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Bibliographical Center for Research

Oxford Rolling Out African American Studies Center; New Literature Collection Released

By Laura Chittivej

Coming in mid-April Oxford African American Studies Center (AASC) will provide students, scholars and librarians with online access to among the finest reference resources in African American studies. AASC will be the first online resource center to fully document the field of African American studies and Africana studies.

Oxford African American Studies Center, at its core, will feature the new *Encyclopedia of African American History 1619-1895*, due to be published by Oxford in 2006; the *African American National Biography*, edited by Henry Louis Gates and scheduled for publication in 2008; the *Encyclopedia of African American Art and Architecture*, due for publication in 2007; and *Black Women in America, Second Edition*, published in March 2005; and *Africana*. For the mid-April launch, 100 primary sources will be available including President Abraham Lincoln's "Emancipation Proclamation," Frederick Douglass's slave narrative, text of speeches and more. Each primary source will be accompanied by a brief introductory essay.

Beyond the core content and primary sources, AASC includes biographies, interactive time lines, maps, photo essays and image collections to enhance research and encourage further exploration into African American studies.

To view pricing for Oxford African American Studies Center or to request a free trial (available mid-April) visit www.bcr.org/reference/OUP/OUP-Menu.html.

Literature Collection Available

In addition to the upcoming launch of AASC, libraries may also enhance their Oxford Reference Online: Premium subscription with Oxford University Press' new addition, the Literature Collection. This comprehensive set of reference works details literature from 8th century Germany, to Edwardian England to 20th century America. The collection provides coverage of literary periods, genres and writers, all cross-referenced and fully searchable. Written by leading scholars, the collection also covers literary movements, literary theories, themes and character types. Multiple contextual entries

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place writers and works in their wider social, historical, artistic and political environments, enabling subscribers to move easily between related entries.

Current Oxford Reference Online: Premium subscribers will receive a prorated subscription price for adding the Literature Collection. A detailed list and pricing for the Literature Collection is available at www.bcr.org/reference/OUP/OUP-Menu.html.

OCLC Update

By Regan W. Harper

Resources for Local Holdings Maintenance

On February 19, OCLC retired its Union List subsystem and provided access to Local Holdings Maintenance through the Connexion Browser system (www.oclc.org/connexion/default.htm). As part of the move, OCLC converted the format of its Local Data Records (LDRs) to the MARC 21 Format for Holdings Data. The following resources have been made available to help library staff make the transition to the new Local Holdings service.

- **Product Page on OCLC Web site:** The product page for Local Holdings Maintenance (www.oclc.org/localholdings/default.htm) contains the essential information about OCLC's implementation of the MARC 21 Format for Local Holdings. Links are provided to the OCLC Statistics Web site, the Regional Service Providers Web page and other relevant Web pages.
- **Documentation:** The documentation for Local Holdings Maintenance is found online at www.oclc.org/support/documentation/localholdings/default.htm.
- **Frequently Asked Questions:** An FAQ covering all aspects of the migration from OCLC's Union List service to the Local Holdings Maintenance service are available at www.oclc.org/unionlist/migration/faq.htm.
- **Online Tutorials:** Several tutorials demonstrating the features and functions of Local Holdings Maintenance are available at: www.oclc.org/support/training/localholdings/default.htm. Tutorials include an "Overview," "Search World-Cat for local holdings records," "Maintain local holdings records," "Create local holdings records" and "Agent activity."

Known Issues with Local Holdings Maintenance

Now that the Local Holdings Maintenance functionality is available in the Connexion Browser, OCLC will be posting information about problems with the functionality as part of the Known Issues page for the Connexion Browser at www.oclc.org/connexion/support/browser_known_problems.htm.

Items currently on the list are:

- Default Loan/Reproduction bytes (008 bytes 20 & 21) being set differently on Local Holdings workforms for serial and non-serial material.

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- 008 Bytes 20 (Lending Policy) & 21 (Reproduction Policy) not transferring correctly on a derive Local Holdings command.
- Cannot print local holdings constant data records from the Actions drop-down list.
- Changes to My Status on existing LH Constant Data Records not being retained.

Change in Holdings Display in FirstSearch

Library staff and patrons began seeing minor changes to the Local Holdings Information screens on January 29, making it easier to locate information on the screen. The main visual differences in the displays are:

- The use of the format data as specified in the local holdings record rather than the bibliographic record. Many libraries have opted to attach all of their holdings to a single-print version of the bibliographic record. Using the format as specified by the library in the local holdings record will allow library staff and patrons to quickly determine whether the holdings described are for a format different than the bibliographic record.
- The inclusion of the OCLC record number within the holdings statement.
- The elimination of text derived from coded data that duplicated what is shown by the format of the holdings statements. Elimination of this data makes for a cleaner display of the holdings without eliminating useful information since the holdings statements themselves indicate what volumes are retained and whether the library is continuing to receive the material.

CONTENTdm 4.1 Coming Soon

DiMeMa released CONTENTdm 4.1 in late February. It is free to all users with a current Annual Maintenance Agreement. Update kits are available for download from the User Support Center. CD copies will also be available by request for organizations that wish to do a clean install.

CONTENTdm 4.1 has several new features, a few of which are highlighted below.

- An upgraded image library in the Acquisition Station provides improved performance and reliability on imaging operations. Import of additional TIFF formats (JPEG, 4-bit and 16-bit) are supported.

- Custom thumbnails can be imported in batch when importing multiple files in the Acquisition Station, speeding the application of custom thumbnails for non-image collections containing audio, video or PDF files.
- Projects in the Acquisition Station now support HTTPS, so users can run CONTENTdm in a secure environment.
- IP ranges are supported when restricting access to collections or items, making assigning permissions more efficient.
- An option to suppress individual pages that comprise compound objects from search results is available. When this option is enabled, a search identifying matches within pages of compound objects displays only the compound objects rather than individual pages in the results list.
- PHP 5.0 is supported. Users can choose to run CONTENTdm with PHP 4.3 or 5.0.

See a complete feature list on the User Support Center at the DiMeMa site.

OCLC Launches New Magazine

OCLC has launched a new serial entitled *NextSpace*, replacing the *OCLC Newsletter*. *NextSpace* is about the “next idea or the next trend affecting libraries. It is also about the next step that will help libraries create value and shape their future.” The first issue, available at www.oclc.org/nextspace/default.htm, focuses on library rebranding.

If you are subscribed to the *OCLC Newsletter*, you will automatically receive *NextSpace*. If not, subscribe online at www3.oclc.org/app/newslet/.

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WilsonWeb Expands Offerings with New Play Index Database

By Brandie Baumann

H.W. Wilson has released an electronic edition of Play Index, the popular print reference series, for users of WilsonWeb online reference. Covering the 10 volumes of the print index, the new re-



Courtesy H.W. Wilson

source is a single, searchable reference for virtually every play ever written, from the works of contemporary playwrights to classic and historical plays in contemporary collections and anthologies.

Available for the first time on WilsonWeb, users will find detailed information for 30,000 plays published individually or in collections from 1949 to the present. In addition, Web links to sites that often feature the full text are provided. Highlights of the index include:

- Versatile searching that helps users find plays easily and quickly. Users have access to a dropdown menu for searches by title, author, subject type and cast type, along with 24 different play styles and genres (e.g., symbolism, experimental theater, comedy, melodrama, musical, etc.). Searchers have the ability to limit results to plays with a specific number of male or female roles, by size of total cast and the age of both the user and the audience.

"...one of the more important reference sources in the area of dramatic literature....a necessity for all school and public libraries."
— VOYA —

Special Promotion Pricing for Wilson Databases*

Public Libraries

- 25 percent discount
 - Reader's Guide Full Text Mega (*if purchased with Reader's Guide Retrospective*)
 - Book Review Digest Plus (*if purchased with Book Review Digest Retrospective*)
 - Education Full Text (*if purchased with Education Retrospective*)
- 20 percent discount
 - Readers' Guide Retrospective
 - Reader's Guide Abstract (*if purchased with Reader's Guide Retrospective*)
 - Education Full Abstract (*if purchased with Education Retrospective*)
 - Library Literature Full Text
- 10 percent discount
 - Book Review Digest Retrospective
 - Education Retrospective

Academic and Community College Libraries

- 25 percent discount
 - Book Review Digest Plus (*if purchased with Book Review Digest Retrospective*)
 - Education Full Text (*if purchased with Education Retrospective*)
- 20 percent discount
 - Education Abstracts (*if purchased with Education Retrospective*)
- 10 percent discount
 - Book Review Digest Retrospective
 - Education Retrospective

*Valid until Tuesday, March 28. Applies to new or upgraded subscriptions only.

- Descriptive annotations that summarize the plot indicate musical requirements (chorus, singing, dancing, etc.), the number of sets, scenery requirements and more.

- Full publication details users need to locate the play. For plays published separately, the pub-

lisher, date, pagination, ISBN and LC number are provided. Plays in collections are linked to full bibliographic information.

Free 30-day trials of the new WilsonWeb Play Index edition are available. For more information on the database, go to www.hwwilson.com/databases/playindex_e.htm. For details on pricing and how to subscribe, contact Karen Graham (kgraham@bcr.org) at BCR.

Candidates Named for BCR Elections

By Joyce Hillshafer

The BCR Nominating Committee 2006, chaired by Trustee Sandra Barstow, has developed slates of candidates for both the BCR Board of Trustees and OCLC Members Council delegate elections this spring. The BCR Board of Trustees adopted both slates at its February 17 meeting.

Three candidates are competing for the single position open in the BCR OCLC Members Council delegate election. Other candidates are running for four positions on the BCR Board of Trustees.

Information about the BCR OCLC Members Council delegate election can be found on BCR's Web site at www.bcr.org/about/mc/mcelect.html. Designated voters for BCR's OCLC governing members will receive e-mail messages with instructions on how to cast their ballots in mid-March. The

deadline for voting in this election is April 28.

The single delegate seat will be filled by one of the following candidates:

- Scott Walter, University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kansas)
- Jane Howell, Montana State University (Billings, Montana)
- Claudia Frazer, Drake University (Des Moines, Iowa)

Information about BCR's other election to fill seats on the Board of Trustees is found on the Web site at www.bcr.org/about/board/botelect.html. Voting in this election begins in early April, and the deadline for submitting Board of Trustees ballots is May 5. Seats on the Board of Trustees are up for election in the following categories:

Public Libraries Trustee

Teresa Landers, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library (Corvallis, Oregon)

Suzann Holland, Oskaloosa Public Library (Oskaloosa, Iowa)

Gina Millsap, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library (Topeka, Kansas)

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Lori Goetsch, Kansas State University (Manhattan, Kansas)

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Debra Ludwig, University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kansas)

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John Pollitz, Oregon State University (Corvallis, Oregon)

Linda Deacy, Douglas County Public Library (Minden, Nevada)

BioOne and BCR Partner to Offer BioScience Journals Online

By Laura Chittivej

BCR is pleased to announce a partnership with BioOne, an innovative nonprofit collaboration of the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS), Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC), University of Kansas, Greater Western Library Alliance and Allen Press, Inc. The result is a unique Web-accessible database aggregation of more than 80 high-impact bioscience research journals, many of them full text. BioOne provides integrated, cost-effec-

tive access to a thoroughly linked information resource of interrelated journals focused on the biological, ecological and environmental sciences. BCR has obtained access to BioOne from Amigos, a sister library network, which is a strategic partner and the sole distributor of BioOne in the U.S.

The titles in BioOne are published primarily by scholarly societies, and most have been previously available only in print. As an innovative nonprofit collaboration among scientific societies, libraries, universities and the commercial sector, BioOne is providing an unprecedented level of online access to peer-

reviewed research results and other scientific information. From the BioOne Web site, www.bioone.org/, you can view abstracts, find a list of titles and review the most viewed articles.

Why subscribe to BioOne through BCR? All BCR members will receive a 10 percent discount off the retail price and consortial billing through BCR. Additionally BCR member libraries that begin a *new* subscription by April 1 will receive one month of free access. The BCR subscription cycle is July 1 through June 30, so BCR members that take advantage of this deal can receive 14 months for the price of 13 on top of the

The Internet Connection

By Michael Sauers

Fun with Flickr

For those of you posting on or searching through Flickr.com, where you can store, search, sort and share your photographs, here are a few interesting tools that are definitely worth a look.



- FlickrFling: www.nastypixel.com/prototype/cms/myfiles/pages/flickrfling/. Point FlickrFling to the RSS feed of your choice and see the headlines transformed into Flickr photos with matching tags.
- Spell with Flickr: metaatem.net/words/. Type in a word or two. The letters are replaced with Flickr photos of the same letters. Think of it as “Ransom Note 2.0.”
- Clockr: www.quasimondo.com/clockr.php. Shows the current time, updated every second, using numbers from Flickr photos.
- Groupr: groupr.200ok.net/. Displays the last five photos from each of your Flickr groups on a single page.
- How to Embed Flickr Slideshows: www.paulstamatiou.com/2005/11/19/how-to-quickie-embedded-flickr-slideshows/. Provides detailed instructions on how to put a slideshow of your photosteam into your Web site.
- Color Fields Colr Pickr: www.krazydad.com/colrpickr/. Choose a color from the color wheel, adjust the brightness of the color and see 12 photos that predominantly feature that color.
- Flickr graph: www.marumushi.com/apps/flickrgraph/. Explore the relationships between Flickr contacts using this interactive graph. Start with your username and click on your contacts to expand the relationships.
- Slickr: cellardoorsw.com/. Creates a screensaver that uses photos from your Flickr account or from the tags of your choice. Be sure you have a plenty-powerful computer before running this one.

Subscribe Now; Circumvent Rise in Ancestry Library Edition Price Increase

By Lisa Holmberg

BCR's subscription price for Ancestry Library Edition from HeritageQuest is scheduled to increase at the end of March. Subscribe now to avoid the additional expense of the new year's increasing prices.

Ancestry Library Edition covers the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, church, court, immigration and vital records, as well as record collections from

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10 percent discount off retail pricing. Current subscribers will be eligible for the 10 percent discount off retail price upon their renewal through BCR.

After March 15, please go to www.bcr.org/, choose **Reference Databases** and then **BioOne** to obtain a free user name and password trial, begin a new subscription or renew access.

For additional information, contact BCR's Laura Chittivej, marketing and technical associate for Member Services, at (800) 397-1552, ext.121 or lchittiv@bcr.org.

Small Change Seen in CPIe Pricing

By Karen Graham

The Association of Christian Libraries has announced a slight increase in the price of the electronic version of the Christian Periodical Index, CPIe. This is the first price increase since the electronic version, which is produced by BCR, became available. The new pricing will be effective April 1.

Web-accessible Format

Single User License	\$735
2-4 User License	\$1,050
5-8 User License	\$1,470
Unlimited Users	\$2,100

CD-ROM Format

Single User License (Network or Stand-alone)	\$525
2-4 User License	\$840
5-8 User License	\$1,155
Unlimited Users	\$1,575

Information about CPIe can be found at www.bcr.org/reference/cpi/. If you have questions, please contact Karen Graham (kgraham@bcr.org) at BCR.

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Canada and other areas. This collection of more than 4,000 databases and two billion names is a strong complement to HeritageQuest Online.

HeritageQuest Online is designed specifically for public library users. With more than 25,000 books, the entire U.S. Federal Census, PERSI and other expanding collections, HeritageQuest Online gives public libraries the opportunity to tap into one of the largest collections of

genealogy material in the country. This online library includes original page images for all documents, which users can access from the convenience of their homes or at the library.

BCR's package subscription of HeritageQuest Online and Ancestry Library Edition runs December 1 through November 30. Pricing will be prorated for members that join midyear. BCR's annual HeritageQuest subscription runs April 1 through March 31. The renewal/order

deadline is March 15. This discounted price is available only to libraries that subscribe to HeritageQuest Online.

Pricing and ordering information is available at www.bcr.org/reference/heritage/. If you need additional information or would like to sign up for a trial, please contact Lisa Holmberg (lholmber@bcr.org) or Ellen Fox (efox@bcr.org) at BCR.

Enroll or Renew Your Library's BCR Facts On File Group Subscriptions

By Lisa Holmberg

The renewal deadline for BCR's annual group subscriptions to Facts on File News Services Online databases is March 31. Pricing is available on BCR's Web site: www.bcr.org/reference/facts/.

For school libraries, Facts on File News Services is continuing its discounted offer of Issues & Controversies and Today's Science databases for only \$600. Start your subscription now and receive free access between the sign-up date and April 1, the beginning of BCR's annual subscription period.

Facts on File News Service is also offering its new database, Issues and Controversies in American History, for a special low pre-publication price of \$195 (list price \$395). Issues & Controversies in American History leads students on in-depth explorations of the great issues in American history — issues such as religious freedom in the col-

onies, Civil War reconstruction and women's suffrage.

Facts on File News Services Online includes the following databases:

- Facts On File World News Digest: Updated weekly, these full-text articles on world news are told in a first-person point of view. The complete World News Digest archive, dating back to 1940, includes biographies, historical documents and selected topical editorials from across the United States.
- Today's Science On File: The latest developments in science, health and medicine and technology are written for students and updated every month. Today's Science is well illustrated and includes an extensive collection of biographies on leading scientists, inventors and technologists.
- Issues & Controversies On File: Updated monthly, these are carefully researched essays written on the top current issues, researched by professionals and written and indexed for students.

- The World Almanac Reference Database: The content of the current World Almanac, plus on-going updates to existing facts, make this a valuable source for ready-reference. It is updated monthly.

To ensure your library patron receives continuous access to these reference services, submit your renewal request to BCR by March 31. To subscribe or renew, go to www.bcr.org/reference/facts/. BCR's Facts on File News Services subscription period runs from April 1 through March 30. For more information or for a free trial, contact BCR's Lisa Holmberg (lholmber@bcr.org) or Ellen Fox (efox@bcr.org).

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In Reference...

Edited by Brandie Baumann

Database Renewal Deadlines

Literature Online (LiON) and Literature Online Reference Edition, online reference database resources for English and American literature on the Web, begin their subscription cycle April 1. Contact Lisa Holmberg (lholmber@bcr.org) at BCR for details.

Thomson Gale LitFinder is also up for renewal in April. Subscriptions do not renew automatically. Libraries must sign up on a yearly basis for service. Contact Laura Chittivej (lchittiv@bcr.org) at BCR for more information.

The deadline for renewing both products under BCR's consortial group purchase is March 31. Free trials are available.

H.W. Wilson Announces New Products for 2006

Several new reference database products will be available this year from Wilson. These include:

- **Biography Index: Past and Present** — Find information about people throughout history and right up to the present in a single, easy-to-use database that contains nearly 1 million article and book citations. Includes Biography Index coverage back to 1946.
- **Applied Science & Technology Index Retrospective: 1913-1983** — Save space with the complete content from 71 printed annual volumes on WilsonWeb, with coverage of more than 500 periodicals and citations to 2 million-plus articles.

Also, WilsonWeb will include expanded databases with more full text. Fifty outstanding journals from Oxford Univer-

sity Press now will be delivered in full text on WilsonWeb. The diverse new additions join some 2,100 journals in full text on WilsonWeb art, science, business, education, humanities, law and social science databases. For details, contact Karen Graham (kgraham@bcr.org) at BCR

NetLibrary Update

NetLibrary announced in November it is the first electronic content provider to offer academic, public, special and school library users access to more than 100,000 full-text e-book and electronic audiobook titles. More than 20,000 new titles were added in 2005 alone. NetLibrary's catalog includes the latest information technology titles, reference essentials, business and economics resources, best-selling fiction titles and much more.

NetLibrary collections now can be set up to provide users with remote access if they already have a NetLibrary account or if they have enabled remote authentication. Several options are available including secure referring URL, IP address recognition through proxy server or NetLibrary user account. Once remote authentication is set up, users can search for and view e-books and preview e-audiobooks without coming into the physical library.

Contact BCR's Laura Chittivej (lchittiv@bcr.org) for more information on both NetLibrary e-books and digital audiobooks.

BCR Ready Reference 2 Plus Availability Extended

NetLibrary and BCR have made special arrangements to reopen the Ready Reference 2 Plus collection for libraries that were unable to join last fall. With 1,269 titles covering a wide range of reference titles, libraries have another opportunity to grow their reference collections without giving up shelving space and also give

their patrons access to some of the best titles in scholarly publishing.

BCR's Ready Reference 2 Plus one-time cost includes purchase of all titles in perpetuity, all NetLibrary service fees for access and MARC records. Remember, no annual fee is associated with this collection of NetLibrary e-books. All academic, public, special and K-12 libraries are eligible to subscribe. State libraries and consortia require individual quotations. For more information or to fill out the participation form, visit www.bcr.org/reference/Netlibrary/NL-Menu.html.

As an added value, BCR and OCLC are offering a special 9 percent discount per set on the purchase of NetLibrary Subject Sets to Ready Reference 2 Plus participants. NetLibrary Subject Sets are titles bundled by topic that generally are excluded from consortial collection purchase projects. Details can be reviewed at www.oclc.org/netlibrary/offers/default.htm.

WorldCat Dissertations and Theses Database Now Available

The newest subset of OCLC's WorldCat database, WorldCat Dissertations and Theses, is now available to any U.S. library that subscribes to the OCLC Base Package and OCLC Collection on FirstSearch. If you have a Base Package subscription, this new database will show up automatically in the list of available databases. There are no additional charges for the database.

It contains records for more than 5 million items cataloged as dissertations, theses or published materials based on theses or dissertations in WorldCat, including titles provided by NetLibrary. The database allows users to quickly and

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efficiently retrieve records for theses and dissertations. For more information, contact Rosario Garza (rgarza@bcr.org) at BCR.

Oxford Online Enhances Several Reference Collections

The most recent update to Grove Art Online includes a major new thematic essay, Spirituality and Art. Tracing the spiritual role of art throughout the world, the new material explores a variety of topics such as the pyramids, still-life painting and contemporary installation art. Highlights include essays on religion and art, shamanism, the sublime, Jewish

art, native North American art and much more. More than 80 articles have been updated to reflect new scholarship in the field of art history. The 400-plus new images that have been added to the text of major articles include more than 2,500 key images in art history. Go to www.groveart.com/grove-owned/art/january2006.html for a list of updated articles. To view a selection of illustrated articles, visit www.groveart.com/grove-owned/art/illustrations.html.

Oxford Reference Online: Premium Collection now includes the Western Civilization Collection and Literature

Collection. Both collections are fully cross-searchable with other Oxford Reference Online titles. For a list of the titles included with each collection as well as new titles that will be added soon, visit www.oup.com/online/oro/.

Don't forget that free trials are available for all Oxford Online products. Visit <https://ams.oup.com//user/trial2003network.pfm> to set up trial access to these new subject collections or for other Oxford Online resources. For information on pricing and how to subscribe, contact Laura Chittivej (lchittiv@bcr.org) at BCR.

Visit BCR in Kansas, Oregon and Washington This Spring

By Brandie Baumann

Three state library conferences are being held in April, and BCR staff are looking forward to seeing you at the one in your state.

At the **Oregon Library Association annual** conference in Salem, April 5-7, Dave Brunell, BCR's executive director, is scheduled to give a talk on "Optimizing the Acquisition and Use of E-books, Audio Books and Other Electronic Resources," on Thursday, April 6, from 2-3 p.m. This session provides an analysis of the cost effectiveness of several commercial models for purchasing and managing electronic information resources and is aimed at librarians responsible for buying and implementing e-books and related resources. He also will be on hand in the BCR exhibit booth. Librarians are encouraged to visit and talk with him about the many services BCR offers, including discounts on supplies, reference databases and training.

Ellen Fox, BCR's R&D manager, will be attending the **Kansas Tri-Conference**, April 5-7, in Wichita. She is presenting "Wikis and Your Library," on Thursday, April 6, from 1-1:50 p.m. Learn more about wikis and how they can help your staff connect with one another as well as with your patrons. And make sure to visit Fox at the BCR booth and pick up information on BCR services, training options, discounts and more.

Next on the schedule is the **Washington Library Association annual** conference, being held in Tacoma, April 19-22. Linda Gonzalez, BCR Member Services librarian, will be available in the BCR booth to answer questions and provide information for Washington librarians. In addition, Gonzalez will be giving a short introduction in the vendor demonstration area on BCR's new WebLive training and Free Friday Forum (F³) sessions. These new online workshops feature a live BCR instructor in a virtual classroom on the Web and allow staff to attend classes and Web conferences while eliminating the time and expense required for travel to a remote location. Some offerings this spring include "Using Google: Latest Tips and Tricks" and "Local Holdings Maintenance with the Connexion Browser."

Remember, all libraries in each of BCR's 11 member states (Alaska, Colorado, Kansas, Idaho, Iowa, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming) are BCR members. Come visit BCR staff at your annual library association conference and discover how libraries in your state can benefit from BCR services.

Training Calendar

For class descriptions and other details concerning BCR training, check out the Training section of BCR's Web site: www.bcr.org/training/workshops/.

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■ 3-6	Using Google: Latest Tips and Tricks	BCR WebLive Workshop	10 am-noon MT
■ 7	Soaring to Excellence: Serving Immigrant Populations: A Library Prototype for Diversity	College of DuPage Teleconference	10-11:30 MT
■ 11	Searching OCLC WorldCat for Cataloging	BCR offices, Aurora, CO	9 - 4
■ 12	Cataloging Using the OCLC Connexion Client Interface	BCR offices, Aurora, CO	9 - 4
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Member News

In Washington, **Julie Miller** is the new dean of libraries at Eastern Washington University. **Joyce Ogburn** has been named associate director of library management at the University of Washington, and **Harry Bruce** has taken the post of dean of the University of Washington Information School. **Pat Partovi** was appointed director of the Spokane Public Library.

A long list of new library directors has been announced in Colorado: **Jan Pratt** at the Manitou Springs Public Library, **Sarah Myers** at Red Feather Lakes

Community Library, **Robb Heckel** at Elbert County Library District and **Liz Bishoff**, special assistant to the dean of libraries and head of the Office of Sponsored Programs at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Also, **Jean Heilig** was appointed finance manager/special projects coordinator for the Colorado State Library and **Jackie Powers** director of public information for Jefferson County Public Library.

Lori Bonnerhas is the new director of the Weippe (Idaho) Public Library.

Davenport (Iowa) Public Library opened its new Fairmount Street branch in January. The new library, along with

a second scheduled to be completed in 2008, replace the Annie Wittenmyer facility that closed in 2005. The new libraries will be state of the art.

Koelbel Library (Arapahoe Library District in Colorado), **Scott Community College Library** of the Eastern Iowa Community College District and **Lewis D. Cannell Library**, Clark College in Washington are among the 10 libraries selected to host "Put it in Writing @ your library" workshops with *Woman's Day* writers during National Library Week in April.