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OCLC unveils Global Web Site

The new oclc.org is a consolidated web presence that brings together sites for every geographic region OCLC serves, providing a single access point for global and regional information about OCLC.

The new site went live 11 February and is another step in an ongoing process of change to serve libraries as a global cooperative with a global strategy and global focus.



Visitors to oclc.org arrive at a new gateway where they can select their preferred regional site and language. One of the goals of the new site is to bring together and integrate all regional web sites for OCLC, making them consistent in design and architecture. The content at each regional site is localised and translated for that location.

The regional sites available are:

- Asia Pacific
- Canada
- France
- Germany
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Middle East
- Netherlands
- United Kingdom and Ireland
- United States

OCLC welcomes your feedback on the new design and its usability. You'll find a [feedback link](#) at the bottom of the home page enabling you to send comments.

[View the new site.](#)

New date for CONTENTdm Webinar in Europe announced



The first European CONTENTdm webinar, "*Where do we go from here?*" has proven to be highly topical choice. A new date has now been announced on Wednesday 5th March at 10.30 am (GMT), to satisfy the demand.

The webinar is focused on giving European libraries and archives an introduction into the processes behind digitisation. Also a chance to find out what we have learnt from the many US and European libraries who have digitised their collections to date using CONTENTdm.

[Register here.](#)

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde extends OLIB

OLIB, OCLC's library management system designed specifically for the special library market, has been successfully implemented in a further nine hospital libraries in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, extending the wide range of library, information and e-learning services it provides to over 30,000 staff.

Originally implemented in two teaching hospitals in the South Glasgow University Hospitals Division, OLIB has now been extended to provide a networked library management solution offering a single catalogue to libraries at Glasgow Royal Infirmary, Gartnavel General Hospital, Beatson West of Scotland Cancer Centre, Stobhill Hospital, Western Infirmary, Gartnavel Royal Hospital, Inverclyde Royal Hospital, Royal Hospital for Sick Children (Yorkhill) and the Public Education Resource Library.

OCLC and CILIP co-host digital library event

Rapid expansion of digitisation and the growth of virtual reference services are creating new challenges for public, academic and corporate librarians. So CILIP has joined forces with OCLC to provide sound, practical advice on the challenges and opportunities this presents.

The programme will present initiatives in which libraries are either actively engaging or taking their first tentative steps. Expert speakers will help answer the question of whether these developments are meeting an explicit need or the community is just riding the crest of a technological wave.

Industry and Library Case Studies from Yahoo! Answers, Luton Libraries and the University of Wolverhampton will provide practical experience, while a special Digital Futures Forum will feature a presentation on delivering web-scale services. It will show how librarians can compete with web giants and remain relevant to users. There will be plenty of opportunities for discussion and debate with the speakers.

The event titled "*Meeting the Challenge of the Digital Library*" takes place on 17 April at CILIP Headquarters in London. For more information and to register visit the [CILIP Web site](#).



NetLibrary announces new publisher agreements

NetLibrary, OCLC's platform for eContent and the leading provider of eBooks for the institutional library market, has announced agreements with 21 leading publishers that will add thousands of new eBooks and eAudiobooks to NetLibrary's growing catalogue of more than 160,000 titles.

New publisher partners adding eContent to NetLibrary include:

A&C Black, one of the leading educational publishers in the UK, producing books in business, arts, wildlife, reference, and children's titles. It is most famous for its publication of Who's Who since 1897.

Encyclopedia Britannica is a leader in reference and education publishing and now offers many of its award-winning products in eBook format including the Britannica Almanac, the Britannica Illustrated Science Library, My First Britannica, New Views of the Solar System, the Britannica Concise Encyclopedia and Britannica's Encyclopedia of World Religions, as well as some in audio format.

Garnet Publishing and Ithaca Press are leading English-language publishers of academic books devoted to the Middle East and Arab world, with titles covering the fields of architecture, art, cookery, culture, heritage and history of the Middle East and Islam.

Harriman House is one of the UK's leading independent publishers of finance, business, economic and political books covering a wide range of subjects from personal finance, small business and lifestyle, to stock market investing, trading and professional guides.

Read the [full list of publishers](#).

OCLC acquires EZproxy

EZproxy, the leading software solution for serving library patrons remotely, has been acquired by OCLC from Useful Utilities of Peoria, Arizona. Useful Utilities founder Chris Zagar will join OCLC as a full-time consultant. Mr. Zagar will help ensure a smooth transition of EZproxy operations to OCLC, the world's largest library service and research organization, and assist OCLC in developing state-of-the-art authentication services for the cooperative.

EZproxy software allows libraries to manage access and authentication configurations through a proxy server so that library users do not have to make any configuration changes to their personal Web browsers.

More than 2,400 institutions in over 60 countries have purchased EZproxy software. OCLC will honor EZproxy's current service arrangement for existing and new customers whereby licensees continue to enjoy access to new releases of EZproxy and technical support at no additional charge.

Additionally, OCLC is planning to connect local instances of

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Charlotte Boulnois, Library Services Manger, South Glasgow Division, commented "The OLIB system worked smoothly from day one providing our clinicians with access to the right information quickly and efficiently through OLIB's intuitive OPAC. OCLC understood the complexities of the NHS and our needs for a system that could be configured to meet our individual requirements. So when it came to implementing a unified system across the Health Board Area we knew that OLIB could cope with the problems, complexities and opportunities that would occur with such a large and diverse number of libraries."

For more information on OLIB email uk@oclc.org.

Task Force on Sustainable Digital Preservation and Access named

International leaders offering a variety of interests and areas expertise have been named to a distinguished Blue Ribbon Task Force to develop actionable recommendations for the economic sustainability of preservation of and persistent access to digital information for future generations.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force on Sustainable Digital Preservation and Access is co-chaired by Fran Berman, director of the San Diego Supercomputer Center at University of California, San Diego and a pioneer in data cyberinfrastructure; and Brian Lavoie, a research scientist and economist with OCLC, the world's largest library service and research organisation.

"This Task Force is uniquely composed of people with economic and technical expertise," said Lucy Nowell, Program Director for the Office of Cyberinfrastructure at the National Science Foundation, in announcing the members of the task force. "We believe this rare combination will enable the group to explore dimensions of the sustainability challenge that have never been addressed before, and make the societal and institutional cases for supporting data repositories."

The Task Force members include Paul Ayrís, Director of Library Services, the University College of London, England and Chris Rusbridge, Director, Digital Curation Centre, University of Edinburgh.

Read the [full list of members](#).

"Delivering the goods: Thoughts on the future of ILL?"

Katie Birch, OCLC Portfolio Manager, will be presenting at the Nordic ILL conference - in Stockholm 6-8 October.

This paper will focus on resource sharing as we move towards 2010, and how the landscape is changing. Is inter-library lending the library's Long Tail? What are the barriers to reinventing inter-library lending? And how can these barriers be broken down?

This paper will explore initiatives, projects and innovations taking place around the world in the inter-library arena. It will discuss all aspects of ILL from patron initiated requesting, unmediated requesting, copyright, electronic document and home delivery, as well as policies and fee management. We will discuss alternatives to ILL – buy it options and how they can be integrated in to inter-library lending workflow and the library workflow as a whole.

Deadline for 2009 IFLA/OCLC Fellowship applications is March 7

The application deadline for the 2009 IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship Program is March 7, 2008. This program, jointly sponsored by the American Theological Library Association, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and OCLC, provides early career development and continuing education for library and information science professionals from countries with developing economies.

Up to five individuals, including a theological librarian, will be selected for participation in this intensive five-week Fellowship program. Four weeks are based at OCLC headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, USA; one week is based at OCLC in Leiden, Netherlands. The program includes lectures, seminars and mentoring, and gives Fellows opportunities to explore topics including information technologies, library operations and management, and global cooperative librarianship.

Read more and download the application form [here](#).

EZproxy to WorldCat.org, creating new value for licensees and their users. By surfacing EZproxy in WorldCat.org, end users outside of the library will have better access to library collections and services through WorldCat.



WorldCat Facebook application now available

The new WorldCat Facebook application provides access to WorldCat searches and user-created lists from personalized pages within a Facebook account.

The application includes a home screen with the WorldCat search box, as well as quick links to WorldCat searches based on topics listed in a Facebook profile as personal interests. The application also includes:

- a built-in, advanced WorldCat search;
- a panel that allows users to invite other Facebook friends to install WorldCat;
- a "Something to Read" panel that displays books recently added to WorldCat lists; and
- a "Favorite WorldCat Lists" panel where users track their own lists or those of other WorldCat users.

Learn more [here](#).

First union catalogue and WorldCat synchronised in real time

Every update in the Dutch union catalogue NCC is now automatically available in WorldCat thanks to the SRU update. By making this real-time update available, OCLC delivers on its promise to make local and group catalogues more visible on a global level through WorldCat. The automatic update from various regional union catalogues adds to the value of WorldCat as the most comprehensive and efficient global library catalogue.

The new capabilities for updates achieved for the Dutch union catalogue NCC will also become available for other union catalogue services based on the CBS platform, which is offered in large parts of Germany, France, the United Kingdom and Australia. These live updates to group level catalogues will enhance their contributions to the WorldCat database with even better data and updated records.

Creating live updates between local, group and global level catalogues is in line with OCLC's commitment to connect libraries, with each other as well as with their users. By doing so, local libraries get a stronger position and reach a webscale that enables them to be a serious and reliable alternative for information now often sourced elsewhere.

SRU update (a modernization of the Z39.50 extended service update and Union Catalogue Profile) is a very important piece for cooperating union catalogues. Batch loads are less immediate and require some handling. With tightly aligned databases it is possible for each union catalogue to access each others' enriched content.

OCLC WorldMap: Visualising information about collections and libraries worldwide

The OCLC WorldMap is a prototype system that provides an interactive tool for selecting and displaying international library holdings represented in WorldCat, as well as publishing, library, cultural heritage and population data.

The OCLC WorldMap allows users to select countries of interest, then to compare various library holding and data by country. WorldMap will generate interactive graphs that compare several different kinds of data for up to four countries at a time.

