



## National Library of Wales acquires NetLibrary eBooks



The National Library of Wales has supplemented its Welsh collection with 295 eBooks on Welsh interests and culture from NetLibrary, enabling further remote access to its resources for over 15,000 registered users.

Robert Lacey, acquisitions librarian at the National Library's Department of Collection Services says, "The National Library of Wales has the world's largest collection of works about Wales and the other Celtic countries: books and pamphlets, archives and manuscripts, magazines and newspapers, paintings and photographs, microforms and ephemera. Also, as an important general reference library, we are constantly seeking to add to our electronic resources so that users from afar can access information at any time of day or night and the new eBooks are an excellent addition to our collection."

NetLibrary, available through OCLC PICA, is an established leader in eContent delivery. As of January 2007, NetLibrary has 15,000 customers in over 50 countries. NetLibrary acquires over 1500 new titles every month and is currently offering 127,000 titles from over 450 publishers.

View the full press release [here](#).

## Greater Manchester NHS Trusts "open up" to OLIB

The challenge to provide open access to the many resources held by NHS libraries has been met in Greater Manchester by OLIB. January 2007 saw the launch of a tailored solution by OCLC PICA, enabling 17 NHS Trusts in the North West of England, to have their collections harvested and made available for browsing and searching using OLIB's WebView software.

"Government and Health Sector Libraries are seeing the importance of opening up their collections to public view whilst working within existing firewall restrictions" said Graeme Miller, Head of UK Sales. "OCLC PICA's experience in this sector means we can offer a range of options to provide wider access without compromising security."

## Robin Murray shares his vision of future library service



Robin Murray, Director of Strategy & Marketing at OCLC PICA has been outlining a vision for future library service provision.

In January, he published a white paper entitled *Library Systems: Synthesise, Specialise, Mobilise*, in which he challenges the current state of library systems and their fitness for purpose in managing the evolving requirements of libraries. You can download a copy of the [white paper](#).

## Discover WorldCat.org

### The new web portal offers users a new way to reach the riches of the world's libraries

Today's users want the universe of information – including library resources – at their fingertips, as part of their Web experience. To help meet this demand, OCLC is rolling out a new destination site with a downloadable search box designed to elevate the visibility of library collections and services on the Web. [WorldCat.org](#) is a permanent web page dedicated solely to searching WorldCat libraries. Students, researchers, librarians and other information seekers can go to this site to search the WorldCat database or add the new WorldCat search box, which will reside on WorldCat.org.

The new WorldCat.org web site and search box will let more people discover the riches of library-held materials catalogued in WorldCat by making the complete database accessible for free on the open web. It complements access that is now available to library collections through Open WorldCat.

WorldCat.org offers features designed to appeal to a new generation of web users accustomed to instant access, lots of options and anything that facilitates personalisation and redistribution. In particular, rich evaluative content like publisher-provided item descriptions, author biographies and websites, tables of content and content excerpts. And enhancements are ongoing to improve the quality of the experience for your users.

## New Director of Operations & Services: Eric van Lubeek

Eric van Lubeek will be joining OCLC PICA as the Director of Operations & Services, starting as of March 1, 2007. Eric will become a member of the OCLC PICA Board of Directors.



Eric van Lubeek brings with him twenty years of experience in the library and information field which he acquired while working in consulting, sales and management positions. Eric comes from Infor Libraries Division (formerly known as Geac) where he was Managing Director. In addition, Eric gained international experience when managing companies in the Benelux, France, UK, Canada and the USA.

Eric is looking forward to his new position at OCLC PICA. "The information and library world has always fascinated me," says Eric van Lubeek, "and I am keen to employ my knowledge and experience in an organisation that has proven to play an important role in it."

## MFA Digital Library launches in Spring with OLIB

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague, Netherlands is due to go live with the first phase of its Digital Library in Spring 2007. The overall project will utilise a range of OCLC PICA services, starting with the implementation of OLIB7.

The project is concentrating initially on unifying the management of Ministry collections in The Hague and at their embassies around the world. Using OLIB7, library users and staff will benefit from powerful new features like, Digital Asset Indexing (DAI). DAI provides harvesting and indexing capability so that local and remote e-collections can be organised and viewed in unison.

A main objective of the Digital Library is to ensure that search results retrieved by users are tailored to their specific and often unique needs. A particular emphasis therefore has been put on the flexible and personalised approach that OLIB7 offers. For example, preferred search terms can be created and linked by the institution, using OLIB's thesaurus capability, which both guides the user and optimises usage of materials.



In Summer 2007, an extended service will go live integrating OCLC PICA's ZPORTAL and VDX products. This will further extend the user's reach and enable the sharing of resources seamlessly within the Ministry and with external partners.

## CONTENTdm acquired for accessing maps and theses

Two more prestigious European institutions have acquired CONTENTdm for the purposes of opening up access to their collections.

In France, the Université Louis Pasteur in Strasbourg have purchased CONTENTdm to give students online access to theses and early printed books. And in Spain, the Institut Cartogràfic de Catalunya have taken the system to create digital images of the many maps they house.

## LibraryLink Victoria expands with addition of on-line databases



VICLINK is to expand their LibraryLink Victoria ZPORTAL implementation to include authenticated access to VICLINK's on-line databases and to select health websites.

The focus to date has been on providing the general public with a single point of access to search the catalogues of Victorian public libraries, state libraries, and Victorian-based universities; and to provide public library patrons with the facility to request inter-library loans. Patron access to on-line databases will be implemented in March 2007.

The [LibraryLink](#) VDX and ZPORTAL systems are fully managed and hosted by OCLC PICA.

## OLIB Update

Last month all OLIB customers received a letter to inform them that, in accordance with the OLIB release process, OLIB 7.4 will be de-supported at the end of January 2008. Many sites have already upgraded to OLIB 7.6 and further site upgrades to OLIB 7.6 are scheduled for the first half of



The freely distributed  
WorldCat search box

## CONTENTdm Update

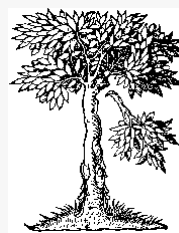
CONTENTdm 4.2 is now available. This latest version of CONTENTdm Digital Collection Management software delivers enhancements to the user interface and significant new features for documents, newspapers, letters and other text-based items. With the new CONTENTdm release comes:

- Upgraded OCR capabilities;
- Further enhancements to the advanced search function;
- Additional options for viewing documents;

This latest release is free to all existing CONTENTdm customers.

## CERL Hand Press Book Database to be hosted by OCLC

The Consortium of European Research Libraries has announced that OCLC will host the CERL Hand Press Book Database, a collection of more than 2 million catalogue records from libraries representing items of European printing from the 15th century through the 1830s, the hand-press period, integrated into one database.



The CERL Hand Press Book Database is a unique and steadily growing catalogue of European printing in the early modern era – from c. 1455 to c. 1830. The resource integrates descriptive records for European national, university and research library holdings. It is especially valuable for research in intellectual history, social history, and transmission of thought – as well as in the history of printing and the

history of the book.

The CERL Hand Press Book Database had been hosted by RLG since 1994. In July 2006, RLG combined with OCLC. Also see [www.cerl.org](http://www.cerl.org).

2007.

If you are running OLIB 7.4, your Account Manager will be writing to you during February to invite you to upgrade your system to the latest version of OLIB, and to set out platform requirements and typical upgrade costs. After OLIB 7.4 is de-supported, the OCLC PICA Support team will not be able to progress any support calls concerning the operation of this version.

### OLIB Timetable

OLIB 7.3	De-supported from 1 January 2007
OLIB 7.4	Supported until end of January 2008
OLIB 7.5	Currently supported
OLIB 7.6	Currently supported
OLIB 2007	Production release currently scheduled for May 2007

The next OLIB User Group will be held on 27 March at Unilever's Research Facility in Colworth, Bedfordshire, UK. As well as the usual User Group business meeting, the update from OCLC PICA and the Open Forum session, the OLIB Product Manager, George Bingham, will give an update on the latest developments in OLIB, including a demonstration of the web-based administration client which is currently in development. Full details will be distributed and posted on OCLC PICA's Customer web site in due course.

## National catalogues of Sweden, Israel, Bulgaria and New Zealand to be added to WorldCat

The National Library of Sweden and OCLC have agreed to load the Swedish National Bibliography into WorldCat. This contribution of approximately two million Swedish records makes it the second largest Scandinavian bibliographic database to be added to the global catalogue, after the Finnish national library catalogue FENNICA was loaded in late 2005.

The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences Library have decided to contribute their Cyrillic records to WorldCat. With this agreement between the library and OCLC, the richness of the worldwide catalogue will be further enhanced with a large number of non-Roman alphabet records. The Academy of Sciences Library collection contains approximately two million records, that are being converted to MARC21 over time before they can be loaded. The Academy of Sciences Library is a Legal Deposit Library in Bulgaria.

Also it has been agreed that the approximately 1 million records of the Jewish National and University Library (JNUL) will be loaded into WorldCat. Among those are about 600,000 Hebrew script records, 60,000 Arab script records and 60,000 Cyrillic script records. As the National Library of Israel, National Library of the Jewish people and Central Library of the Hebrew University, JNUL collects all materials published in Israel as well as acquiring all publications appearing worldwide that relate to Israel.

Further, OCLC and the National Library of New Zealand have agreed to load the 8 million national union catalogue records into WorldCat. Meaning that the holdings of the 275 libraries in the country will also be visible in WorldCat.

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### Events

- 28 February 2007 Enquire Seminar, Glasgow, UK
- 11-13 March 2007 EUSIDIC conference, Roskilde, DK
- 16 March 2007 CILIP Suppliers Showcase, London, UK
- 27 March 2007 OLIB User Group, Bedfordshire, UK
- 30 March 2007 CILIP eContent & eServices Showcase, London, UK
- 2-4 April 2007 COFHE Annual Conference, Telford, UK
- 16-18 April 2007 UK Serials Group, Warwick, UK
- 26-27 April 2007 Annual ILL Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, USA
- 29 April-2 May 2007 Info 2007, Tel Aviv, ISR

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