

NetLibrary Now Compatible With EZproxy

NetLibrary, a division of OCLC, is a provider of online eBooks and eAudiobooks for libraries of all types. As of October, NetLibrary participants can now choose to have their users authenticate by EZproxy in addition to IP address recognition or the NetLibrary Patron Authentication.

If your library currently subscribes to NetLibrary and has an EZproxy server, in order to set up your NetLibrary collection for EZproxy, you need to follow a few basic steps:

- Upgrade to EZproxy 4.0 at no charge <<http://www.usefulutilities.com/download/>>.
- Log on to the Library Resource Center (LRC) at <<http://extranet.netlibrary.com/resourcecenter/>> and open the Administration Tab.
- Under Authentication, click on Configure Remote Authentication.
- Download and save your configuration file to the EZproxy server and copy your NetLibrary login URL.
- Enter your EZproxy Login URL, an effective date and a test set of patron credentials. Then save your settings.
- Modify the MARC 856 fields in your local catalog for all NetLibrary titles (This is required to support remote users).
- Once the effective date has passed, test your settings.

If you subscribe to NetLibrary eBooks or eAudiobooks and do not currently have EZproxy, you will need to purchase EZproxy from Useful Utilities <<http://www.usefulutilities.com/purchase/>> at a cost of \$495.

If you do not subscribe to NetLibrary and are interested, please contact Jen Hawkes at Nylink via email <hawkesj@nylink.org> or call 800-342-3353/518-443-5444 with questions.

Basic BIOSIS – To Be Discontinued

OCLC announced that access to the *Basic BIOSIS* database on the OCLC FirstSearch service will end on December 31, 2007. This change is due to Thomson Scientific's plans to discontinue the *Basic BIOSIS* database.

OCLC will contact subscribers directly with details about reimbursement for unused portions of their existing subscriptions to the database.

Libraries that support research in the sciences may wish to use other databases that index much of the same content as Basic BIOSIS. Related databases in the field of science include:

- *Biological and Agricultural Index* (indexes approximately 40% of the same content as Basic BIOSIS)
- *Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management* (indexes approximately 57% of the same content as Basic BIOSIS)

Together, the *Biological and Agricultural Index* and *Environmental Sciences and Pollution Management* databases cover approximately 97% of the 395 journals indexed in *Basic BIOSIS*.

WorldCat-Impact of RLG Union Catalog

According to Lorcan Dempsey, OCLC's Vice President of Research, the impact on *WorldCat* of the addition of the RLG Union Catalog was that 52 million records were processed as part of the load. Forty-one million, seven-hundred thousand records were matched to existing *WorldCat* records. There was a net add to *WorldCat* of 8 million records.

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