide* that explains this service: <<http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/firstsearch/managing/directill/>>.

A Reminder: Update to Shipped and Prevent Duplicates

The lending library should be careful to update ILL Pending requests to shipped BEFORE sending the item to the borrowing library.

Failure to update may result in duplicate items received by the borrowing library. This creates unnecessary confusion and potential billing problems. If the borrower is billed for duplicate materials, the lender who did not update is not eligible for payment.

Failure to update to shipped also prevents the lender from receiving a lending credit or IFM credits, if applicable.

Using the Conditional Notes Manager

Do you find yourself using the same Lending Notes when sending a conditional response? If so, you may wish to use the Conditional Notes Manager to create and store multiple Lending Notes. Here are some instructions:

Conditional Notes are created in the FirstSearch Administrative Module.

1. Go to <<http://firstsearch.oclc.org/admin>>.
2. Enter your ILL authorization and password.
3. Click the start button.
4. Click the Resource Sharing section of the main menu, then choose “Saved Notes” from the drop-down list under “Staff ILL Settings” in the sidebar menu. The system displays the Saved Notes screen.
5. In the Conditional Note Name field, type in a name. Each name can contain up to 30 characters and blank spaces. In the Conditional Note Text field, type in any information to identify the note.
6. Text can contain up to 500 characters and blank spaces.
7. Click “Save Changes.” The note name displays in the Conditional Note Name field, and the text displays in the Conditional Note Text field. The note name also is listed in the Select a Conditional Note field.
8. To clear the form and start over, click “New Blank Record.” The system clears the screen.
9. Click “View/Print” to see more information about Conditional Notes. The system displays a Print screen listing all Conditional Notes, with Conditional Note Text, for your institution.

Changing the Display Order of Conditional Notes

To change the order of how Conditional Notes are listed:

1. From the FirstSearch Administrative Module, click the Resource Sharing section of the main menu, then choose "Saved Notes" from the drop-down list under Staff ILL Settings in the sidebar menu. The system displays the Saved Notes screen.
2. Select the desired note by clicking it in the "Select a Conditional Note" field. The system fills in the Conditional Note Name and Conditional Note Text fields, and highlights the note name in the Select a Conditional Note list.
3. Click "Move Up" or "Move Down." The note name will move up or down accordingly in the list.
4. Click "Save Changes."

OCLC has produced an online tutorial that covers the conditional notes manager. This tutorial may be viewed at <http://www.oclc.org/support/training/firstsearch/tutorial/>.

OCLC ILLiad Newsletter Available on Atlas Systems Web Site

Volume five, issue one (Spring 2007) of the *OCLC ILLiad Newsletter* is now available on the Atlas Systems home page at <http://www.atlas-sys.com>. This issue includes information on Ares 2.2, an "At Your Service" column titled "Don't Panic: Basic ILLiad Troubleshooting Part 1," and a great article by Sherry Buchanan on customizing printer templates. Check it out, and if you have any comments, questions, or suggestions, please forward them on to John Brunswick at jbrunswick@atlas-sys.com.

Resource Sharing Contact Information

Please contact Jon Penn, Resource Sharing Librarian at Nylink, with questions. Jon is available via email (pennj@nylink.org) or phone (800-342-3353/518-443-5444).