

COOPERATIVE SERVICES NEWS

Dan Towne Leaving Nylink

After a very productive year and a half with Nylink's Cooperative Services, Dan has moved on to a new position at Hudson Valley Community College. We'll miss his great good humor and willingness to take on any project, but wish him the best in his new job. Jen Stelling and Tatiana Sahm have taken over Dan's customer service role.

Librarian Resource Centers: Oxford University Press, Project Muse, H. W. Wilson, LexisNexis

Many publishers have resource centers for librarians that include promotional materials like logos for web sites, quick-use guides, title lists and search strategies.

Oxford University Press: At the OUP Librarian Resource Center, you can download search utilities to allow *Oxford Reference Online*, the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, the *Oxford English Dictionary Online*, *Grove Art Online* and *Grove Music Online* to be searched from your web site, or download posters and flashing banners, at < <http://www.oup.com/online/librarians/> >.

Project Muse: Get title lists, sign up for journal alerts or RSS feeds, download instructional handouts, find out how to access your usage statistics, and more at < <http://muse.jhu.edu/about/librarians/> >.

H. W. Wilson: Quick reference guides, tutorials, tip sheets, logos and a long list of tech help articles (as well as documentation for WilsonDisc) are available at the Wilson site: < <http://www.hwwilson.com/Documentation/techdoc1.htm> >.

LexisNexis: Logos, a press release template, instructional aids, content lists, and links to the LN statistics module are just a few of the helpful tools that can be found at: < <http://www.lexisnexis.com/academic/1univ/acad/subscriberResources.asp> >.

Find out more about Nylink's offerings for these vendors at < <http://nylink.org/coop> >.

LJ Review of Oxford African American Studies Center: 11 out of 10

Library Journal really, really likes OAASC: "There's not enough space to extol Oxford African American Studies Center's virtues sufficiently...Because it is so extraordinary, the resource makes it necessary this once to raise the usual rating scale of 1 to 10 to an unprecedented 11!...A remarkable achievement in accessible scholarship, Oxford African American Studies Center is strongly recommended for all libraries." Read the rest of the review and get Nylink pricing for the OAASC in this PDF: < http://nylink.org/coop/forms/OAASC_LJ_06.pdf >.

School Library Journal also has kudos: "...a great subject-specific resource that, for years, has been lacking in many school libraries...this database provides students with a new depth of historical, biographical, and scholarly materials on African Americans. [Oxford African American Studies Center] rates a strong A...With content updates every three months, this database will definitely surpass most collections found in school libraries. This is a great opportunity to offer a well-developed, easy-to-use specialized database on a subject area that is never fully covered by print resources."

This month's feature on OAASC on Women in Literature includes a photo essay, an essay on Toni Morrison, and selected biographies and articles. Sign up for Feature of the Month alerts at < <http://tinyurl.com/z7nah> >.

Find out how to sign up for a trial, or get more information about the Oxford African American Studies Center, at < <http://nylink.org/coop/oaasc.htm> >.

Xreferplus: Extended Trial and Added Discounts

Xrefer is offering an extended trial to Nylink member and affiliate institutions in order to let them experience all the database's great content and features for themselves. The trials are available from August 31 to October 31, 2006.

To request a trial, please contact Jen Stelling at Nylink (stellingj@nylink.org) or David Waters at Xrefer (david.waters@xrefer.com) and they will set-up your customized trial. (Please note: IP authenticated trials are preferred).

If you attend a webinar or demonstration of Xrefer during the trial period, Xrefer will give your institution an additional 5% promotional discount off the already discounted Nylink price if you subscribe by November 1, 2006. You can contact David Waters (david.waters@xrefer.com) for a demonstration.

Small public libraries (population of 25,000 or less) can participate too! Xrefer can provide you with a username and password for a trial and will customize it with the Nylink logo to show Xrefer's branding capabilities.

For more information about Nylink's Xrefer offer, please see our web page at < <http://nylink.org/coop/xref.htm> >.

Knovel Partners With Blackwell Publishing

Knovel is excited to announce a new content partnership with the world's leading society publisher, Blackwell Publishing. Blackwell represents books and journals of the highest scientific merit from over 600 of the world's most prestigious academic, medical, and professional societies and associations. Under the alliance, Knovel's suite of productivity tools will combine with Blackwell's exclusive content to further enhance invaluable resources for academic, scientific, professional, research and student communities worldwide.

Knovel's content partnership with Blackwell introduces the opportunity to showcase high-quality references of topical interest and strong scientific value in the rapidly advancing fields of food science, packaging, medicine and coastal, offshore and aviation engineering, on an interactive platform.

"Our partnership with Knovel comes at a time of great expansion. Knovel is a uniquely influential force in the on-line delivery of scientific data and we're pleased to have this opportunity to cultivate a stronger presence among scientists and researchers worldwide," says Dr. Jon Walmsley, Divisional Director at Blackwell Publishing.

The agreement with Blackwell is one of several publishing partnerships Knovel has concluded in recent months as it seeks to work closely with leading organizations in developing new content for focused areas of research and practice, and broaden its global impact. Blackwell Publishing joins fellow society publishers SIAM, Royal Society of Chemistry, AIChE and ASME as well as McGraw Hill, John Wiley & Sons, Elsevier, Springer, World Scientific, and other prominent sci-tech publishers as a publishing partner to Knovel.

Find out more about Nylink's Knovel offer at < <http://nylink.org/coop/knovel.htm> >. Nylink also offers discounts on Blackwell Synergy: < <http://nylink.org/coop/bws.htm> >.

In the News: Free Browser-based Citation Tool Zotero Coming Soon

MLA, APA, Chicago Style – who doesn't fondly remember trying to parse out the exact citation format for some esoteric source. Citation tools like EndNotes, RefWorks, and ProCite have stripped some of the mystique away from the art of building a bibliography, and a team from George Mason University's Center for History and New Media is now building a browser-based citation tool that will be able to pull citations from a web page with a click and store them on a user's computer. The source code will be available to developers and the application will run on any OS that can run Firefox.

Learn more about what Zotero might do in Jared Bernstein's *EContent* article (available online at < <http://tinyurl.com/j8gww> >), or on the Zotero web page: < <http://www.zotero.org> >.

Bernstein, Jared. "The Educated Browser: Scholar Simplifies Bibliographies." *EContent* September 2006: 12-13.

Cooperative Services Contact Information

Please contact Tatiana Sahn (sahmt@nylink.org) or Jen Stelling (stellingj@nylink.org) at Nylink with your questions. They are available via email or phone (800-342-3353 / 518-443-5444).

OCLC QuestionPoint News

Local Knowledge Base Ready for Patron Searching!

Libraries or groups can now offer their local Knowledge Base for patron searches! On the wish lists of many QuestionPoint members for a long time, public access to your question-and-answer pairs is now a reality. Your administrator must set an indicator in the QuestionPoint Administration module and write an ownership statement, if wanted, to appear on each record. See the Instructions at < http://www.questionpoint.org/support/documentation/templates/search_globalkb.html > on how to set up the permissions and add the link or search box to your library's web site. The setup takes just a few minutes and the results are immediate!

You can control which knowledge base records are searchable by your patrons. Only records you have marked as Public in your Knowledge Base are searchable by this method. All records, Public or Private, are available to your librarians when working within QuestionPoint.

How could this be useful to you?

Use the QuestionPoint Local Knowledge Base to create an FAQ about your library, to store often asked and answered questions about specific student assignments, for instructions for various library-related resources and services, for local information that you get asked about frequently.

Send your own ideas as how you might use this in your library to nealej@nylink.org. As always, please contact us if you have any questions about this new feature.

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