



Canadian transportation libraries build catalogue using WorldCat

TransCatPlus, a new library catalog, formed by uniting resources from the leading Canadian transportation libraries, offers a single, easy-to-search, subject-focused group of records for finding information related to transportation.

Coordinated by Transport Canada through an OCLC Group Services agreement, TransCatPlus was created from catalogue records and holdings information in WorldCat contributed by five participants:

- Canadian Transportation Agency (www.cta-otc.gc.ca)
- Transportation Association of Canada (www.tac-atc.ca)
- Transportation Development Centre (www.tc.gc.ca/tdc/menu.htm)
- Transportation Safety Board of Canada (www.tsb.gc.ca)
- Transport Canada (<http://www.tc.gc.ca/>)

The customized union catalogue of bibliographic records is searchable in English and French through the OCLC FirstSearch service and features collections specializing in transportation-related topics: travel by air, roads and water; transportation safety; transportation history; emergency preparedness and environmental protection and management.

Users of the catalogue can search the holdings of all participating libraries simultaneously or limit searches to specific transportation libraries. They can also expand searches to the entire WorldCat database, which includes all types of libraries worldwide.

Learn more: www.oclc.org/groupservices/ and www.oclc.org/ca/en/.

Canada represented on key OCLC committees

Three Canadian librarians are now delegates to OCLC Advisory Committees:

- **Linda Woodcock**, Head of Cataloguing, Vancouver Public Library just began her second term on the Collections and Technical Services Advisory Committee.
- **Chantal St-Louis**, Chef - Service d'aide à la recherche, **Bibliothèque des sciences humaines et sociales** at Université Laval, has joined the Reference Services Advisory Committee.
- **Michael Ireland**, Business Manager / Information Access and Delivery from CISTI continue to represent OCLC Canada on the Resource Sharing Advisory Committee.

OCLC Canada thanks these delegates for their work advising OCLC product management teams.

RLG membership votes to combine with OCLC

RLG member institutions have approved a proposal to combine operations with OCLC, clearing the way for two of the world's largest membership-based information organizations to become one beginning July 1. Learn more:

www.oclc.org/news/releases/200625.htm.

OCLC Canada to supply electronic resources for Consortia Canada

Recently, Consortia Canada partnered with OCLC Canada for its renewal of two OUP database: Grove Music and Grove Arts. Through this partnership, Consortia Canada members can now use the expertise of a local service centre that is capable of providing high-quality, comprehensive electronic resources through its [OCLC Canada Cooperative Purchasing program](#). To purchase an electronic resource through this partnership, please contact Consortia Canada, your own local consortium or OCLC Canada if you do not belong to an existing consortium (you can also proceed from the Web site by selecting the "Ordering, free trial requests and subscription renewals" link in the right hand navigation).

The program also offers other notable databases from Lexis Nexis, Naxos Music Library and Serial Solutions. It is expected that some of these products, as well as others, will also be offered through Consortia Canada in the near future but you can visit the [OCLC Canada Cooperative Purchasing Web site](#) and choose the publisher you are interested in to find out more about these products.

Open WorldCat "Buy It" supports purchases from Canada

Web searchers in Canada who access OCLC's Find in a Library interface from familiar Web resources may now link from the OCLC service to purchase items on Amazon.ca. When searchers' browsers are set to recognize them as coming from Canada, they will see the "Buy It" box for Amazon.ca in the Find in a Library interface. Purchases from Amazon.ca will be billed in Canadian dollars.

This component of the Open WorldCat program not only connects Web searchers with the materials they need; it also delivers a financial benefit to all libraries that participate in the program. Each time a Web searcher purchases a book through Open WorldCat, a portion of the proceeds supports the ongoing development of Open WorldCat for the benefit of all participating libraries.

Web searchers can reach the Open WorldCat interface from search results in Web search engines or popular Web resources. Users may link directly to Amazon.com from Find in a Library for some items. When a direct link is not available, users will have the option of linking to the Amazon.com site to search for similar items.

For more information about the Open WorldCat program, visit: www.oclc.org/worldcat/open/.

OCLC Canada Advisory Council welcomes new delegates

Two new delegates recently joined the OCLC Canada Advisory Council (OCAC):

- **Bill Maes**, University Librarian at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia
- **Hélène Roussel**, Directrice générale de la diffusion, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec in Montréal

Maes and Roussel will serve three-year terms and be eligible to serve for an additional consecutive term.

OCAC is charged with advising OCLC Canada on regional, national and international library issues. It also ensures that OCLC Canada functions collaboratively with Canadian organizations as the latter identifies opportunities and creates services.

Enjoy great value on two OCLC FirstSearch databases

OCLC Electronic Books and *WorldCat Dissertations & Theses*, two of the newer databases on OCLC's FirstSearch service, offer great value for you and your library users.

OCLC Electronic Books includes records for more than 210,000 eBooks that have been catalogued by OCLC member libraries, including titles provided by NetLibrary and other providers. Updated daily, *Electronic Books* allows your users to quickly and efficiently retrieve records for eBooks that your library has purchased or licensed, as well as titles available in the public domain.

WorldCat Dissertations & Theses provides fast and convenient access to the dissertations and theses available at OCLC member libraries. This database is also updated daily and includes more than 5 million records. Many full-text theses and dissertations are available directly from the publishing institution at no charge through *Dissertations & Theses* via a link from WorldCat records.

With both of these FirstSearch databases, your users gain:

- Links to full-text content
- Links to library holdings in WorldCat
- An easy-to-use interface
- Superior search capabilities enhanced by dozens of indexes

With these databases, you:

- Provide fast, convenient access to resources your users need
- Highlight the richness of your collections
- Leverage your investments in your collections

Electronic Books and *Dissertations & Theses* are available for an annual subscription price based on your library type and population served (FTE for academic libraries), starting as low as just CAN\$270. For more information on how you can add these databases to the resources you provide your users, contact your local OCLC Canada Library Services Consultant (Eastern Canada: 1.888.653.6583, Ontario: 1.866.339.3790, Western Canada: 1.877.858.2058) or e-mail canada@oclc.org.

Toronto Public contributes a "Gold Record" to WorldCat

Toronto Public Library entered the 63 millionth record into WorldCat, the world's largest database of bibliographic information. OCLC calls these milestones "Gold Records," and the January 18 entry into WorldCat was the first Gold Record from a Canadian library. The gold record was for the book *Nicolai Klimiiter subterraneum*, by Baron Ludvig Holdberg.

"Canadian libraries have been great partners and contributors to OCLC," said Daniel Boivin, Director, OCLC Canada. "This recognition of Toronto Public Library illustrates the importance of Canadian content in WorldCat and also serves as a reminder of all the great contributions Canadian libraries have made to the OCLC cooperative."



Daniel Boivin, Director, OCLC Canada (R), presents the OCLC Gold Record for the 63 millionth WorldCat record to Nidal Rizkallah, Manager Cataloguing, Toronto Public Library.

Toronto Public Library is Canada's largest public library system with 99 branches and more than 11 million items for borrowing or use in the library. In 2001, Toronto Public Library had the world's second highest public library circulation, following only the Hong Kong Public Libraries.

NetLibrary announces new eAudiobook fiction collection for children and young adults

NetLibrary, a division of OCLC, has created a collection of 236 fiction eAudiobooks aimed at children and young adults. The collection includes Newbery and Caldecott titles, other award-winning titles and time-tested classics.

Many fiction genres are included in the collection: mystery, science fiction, fantasy, historical fiction, humor, ghost horror and contemporary.

The collection offers access to the works of many respected authors, including: Eve Bunting, Meg Cabot, Diane Duane, Lois Duncan, Karen Hesse, Ursula LeGuin, Lois Lowry, Lurlene McDaniel, Joan Lowry Nixon, Katherine Paterson, Gary Soto,

Elizabeth George Speare, Mildred Taylor and Paul Zindel. The OCLC NetLibrary platform provides eAudiobooks through its partnership with Recorded Books, the world's largest independent publisher and distributor of unabridged audiobooks.

A simplified annual subscription bases collection price on library size and anticipated circulation requirements. Contact OCLC Canada for more details on this new eAudiobook collection (and others available from NetLibrary): Eastern Canada: 1.888.653.6583, Ontario: 1.866.339.3790, Western Canada: 1.877.858.2058; or e-mail canada@oclc.org.

Notes from the Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute

By Christina Zeller

With its remote location, Emerald Lake Lodge in Yoho National Park leads you into an environment perfect for reflection and unique experience. As in previous years, the lodge was the location for the Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute (NEL), which most recently took place from September 29 to October 4, 2005.



NEL participant Christina Zeller outside the Emerald Lake Lodge in Yoho National Park, Field, British Columbia

NEL is an intense five-day experience "by and for Canada's library leaders." This year, 26 participants attended, as well as eight mentors, two sponsors and

NEL's organizers. Ernie Ingles, a visionary of the library profession, created NEL as an opportunity for librarians

in their first seven years of employment to become thoughtful leaders in the profession.

NEL takes place approximately every 18 months, alternating between early fall and midwinter at Emerald Lake Lodge. The mission of NEL is to "assist professional librarians to develop, strengthen and exercise their leadership skills" through individual and personal learning experiences. NEL included sessions on personal growth, leadership within your own organization, leadership in the profession, and developing a vision for the future of librarianship.

The 2005 NEL participants came from across Canada, including 12 from the Western provinces, eight from Ontario, one from Quebec and four from the East Coast. This year we also had one participant from New York state. We represented the spectrum of libraries, with 16 academic librarians, seven public librarians and three working in special library environments. The variety of perspectives gave us the opportunity to both challenge each other's assumptions and find the common ground in our profession, regardless of our work environments.

Our activities from day-to-day at NEL included personal reflection, brainstorming exercises, team building, role playing and examining issues through discussion. We listened to presentations on specific issues relevant to library leaders, like ethics and advocacy. The presentations and exercises showed the evidence gained through the seven previous NEL institutes, as each day balanced listening, discussing, reflecting and activities. Keeping an energetic and motivated group of librarians engaged over five packed days of learning isn't an easy task, but the way that the facilitators organized NEL, there was no risk of our minds wandering or boredom taking over.

Editor's note: Christina Zeller was one of two recipients of OCLC Canada who received the CLA Award for Northern Exposure to Leadership Institute. Both recipients were also awarded CAN\$1,000. Because of the awarded amount, Christina was able to participate in the five-day event.

[Read Christina Zeller's complete report](#) in the online version of the OCLC Canada Newsletter.

