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BCR Expands Online Learning Opportunities for Members

By Brandie Baumann

As part of an on-going commitment to constantly expand distance learning opportunities for its members, BCR has added another source of online education. On October 1, BCR joined regional networks from other parts of the U.S. as a participant in the **Network Education Exchange (NEE)**. Designated online courses offered by any other NEE participating network are available to BCR members at the sponsoring network's member price.

BCR member libraries now have access to a wider array of topics than ever before, providing library staff the opportunity to further develop their skills and knowledge. "I'm very excited about the diversity of courses available to our members through the Network Education Exchange," said BCR Executive Director Brenda Bailey-Hainer. "The content will be created by experts who may live elsewhere in the country, but BCR members can take these courses without leaving their library — and at a price they can afford."

Just a few of the many classes offered through NEE during the coming months include:

- Dealing with Diversity: What Changing Demographics Mean to Your Library
- Ready Reference and More on the Internet
- Metadata for Digitized Resources
- Project Management for Digital Imaging
- Web Publishing: The Basics
- Pop Culture: Unlikely Advocacy Tool
- Using PDAs in Libraries

Signing up for a NEE workshop offered by another participating network is quick and easy. The workshops are listed on BCR's Web site and identified by the NEE logo. Clicking on the course name will take you to a description of the offering. When you

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Forward Focus

We live in a moment of history where change is so speeded up that we begin to see the present only when it is already disappearing.

R. D. Laing, *The Politics of Experience*

I've been with BCR for several months now and have had the opportunity to attend some stimulating meetings including the Thinking Ahead 2006 Symposium in Salt Lake City. The discussion at the event was lively and covered a number of topics ranging from the angst of supporting rapidly evolving technology to overhauling library education requirements. But the one common theme in all of the discussions was: The only thing that is constant is change.

Change has certainly been the norm at BCR during the last six months. Dave Brunell and Joyce Hillshafer both retired. Another long-term staff member, Rosario Garza, left to head up a library cooperative in California.

While we're sorry to see nearly 70 years of collective experience leave the organization, at the same time it offers BCR the opportunity to transform itself into a new kind of organization that can better help libraries meet the challenges presented by their changing user demographics.

As part of this transformation, BCR reorganized in October. There are now five primary divisions: Business Office, HR & Communications, Innovations & Special Projects, Training & OCLC Services and Marketing & Support. Many of the same voices and faces will greet you as you contact BCR for assistance, attend a training session or visit our booth at a state association conference. However, you also will encounter some new faces as old positions are filled and new ones created.

Any organization has a certain amount of momentum. Activities such as the release of a new and improved Web site, more regular electronic communications with library members and presentations at the fall state library association conferences were set in motion months ago and are just now coming to fruition. The train will keep on moving forward down the tracks, but during the coming year you will see more changes that gradually will allow us to shift the tracks in a different direction while continuing to move forward. We'll be updating services, expanding training options and seeking more sponsorships and partnerships. At the same time, we'll be slowing the train down as we upgrade our infrastructure and hire new staff to support new technology initiatives and streamline internal processes so we can make the shift to a new direction without completely derailing.

The BCR Board of Trustees will help us set that new direction. Prior to the next Board meeting in early December, Board members will hold a retreat to work on a new strategic business plan. A portion of the day will be spent in an overview of an environmental scan the BCR management team has completed on trends affecting member libraries and BCR. This will set the stage for envisioning BCR's future strategies for thriving in this rapidly changing environment.

BCR has served libraries for more than 70 years. It has altered direction dramatically several times in the past in order to better meet the changing demands and needs of libraries and their constituencies. We're entering just another phase in the overall life cycle of the organization, and looking forward to an exciting era of serving all of our members, in many different states, in many different types of libraries and in many different ways.

Brenda Bailey-Hainer, Executive Director

BCR Team Eliminates Cataloging Backlog

By Dig Chinn and Mary Norman

What do the country's deepest ditch — the Grand Canyon — and BCR's cataloging service have in common? Last year the growing backlog of uncataloged items at Grand Canyon National Park Library had staff concerned that they would soon have to begin stacking the materials up the canyon walls outside their library doors. But that was *before* they decided that using BCR's Custom Cataloging Services was a better solution.

In a year's time BCR's professional catalogers have made major progress in cataloging the library's collection, almost completely eliminating the backlog the small staff at the library did not have the time to tackle. The library had thousands of documents, maps, books, videotapes and other materials that were neither organized nor cataloged. Rare books were mixed with ephemeral materials. Some items needed to be restricted because they showed the location of unprotected ancestral Puebloan remains and artifacts.

Tailored to Meet Library's Needs

Dig Chinn, BCR cataloging project manager, and Mary Norman, BCR cataloger, worked closely with Park Interpretive Specialist Ellen Seeley, who oversees the library, to customize the project to meet the library's particular needs. They developed specific guidelines for cataloging the eight-year backlog of materials so the items could be made readily available as part of the library's comprehensive collections. The variety of types of materials and the fact that some were restricted had to be taken into consideration. Of particular concern was cataloging the library's vertical file. For example, research in the file on the black-foot ferret included articles, books, various documents, maps, letters and other materials. Chinn and Norman suggested pulling out the books and cataloging them separately, while cataloging the remaining items as a kit or set of materials.

A grant from the Grand Canyon Association, a volunteer group that supports the park and library, funded the cataloging project.

The contract began in September 2005, and as of mid-September 2006, BCR staff had cataloged 2,300-plus titles. "I've been really pleased. We just send the stuff out, and it comes back completed. We've been able to get everything cataloged and available to the world. That's what's important," said Seeley, who has had to depend mostly on volunteers to staff her library.

"BCR's people offer a level of professional expertise that small libraries don't have on their staffs," Seeley noted. "I think that small, special collections libraries need the help BCR can provide. We concentrate on a single subject and have all sorts of documents." Seeley hopes to be able to find the money to keep the Grand Canyon cataloging project going to ensure current and future materials can be readily accessible.

All Types of Materials Cataloged

BCR's Custom Cataloging staff are adept at cataloging all types of materials. They have cataloged a variety of government documents — local, special districts, state, federal and even international. They catalog books, serials, audiovisual and sound recordings from 78 rpm phonodisks to DVDs and CD-ROMs, as well as musical scores, maps and atlases, manuscripts, theses and dissertations and electronic resources. Foreign language materials also are no problem. BCR's catalogers have worked with materials in most European, Roman and Cyrillic alphabets, as well as Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Greek, Hebrew and Yiddish.

BCR staff also have undertaken specialized projects providing personnel and inventory services, not ordinarily a part of BCR's cataloging program. Among those was a five-year contract with the University of Colorado's Norlin Library to inventory some 928,000 titles.

If your library needs cataloging assistance, whether for a backlog of materials or for current cataloging of special items, contact BCR's Dig Chinn: dchinn@bcr.org or (800) 397-1552, ext. 114.

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find a class you would like to sign up for, you register online directly with the providing network and pay by credit card.

Find a list of current online courses available through the NEE agreement at www.bcr.org/training/online/nee/. To receive

regular updates on new workshops and training-related announcements, sign up for BCR's **Continuing Education RSS feed**. For questions or comments, contact Regan Harper (rharp@bcr.org) at BCR.

State Libraries, BCR Sponsor College of DuPage Teleconferences

By Brandie Baumann

Staff at BCR member libraries can look forward to another year of access to the College of DuPage teleconferences at no charge to them. Ten state library agencies within BCR, along with the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC), together have funded a group license with the **College of DuPage** which was negotiated by BCR on their behalf. This cooperative effort makes it possible for staff at all member libraries — both at libraries in member states and at individual member libraries in other states — to participate in the teleconferences at no charge. Libraries may downlink the satellite coordinates to the five College of DuPage teleconference programs for on-site viewing, or staff may view the teleconferences via webcast from any location with adequate Internet access. The webcasts, also available at no charge to libraries, will be archived and available for 60 days following the live broadcast. Libraries may order tapes or DVDs of the broadcasts for their collections for \$30 each.

Upcoming Teleconferences

The teleconference program is set up in two series: *Soaring to Excellence* and *Library Challenges & Opportunities*. The first program was broadcast on October 27. The remaining programs and dates are as follows:

Soaring to Excellence 2007 — Library 2.0 and Beyond

- February 9, 2007: “Next Gen Librarianship: Where Do We Go from Here?”
- April 13, 2007: “The Best from the Web”

Library Challenges & Opportunities 2007

- March 23, 2007: “Library Transformation: Making It Happen”
- May 11, 2007: “The Relevance of Libraries in a Digital Age”

The broadcasts run one and one-half hours and are scheduled for noon Eastern Time (11 a.m. Central; 10 a.m. Mountain; 9 a.m. Pacific; and 8 a.m. Hawaii-Aleutian).

How to Register for the Satellite or Webcast

Register online for the satellite downlink and/or the webcast by completing BCR’s online registration form at www.bcr.org/training/teleconferences/register.html. The downlink site-license terms can be viewed at: www.bcr.org/training/teleconferences/terms.html. Those institutions and individuals that registered for the downlinks and/or the webcasts also are listed on the BCR Web site.

Without the financial support of the state libraries, these popular programs could not be made available at no charge to the libraries in our region. Be sure to thank your state library agency (and CLiC in Colorado) for their sponsorship. Participating agencies include Idaho Commission for Libraries, State Library of Iowa, State Library of Kansas, Montana State Library, Nevada State Library and Archives, Oregon State Library, Utah State Library, Washington State Library and Wyoming State Library. The Colorado State Library and CLiC are the sponsoring organizations for Colorado.

Garza Leaves BCR for California Post

Rosario Garza, assistant director for Member services and longtime BCR employee, has left the Bibliographical Center for Research after more than 22



years to become manager of the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System in Pasadena, California. MCLS is a cooperative of 32 public libraries in Los Angeles County that provides training, reference databases and various other services to member libraries.

Garza joined BCR in 1984 as a trainer specializing in cataloging and what was then the OCLC Cataloging system. She was promoted to manager of BCR’s Bibliographic Systems & Services program in January 1994 and to assistant director of Member Services in the summer of 2002.

“Working at BCR has been an honor and privilege,” Garza said on her departure. “I’ve met so many wonderful staff throughout our member libraries. I especially have enjoyed working with the BCR staff — a more dedicated group will be hard to find anywhere else.”

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Preferential Pricing for BCR Member Libraries Marks New BCR Partnership with Emerald

By Karen Graham

Through a new partnership with Emerald Group Publishing Limited, BCR now offers libraries preferential pricing on Emerald's extensive management, library services and engineering resources. Included are two of Emerald's premium databases, Emerald Management Xtra and Emerald Management Xtra College, both specifically designed for community colleges. Participating libraries also can take advantage of Emerald's free usage development service. (See "Training and Support for BCR Members" below.)

Emerald Management Xtra is a comprehensive collection of peer-reviewed management articles and resources for researchers, librarians, teachers, students and deans in the management field. This valuable collection provides access to:

- Up to 150 full-text business and management journals published by Emerald including a full-text archive facility dating back to 1994.
- More than 190,000 structured review abstracts from 300-plus leading journals by other publishers worldwide.
- Resources for librarians, faculty, authors, researchers, deans and managers.
- More than 1,000 case studies, ideal examples of current business and management issues.

For more information please visit xtra.emeraldinsight.com/.

Emerald Xtra College has been developed with the requirements of community colleges in mind by combining 30 Emerald full-text applied and vocational journals translating into more than 9,000 articles and independent structured review abstracts from a further 300 management journals. Emerald Management Xtra College also offers a wide range of resources for librarians, teaching faculty, students, researchers and authors, and collections that include case studies, book reviews, interviews, specialist teaching and student resources. For further information please visit www.emeraldinsight.com/college/.

Training and Support for BCR Members

Emerald has a dedicated usage development team offering training and support for BCR members. The Emerald team offers free onsite training, online demonstration sessions of Emerald databases via WebEx technology and supplies support material to help librarians promote the library with the overall objective of increasing usage.

For a free trial of Emerald products and services or for further information please contact BCR's Karen Graham, kgraham@bcr.org.

Member Libraries Focus of BCR's New, Redesigned Web Site

BCR introduced a new, redesigned Web site at www.bcr.org/ this fall. If you haven't yet taken a look at the new design, we invite you to visit and browse both new features and old.

One new feature is the Member Library Focus, the photo of a BCR member library featured on the front page. With each visit, a photo of a different member library randomly appears. BCR invites all members to send an electronic photo of their libraries to lholmber@bcr.org. Please include the name of the library, institution, city and state.

A BCR Web Usability Group composed of staff from member libraries throughout BCR's 11 member state region guided BCR's Internet Team in the redesign. BCR's Lisa Holmberg, project coordinator for Innovations & Special Projects (ISP), designed the new Web site. She and BCR's Ellen Fox, ISP manager, are available to assist members in designing user friendly, interactive Web sites. Contact Fox at efox@bcr.org.

BCR Now Accepting Credit Cards

By Darrell Vigil

In mid-September, BCR begin accepting credit cards. Staff from member libraries may now use Visa and MasterCard to pay invoices, make purchases or pay for workshop registrations.

The minimum credit card payment amount is \$10. The maximum amount is \$20,000.

If you would like to make a payment by credit card, complete and print the Credit Card Payment Authorization form on our Web site at the following URL: www.bcr.org/business/ccard.html. Then fax the form to BCR at (303) 751-9787, or contact BCR's Business Office at (303) 751-6277 or (800) 397-1552 to authorize a payment over the telephone.

Small School, Public Libraries Benefit from BCR Discounts on SIRS, ProQuest Databases

By Lisa Holmberg

BCR offers a number of resources for K-12 schools and media centers through BCR's discounted group contracts. Though these databases are available to public and academic libraries as well, their value to school libraries and media centers merits special mention.

SIRS Databases

The SIRS databases, including SIRS Researcher, Government Reporter, Renaissance, WebSelect, Discoverer and Discoverer WebFind provide relevant, credible information on social issues, science, history, government, the arts and humanities. Go in-depth into nearly 100 leading pro/con issues or explore thousands of topical issues in eight major subject areas. Updated daily, full-text articles and Internet resources are carefully selected from thousands of domestic and international publications and respected organizations.

BCR is currently offering steep discounts on SIRS databases for school libraries with fewer than 300 students (and public libraries serving populations of fewer than 7,500). For these small libraries, a subscription to SIRS Researcher is only \$340. If you are interested in purchasing any of the SIRS databases, please visit www.bcr.org/reference/sirs/.

CultureGrams Online

The ProQuest database, CultureGrams Online, offers country reports that deliver an insider's perspective on daily life and culture, including the background, customs and lifestyles of the world's people. Individual reports covering 187 countries and all 50 United States are written and reviewed by in-country experts and are updated every year, so you can be sure you're offering only the very best information to staff and students.

BCR offers special pricing for K-12 schools and media centers, in addition to pricing for hospital libraries, community colleges and public libraries. If you are interested in purchasing CultureGrams Online, visit www.bcr.org/reference/proquest/culturegrams.html for pricing and order information.

BCR is currently offering a free trial of these databases and other ProQuest resources. To sign up for the trial, visit www.bcr.org/trials/index.html. If you would like more information about the ProQuest resources BCR offers, please contact Lisa Holmberg at lholmber@bcr.org.

Serials Solutions Releases Enhanced Search Functionality

By Regan W. Harper

Serials Solutions has launched Serials Solutions Central Search Results Clustering, a significant federated search enhancement. This new functionality integrates seamlessly with Central Search to introduce users to the new generation of federated search — more powerful, efficient and effective than before.

Central Search Results Clustering dramatically enhances the resource discovery experience. Subject, date, resource and author results are clustered on-the-fly, making it faster and easier for patrons to find what they want. Results Clustering provides significant benefits to patrons and librarians, including:

- Reduced information overload
- Targeted research results
- No required end-user training
- Quick and easy set-up

To learn more about Central Search Results Clustering, you may:

- View a short demo at www.serialssolutions.com/promotion/clusteringdemo.htm.
- Attend a *free* online seminar and demonstration by registering at www.serialssolutions.com/webinarlist.asp.
- Request a live demo by sending an e-mail to marketing@serialssolutions.com.

Take Advantage of Special Year-end Offer

Serials Solutions is also extending a special offer to BCR members. Send an e-mail message to Serials Solutions at sales@serialssolutions.com or call (866) 737-4257 ext. 5, to find out more about this special offer and Serials Solutions' complete suite of services.

WorldCat.org — A New Discovery Service for Your Library

By Heather Clark

In early August, OCLC released WorldCat.org, a free search service of the WorldCat database. The simple, streamlined search interface uses relevancy ranking and FRBR concepts to present search results. The service is freely available on the World Wide Web, and users are able to find items available at local libraries when they add a postal code to the search. The entire 70-plus million record WorldCat database is available to be searched on WorldCat.org. Search results display only records that are attached to holdings of participating libraries.

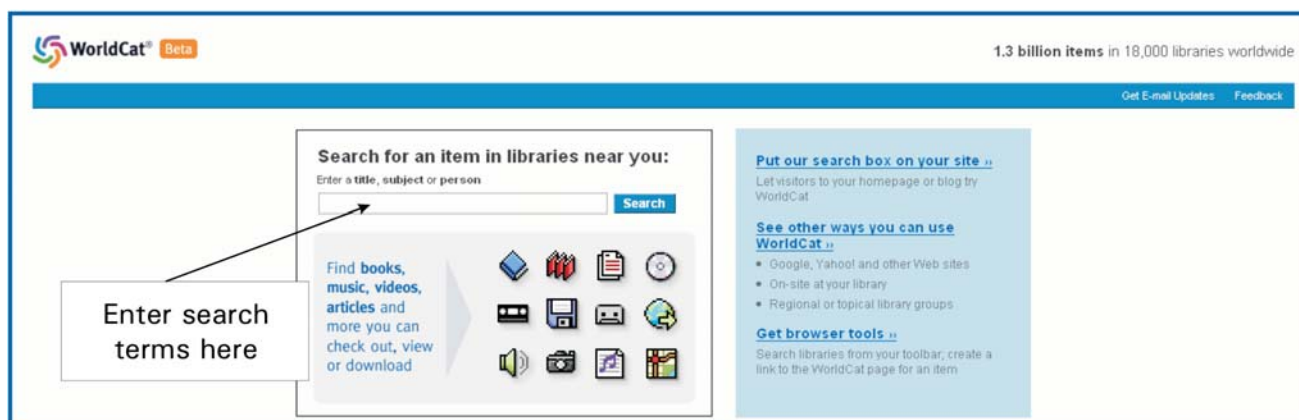
Participating libraries are WorldCat-cataloging libraries that subscribe to WorldCat on FirstSearch in order to provide public access to their collections through FirstSearch. This means that search results do not necessarily return all available matching items in the WorldCat database, and that when a user generates a list of holdings for an item in a particular geographic area, the listings will not necessarily display all libraries in the defined region that actually have the item.

Libraries that have subscription access to FirstSearch will have their ownership displayed for users, making the WorldCat.org service a discovery point for those who might not go to a library home page as a first source of information.

Simple Search Queries

The searching functionality in WorldCat.org differs from the way FirstSearch or Connexion performs searches. Users are presented with a simple search box without opportunity to initially limit the search. OCLC is seeking to provide a search experience that is more familiar to the general Internet user.

Search Screen on WorldCat.org (See below)



'FRBR-ized' Results

Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) is a conceptual model that groups multiple bibliographic records for the same title together in a common result record. Generally, this larger group is then divided into subsets of various editions. Results lists in a FRBR-ized format allow simpler viewing access. A user does not need to scroll through many records for very similar items.

Link to Your Library

WorldCat.org uses your library settings in the FirstSearch administrative module to create deep links from the item record in WorldCat to the item record in your library catalog. When a library's IP addresses are registered in the admin module, authenticated users of WorldCat.org can also link to a library's FirstSearch account and to interlibrary loan services. Libraries can also register links to their home page, an information page (i.e. hours, directions, etc.), virtual reference desk and Open URLserver. Libraries should also be aware that WorldCat.org is likely to increase interlibrary loan requests as their collections receive greater exposure on the World Wide Web.

Open WorldCat vs. WorldCat.org

You may be familiar with the Open WorldCat Project, which allows the ability to search the WorldCat database through search engines like Google, Yahoo! and Ask.com. This service will continue. However, WorldCat.org expands this Web presence by making the whole of WorldCat's 67 million records available on the open Web. Other vendors are only indexing 3 million-to-4 million of WorldCat's records. A diagram of the services is available at www.bcr.org/publications/bcreview/2006/09/worldcatorgchartdia.pdf.

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Meet BCR's New Staff Members

A trio of new faces graces the offices at BCR. Please join us in welcoming Gillian Harrison, manager of BCR's new Marketing & Support division; Jay Ford, Marketing & Support associate; and Sherry Phinney, technology support assistant in Innovations & Special Projects (formerly Research & Development). All already are using their particular expertise to assist you, our members, and provide even more service.

Gillian Harrison hails from NetLibrary in Boulder, Colorado, where she served most recently as global product manager for NetLibrary. She was with NetLibrary for more than six years serving in a variety of positions, including coordinator of Sales/Business Services,



Business Systems Analysis and manager of Library and Product Research. In addition, she has practical experience working in public, academic and special libraries. Harrison has a MLIS with an Information Networks concentration from the University of Denver and a BS in Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines.

Jay Ford worked most recently in online database sales for EBSCO and Thomson Gale, covering many of the same states BCR serves. In his sales roles, at various times he has worked with the public, academic, school and special libraries markets. Prior to that, he managed the support desk and served as worldwide marketing



liaison at the now defunct UnCover document delivery services and also worked for MapQuest. Ford has a BA in History from Denison University, Granville, Ohio, and a post-graduate certificate in technical writing from Clark University in Massachusetts.

Sherry Finney served with Mesa County Public Library District in Grand Junction, Colorado, where she performed front-line support for information technology including troubleshooting software, served as the library's liaison to the Marmot Library Network, performed data management in Access databases, created and distributed newsletters and created Web sites. She has expertise with a number



The Internet Connection

By Michael Sauers

LibraryThing and Your Library

Back in July I found myself in Iowa as a presenter at the state library's Rural Sustainability workshops being held throughout the state. I was there to provide a presentation about USB technology, but many other topics were also discussed. In talking with Karen Burns, administrator of the Southwest Library Service Area (www.swilsa.lib.ia.us/) she mentioned that she wished there was a way to take the content of an RSS feed and republish it as part of a Web page. (As a result, the content of the Web page would be automatically updated.) I informed her that with tools like Feed2JS (www.feed2js.org/) and FeedDigest (www.feedit.com/), she could do exactly what she wanted. She promised to try it out as soon as she had the time.

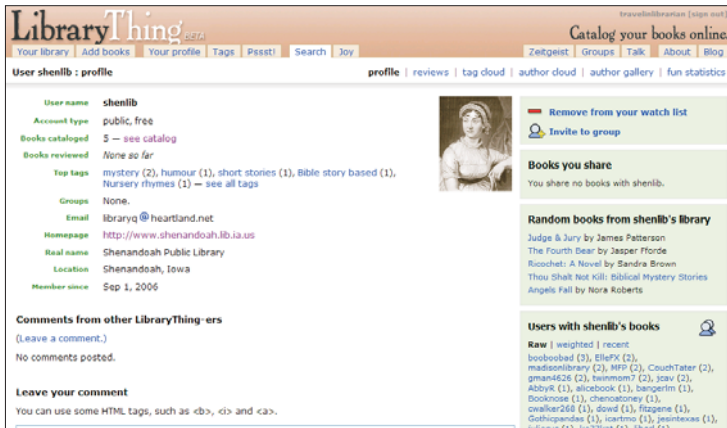
Fast forward to the end of August. Obviously Karen found time and now is totally hooked on the concept. She sent me an

e-mail link to some test pages, adding that she'd have the Shenandoah Public Library (www.shenandoah.lib.ia.us/) using her idea shortly. What she did was set up SPL with a LibraryThing account (www.librarything.com/catalog.php?view=shenlib) and Carrie Falk, the library's Teen and Tech Librarian entered a few of their recent acquisitions. (Doing this involves just entering or importing ISBNs and adding descriptive tags to each item.)

Karen then took the RSS feed for SPL's recently added books and fed it into FeedRoll (www.feedroll.com/). FeedRoll provided her with a snippet of JavaScript which she then placed in the HTML code of SPL's homepage. As a result, a list of the 10 most recent items added to the library were automatically displayed on the library's home page.

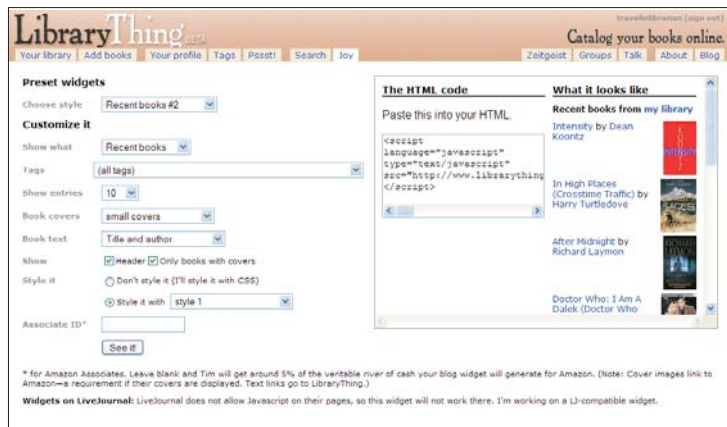
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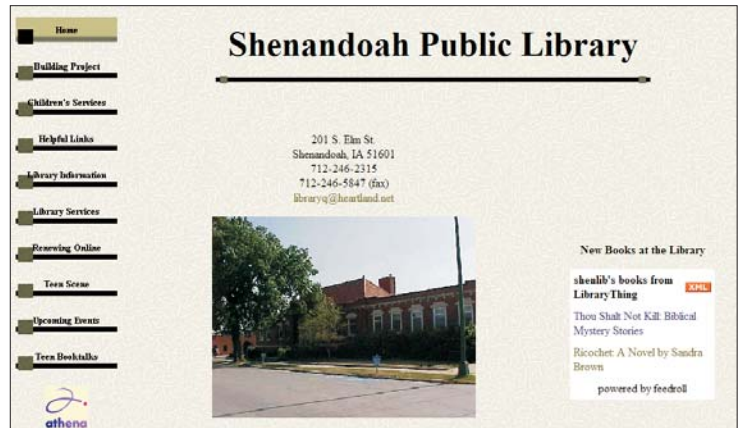


I blogged about this, and the folks at LibraryThing picked up on it and blogged about it on the LibraryThing blog. As an aside, they wondered why the library wasn't using the LibraryThing "blog widget." Intrigued, I went hunting.

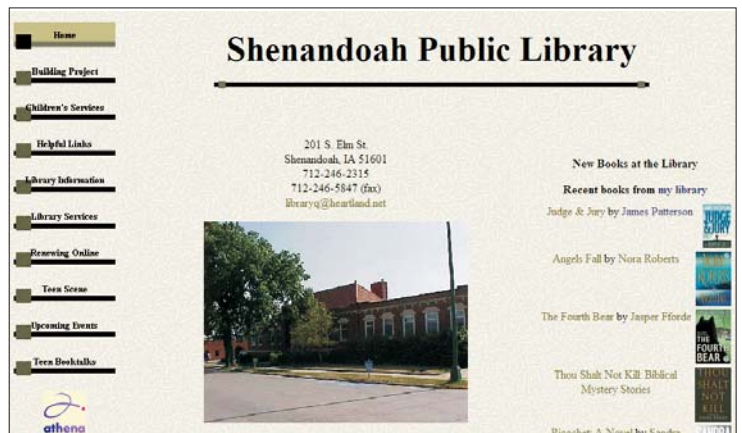
It turns out that although my suggestion of using a third-party service such as FeedRoll worked, there is a much simpler way to accomplish the same thing — the aforementioned LibraryThing blog widget (www.librarything.com/widget.php). The blog widget allows you to bypass the need for a third-party RSS processor and get the data directly out of LibraryThing and onto your Web page by choosing some options from a form and using the JavaScript that LibraryThing generates.



Besides being a more direct route to the desired result, the LibraryThing blog widget allowed for additional customizations a third-party service did not. The most notable examples: the inclusion of cover images, showing a random list of books in your LibraryThing account (so patrons see a different list each time they visit the library's site) and the ability to limit which books are displayed based on their associated tags.



(For example, if you wanted to display just a list of your new history books, you could instruct the blog widget to output only those books that were tagged as "history.")



According to SLP's Karen Burns, by the time you read this column, several other libraries in Southwest Iowa will also be taking advantage of LibraryThing to automatically feature their new titles on their home pages. These libraries include Creston Public Library (www.creston.lib.ia.us/), Southwestern Community College LRC (www.swccowa.edu/LRC/LRC.html), Atlantic Public Library (www.atlantic.lib.ia.us/) and the Southwest Iowa Library Service Area (www.swilsa.lib.ia.us/).

The use of this tool will continue to be tweaked as new situations arise, but with just a minimal amount of Web page editing knowledge, you can implement the same feature on your library's Web site in just a matter of minutes.

BCR Offers Free Trial and Special Discount Subscription to Wilson Databases

By Karen Graham

H.W. Wilson and BCR are collaborating to make a new free trial of Wilson databases available to all BCR libraries this fall. Try these reference databases now by registering for the free trial at www.bcr.org/reference/Wilson/Wilsontrialform.html. The October 15-to-November 30 trial/special purchase offers significant discounts on 13-month subscriptions, which start December 1, 2006, (first year only, with a January 1 start date in subsequent years) and run through December 31, 2007.

Pricing for these databases are discounted greatly from retail prices. Pricing information and a Web order form are available on BCR's Web site. Orders may be placed at any time during the trial.



BCR Welcomes New Board Members, Delegates

The newest members of the BCR Board of Trustees and OCLC Members Council delegates were warmly welcomed at the September Board meeting. Standing from left to right: Claudia Thornton Frazer, Digital Initiatives coordinator, librarian, Drake University (Iowa) (BCR Members Council delegate); John Pollitz, Associate University librarian for Public Services and Innovative Technology, Oregon State University Libraries (at-large trustee); Ann Joslin, state librarian, Idaho Library Commission (state library trustee); and Linda Thibodeau, deputy director, Alaska State Library (state library trustee alternate). Seated is Gina Millsap, executive director, Topeka & Shawnee County (Kansas) Public Library (public libraries trustee). Missing is Nancy Allen, dean and director, Penrose Library, University of Denver (research libraries trustee).

BCR's trial includes the following databases, each of which may be purchased separately:

- Art Museum Image Gallery (AMIG)
- Art Full Text
- Biography Index: Past and Present
- Biography Reference Bank
- Book Review Digest Plus
- Current Issues: Reference Shelf Plus
- Essay and General Literature
- Play Index
- Short Story Index

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BCR Holidays 2007

The BCR offices will be closed on the following dates:

New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 15, 2007
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 19, 2007
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2007
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2007
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2007
Columbus Day	Monday, October 8, 2007
Veterans' Day	Monday, November 12, 2007
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 22, 2007
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 23, 2007
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24, 2007
Christmas Day	Tuesday, December 25, 2007

Member News

Honors and Achievements

Congratulations to **Monica Martens** and **David Selden** of the National Indian Law Library (Colorado). They received the Public Access to Government Information Award from the American Association of Law Libraries for their work in making tribal law available to the public.

Andrea R. Lapsley, director of development for libraries at Colorado State University, has been named president of the Library Administration and Management Association for 2006.

Eugene Hainer, Colorado's state librarian, has been named to the regional advisory board of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Jefferson County (Colorado) Public Library was named a Webby Official Honoree by the International Academy of Digital Arts. The honor recognized the library's Web site (info.jefferson.lib.co.us), which was designed internally and is managed by library staff.

For the fourth year, **Multnomah County (Oregon) Library** in 2005 ranked first among the nation's public libraries in circulation. The ranking was reported in the Public Library Association's *Statistical Report 2006*.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded **Johnson County (Kansas) Library** a \$249,900 grant for Science INC (Inspiring Natural Curiosity), a joint project with Kansas City Public Television, Science City at Union Station, Science Pioneers and Pathfinder Science.

BCR Libraries Rated Among Tops in Nation

BCR member libraries again were named among the top 100 in Hennen's American Public Library Ratings for 2006. That includes the Hardtner Public Library in Kansas, which rated first among the nation's libraries with populations of less than 1,000. Eighteen libraries throughout BCR's member states earned the honors in their population categories.

Population	Rank	Library
500,000	2	Multnomah County Library (Oregon)
	4	Denver Public Library (Colorado)
	7	Salt Lake County Library System (Utah)
	9	Pikes Peak Library District (Colorado)
250,000	4	Johnson County Library (Kansas)
100,000	5	Arapahoe Library District (Colorado)
	7	Douglas Public Library District (Colorado)
	9	Salt Lake City Public Library (Utah)
25,000	7	Lake Oswego Public Library (Oregon)
10,000	3	Hays Public Library (Kansas)
2,500	2	Mt. Pleasant Public Library (Utah)
	4	James Kennedy Public Library (Iowa)
1,000	4	Riceville Public Library (Iowa)
	6	Seneca Free Library (Kansas)
	8	Dike Public Library (Iowa)
	9	Conrad Public Library (Iowa)
Below 1,000	1	Hardtner Public Library (Kansas)
	9	Silverton Public Library (Colorado)

People on the Move

The Board of Trustees of the Southeastern (Iowa) Library Services named **Kim Kietzman** as administrator, replacing Emily Navarre, who retired. **Wanda Gardner** replaced Kietzman as director of the LeClaire Community Library.

Debbie Cramer has been named the new executive director of the Montana Library Association.

Staff at the Dodge City Public Library welcomed **Cathy Reeves** as that library's new director.

Ross Callendar has joined the Colorado Library Consortium (CliC) as Northwest Regional consultant. Callendar is based in the Grand Junction area.

Patti Butcher has returned to Kansas. On November 1, she joined the staff at the State Library of Kansas as director of Statewide Resource Sharing.

Robert Grover, dean of graduate studies at Emporia State University (Kansas), has taken on additional duty of interim dean of the School of Library and Information Management (SLIM).

WorldCat Discovery Service *(continued from page 7)*

Search Box Download

The new service also includes a downloadable search box that you can add to a Web page. To download the search box code, you need to register, but no cost is involved.

Other Search Tools

The WorldCat.org site also provides several tools that are able to perform searches directly in your browser. You may download toolbars for Google and Yahoo! as well as a search plug-in for Firefox. You can also build Web links to the WorldCat page for a particular item using its standard identifying number.

“Why Should I Still Subscribe to FirstSearch?”

WorldCat.org will display all WorldCat item records, but local library ownership will only display for those libraries that have a FirstSearch subscription.

This discovery view of your library’s holdings and services is an added value to your FirstSearch subscription. FirstSearch is still a primary resource for reference work and in-depth research. Setting defined limits for your search queries is not possible with the WorldCat.org functions. WorldCat.org allows keyword searching only. Search results can be narrowed by format, subject, author and year, but only after an initial search is completed. OCLC has no plans to discontinue the FirstSearch service. Libraries that do not want their ownership to display can opt out of the program. Contact Heather Clark (hclark@bcr.org) if you wish to opt out.

Other Features

WorldCat.org also offers options for users to purchase the items that they discover. Use of the **Buy it Now** button will benefit the WorldCat.org library program. Records also have the capacity to capture user-created data such as Table of Contents, reviews, etc. This social software is not a wiki-type function, so comments cannot be edited by other users.

It Ain’t Perfect

You may notice inconsistencies and results lists that don’t make sense to you. It is important to remember that this service is re-

leased in a Beta version, which means that OCLC will be making changes and tweaking the search functions to make the results better and better. Be sure to pass on any inconsistencies or ideas for added features to OCLC through the **Feedback** link in the upper right corner of the initial search screen.

Promote Your Library’s Presence in WorldCat.org

OCLC has developed materials for you to use to promote your libraries presence in WorldCat.org, including customizable posters, table tents and press releases. You can use these materials to communicate the greater access to your materials through WorldCat.org. Materials are available on the Web at www.oclc.org/worldcat/promote/default.htm.

The Breakdown

Just what are the differences between the various views of WorldCat? FirstSearch, Open WorldCat and WorldCat.org all search the same database, but each service provides different searching functionality and, consequently, different search results will display. You can see a chart that illustrates the differences between FirstSearch, WorldCat and Open WorldCat by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.bcr.org/publications/bcreview/2006/09/worldcatorgchartdia.pdf>

For More Information

Information about WorldCat.org and other Open WorldCat services is available on the OCLC WorldCat Web site at www.oclc.org/worldcat/default.htm. The FAQ for WorldCat.org is located at www.oclc.org/worldcat/web/faq/default.htm.

Additionally, BCR has an archived Free Friday Forum about WorldCat.org. The presentation is about one hour long, explains WorldCat.org in detail and contains examples of how the service works. The program link is located at www.bcr.org/training/online/fff/FFF-archive.html. Directions for setting up your computer for viewing the forum are available on that Web page. Specific questions can be addressed to Heather Clark (hclark@bcr.org) at BCR.