

From Daniel Boivin, Director



It is a great pleasure to share with you the very first issue of the OCLC Canada newsletter. OCLC Canada's number of users has grown from 60 to more than 625 Canadian libraries in just over 4 years, and it has become important for us to improve the communication with our users.

We look forward to keeping you updated on the new developments, partnerships and initiatives that our non-profit Canadian cooperative is working on in our efforts to better serve Canadian libraries.

We are also happy to report that not only have the number of Canadian members and users grown, but the organization itself has grown. We now have more than 30 staff at OCLC Canada, including the staff from the OCLC Canada LTS division.

We hope that you enjoy this quarterly newsletter, and we welcome any questions, comments or suggestions that you would like to share.

Welcome to new Canadian member libraries

- University of New Brunswick
- University of New Brunswick St. John
- Brock University, Ontario
- John Abbott College, Québec (LIS program)
- University of Manitoba
- University of Prince Edward Island
- University of Winnipeg

What's new?



OCLC closes on netLibrary sale The sale of netLibrary assets to OCLC was finalized Jan. 24 in Boulder, Colorado. For more information contact OCLC Canada or click here

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/press/20020128.shtm>

FirstSearch administrative module

redesigned The functionality of the administrative module is the same, however the navigation has been improved. Navigation tabs that outline the basic features of the administrative module are now located at the top of the screen, eliminating the need to scroll left and right to see entire screens.

OCLC Pathfinders in CORC Online Tutorials

New interactive Pathfinders online tutorials: "Using Enhanced Pathfinders: An OCLC Tutorial". This tutorial may be taken as frequently as you like. Click here to take the tutorial

<http://www.oclc.org/corc/learning/pathtutor/pf2what/index.html>

A single interface for OCLC cataloguing and metadata services

OCLC is developing a new interface for cataloguing and metadata services based on innovative browser and Windows technology. Click here to learn more about this new interface

<http://www.oclc.org/strategy/cataloging/>

Have you tried the new web interface to the OCLC ILL service?

An easy to use graphical interface, no need to learn or remember commands!

See how easy it is to do ILL with the web interface by taking this free online tutorial

<http://www.oclc.org/ill/tutorial/illweb/>

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Let's talk about us (from left to right) :

Sylvain Robichaud: Sylvain, at 6' 6" (2 meters) is the tallest and newest member of the OCLC Canada team. He enjoys playing basketball and is an avid exotic car enthusiast. Sylvain will be glad to give you information on the availability and pricing of OCLC products.

Manon Barbeau: Manon started at OCLC Canada in 1998. She enjoys spending time with her husband and 2 sons Édouard and Charles-Thierry, 1 and 8 years old. If you need help with a product or service, aren't sure who to call, or you need training, Manon will be glad to help you.

Daniel Boivin: Daniel has been with OCLC Canada since the very beginning in 1997. He is now completing the first year of a two year EMBA program. When he has a minute, he enjoys golf and fishing. He is looking forward to playing golf with his oldest son, Jean-Simon, 8 years old while his other son William, 4 years old, is expecting to drive the cart! Daniel is the Director of OCLC Canada.

Diane Nelles: Diane joined OCLC Canada in 1999, and lives in North Vancouver with her husband and two daughters, where they enjoy skiing, snowboarding and spending time at the beach. Diane's territory includes the 4 Western provinces, plus the Yukon, N.W.T and Nunavut.

A word from the Chair, OCLC Canada Advisory Council: Bernard Dumouchel, Director General CISTI and Member Council Delegate, OCLC

I am delighted to welcome you to this first issue of the OCLC Canada Newsletter. All of you are aware that OCLC Canada has enjoyed tremendous growth in membership under the leadership and drive of Daniel Boivin, Director. I believe it is important for OCLC Canada to communicate regularly with its members, as a true cooperative, to keep you informed of developments and provide a voice for our members to share their best practices.

OCLC is undergoing growth in membership with more and more non-US libraries joining as either as full members or users of services. Canada is no longer one of the few non-US countries participating more fully in OCLC's governance. The recently completed governance study has provided a number of recommendations to improve the voice of members of this cooperative. As your representative for the past three years, I have seen the OCLC Users Council change to OCLC Members Council, reflecting the importance of upward feedback and consultation on decision making at OCLC. We have also established the OCLC Canada Advisory Council to ensure that our opinions are heard at the Members Council as well as to provide advice, counsel and recommendations to OCLC Canada in representing our needs to the larger cooperative. I hope you enjoy this Newsletter. Let us know what you think!

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FirstSearch Tips

You want to know when it is time to order more searches

Did you know that you can receive an e-mail notice when the number of searches remaining falls below a certain number?

1. Go to the administration module
firstsearch.oclc.org/admin
2. Select "System Settings"
3. Select "Low Search Notification"
4. Follow the instructions (Help is also available if you click on ?)

How to check your account

How many searches are left in your account?

1. Go to the administration module
firstsearch.oclc.org/admin
2. Click **Account Information** in the main menu for information about your per-search account. You will find information about remaining searches and expiration dates. The number of searches remaining is updated once a day. This information helps you plan when to order more searches.

Training

OCLC Canada offers training using a web-conferencing software at no charge. If you need more information or training on a specific function or a service, give us a call and we will be glad to set up a session for your institution. Click here if you want to see the list of the presentations scheduled for 2002

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/canada/menu/training.htm>

A listserv for OCLC Canada

The list was created to be a forum for you to feel free to ask questions, share information, pass along advice, and exchange ideas among OCLC Canada libraries. It will also serve as an important channel of communication between OCLC Canada and its libraries. Official announcements will be posted on the list

To subscribe to the list, send an email to LISTSERV@oclc.org with the following as the body of the message:

SUB OCLC-Canada *Your Name*

What appears on the list will depend on what you, the Canadian libraries, want to see.

LTS Offers New Cataloguing Service

LTS is now offering cataloguing services for Chinese language materials. We offer catalogue records, both original and derived, in either Pinyin transliteration or in the vernacular.

Here are a few libraries who recently contracted some of their cataloguing with us:

- Canadian Museum of Civilization
- Saint Mary's University
- Canadian Council for Tobacco Control

Contact us for further details or click here to go to LTS web site <http://www.oclc.org/canada/lts.htm>

The LTS
Team in
Winnipeg



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<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/menu/bit.htm>

OCLC Canada will be there

Click here to see the list of conferences where OCLC Canada will be:

<http://www.oclc.org/oclc/canada/news/conf.htm>

We want to hear from you

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