

OCLC FirstSearch News

FirstSearch Functionality

New Arabic Language Interface

Just as end-users may select a FirstSearch interface in Spanish, French, Japanese, Korean or Chinese, they may now choose Arabic as one of the non-English languages at the bottom of the FirstSearch screen. *WorldCat*, has more than 350,000 bibliographic records referring to Arabic materials held by OCLC member libraries. Users may now search in Arabic script and display the results in the language of the bibliographic record. Translations of online Help are also available. To optimally view the Arabic interface, users will need Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5 or higher, or Netscape version 6 or higher.

WorldCat in Windows Live Academic

WorldCat metadata will help power Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Live Academic, a new service that lets Web users search a spectrum of academic content. The initial beta release will target the subjects of computer science, electrical engineering and physics. Currently, *WorldCat* records for about 336,000 theses and dissertations are included in the service's beta release, which was launched April 12. When the beta release is concluded, three million records representing *WorldCat* books related to science will be added to the search tool to help increase Web visibility of library collections. OCLC's involvement in Windows Live Academic is part of the Open WorldCat "Find in a Library" program.

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FirstSearch COUNTER Release 2 Reports Available June 10

Beginning on May 21, a new tab became available in the OCLC Online Statistics module at < <http://stats.oclc.org> >. COUNTER (Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources) Release 2 reports were added for FirstSearch, measuring database and journal usage in a standardized format. Libraries can now see COUNTER report statistics for a part of April 2006 and for the entire month of May 2006. Reports can be exported in Excel or CSV format.

Please note the data in these reports will be missing or incomplete until June 10, 2006, and the date range is intentionally incorrect. It was necessary for OCLC to have the data templates installed before they begin loading data.

OCLC is applying to Project COUNTER for compliancy certification for Release 2 and will make an announcement via listserv when that certification is received. More information on the COUNTER statistics can be found at < <http://www.projectcounter.org> >.

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FirstSearch Content (Databases and E-Journals)

Consumers Index, FactSearch, Media Review Digest – Available by Per-Search Only

These Pierian Press databases are no longer available by annual subscription on FirstSearch, only by the Per-Search ("pay-by-the-search") pricing option.

MLA International Bibliography – Retrospective Content Added

The content is from 1926-1962 and comes from thirty-eight print volumes. All 160,000 records have been reviewed.

Journal abbreviations and acronyms for almost 3,500 titles have been expanded, full journal names standardized, and ISSNs attached. Almost 11,000 subject names and terms have also been standardized.

WorldCat – 67 Millionth Record Added

Added on April 18 by the Peace Palace Library, The Hague, Netherlands, the record was for an online article, "Spanish criminal prosecutions use international human rights law to battle impunity in Chile and Argentina," by Robert J. Wilson, published in *Ko'aga Roñe'eta*, an eJournal of human rights and humanitarian affairs.

The 66 and 65 millionth records were contributed April 9 and March 18 by Arnhem Public Library and Leiden University Libraries, the Netherlands, respectively, for the sheet music *The Songs of Don McLean* and the book *Experimenteren in de woningbouw*, a sociology text written in Dutch. All three records were added as part of a project to load into *WorldCat* the Dutch Union Catalogue, which contains approximately 9.3 million records. To date, OCLC has processed 6.1 million records from the catalog, adding 14.2 million holdings and 2.3 million original records.

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NetLibrary News

CRC Press Titles Now Available As eBooks from NetLibrary

OCLC NetLibrary has announced the availability of new science, technology and medicine titles from CRC Press. CRC Press is a preeminent publisher of works in the fields of life sciences, medicine, pharmaceutical science, food science, environmental and forensic science, engineering, business, technology, mathematics and statistics. With a long and prestigious history in scientific publishing, CRC Press is well-known and highly respected for its broad range of textbooks and reference works for scientific, medical and technical professionals. Today, CRC Press is part of the Taylor & Francis Group, a leading international academic publisher.

NetLibrary also currently offers more than 12,000 Taylor & Francis Group titles on its site, with more than 3,000 new Taylor & Francis titles added to its eContent catalog annually. This new agreement with CRC Press extends that relationship, and will result in an additional 1,000 science, technology and medicine (STM) titles being added to the NetLibrary catalog each year.

The full NetLibrary eContent 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> >.

For more information about CRC Press titles available through NetLibrary, please contact Donna Dixon (dixond@nylink.org) at Nylink.

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