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## OCLC Preparing to Implement New OCLC-MARC Update to WorldCat

By Linda Gonzalez

OCLC is now preparing for the next OCLC-MARC Update to WorldCat and planning for its implementation by the end of June 2006. This 2006 update to the OCLC MARC bibliographic record format will incorporate the *MARC 21 Bibliographic and Authority Format Update 4* (October 2003) and *Update 5* (October 2004), as well as several other elements that had been postponed while OCLC was migrating to its new technological platform.

Among the changes this update will bring to OCLC MARC records are:

- Implementation of Bibliographic Level (Blv) code **I** in bibliographic records for integrating resources. (This is Leader/07 of *MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data*.)
- Invalidation of **ISSN** (International Standard Serial Number) fixed field in bibliographic records (Continuing Resources 008/20 and 006/03) in conjunction with a corresponding change to bibliographic record field 022, which will contain subfield 2 for the code representing the ISSN Center which assigned the item's ISSN. You will continue to see the ISSN element in the OCLC fixed field display for some period after June, until existing records are converted.
- Implementation of two new bibliographic record fixed field elements for Scores: **Musical Parts** (008/21 and 006/04) for items that contain parts (the OCLC fixed field label will be **Part** and **Transposition and Arrangement** (008/33 and 006/16), if the item being cataloged is a transposition or arrangement of another work. (The OCLC fixed field label for this will be **TrAr**.)
- Implementation of a privacy indicator as the first indicator in bibliographic record fields 541 (**Immediate Source of Acquisition Note**), 561 (**Ownership and Custodial History**) and 583 (**Action Note**). The code here will indicate whether the content of the field is sensitive information meant to be kept private

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and will be used to determine whether the field is retained in the master record in WorldCat.

- Implementation of a new authority record field, the 024 for **Other Standard Identifier**. This is meant for a standard number or code associated with the entity represented by the authority record, contained in the record's 1XX field.
- Implementation of new field 031 in both bibliographic and authority records, **Musical Incipits Information**, primarily for manuscript music, although also available for other formats of music material.
- Implementation of new bibliographic record field 258, **Philatelic Issue Data**, for the jurisdiction and denomination data from philatelic material.
- Implementation of new bibliographic field 648, **Subject Added Entry — Chronological Term**.
- New and changed codes in the *MARC Code Lists* for Languages, Countries, Geographic Areas, Relators, Classification Sources and others. Among the new codes:
  - **zxx** for “no linguistic content” (as for instrumental music) in the Language element of the fixed field, rather than the OCLC practice of encoding **N/A** here and the MARC 21 practice of encoding three blanks in this element. Existing **N/A** codes will be converted.
  - New codes for individual Australian states and territories in the Country element of the fixed field.
  - New codes for Australian regions in field 043, for Geographic Area codes.
- Character Set changes and additions, including the degree sign, phonogram copyright mark, copyright mark, musical sharp, inverted question mark, inverted exclamation point, eszett, Euro sign, left and right curly brackets, spacing circumflex, spacing underscore, spacing grave and spacing tilde.

You may see the new characters appear in some Connexion displays and dropdown boxes before June, but you should *not* use them until OCLC has announced the implementation of this update. Until the announcement, continue to follow the current version of Library of Congress Rule Interpretation 1.0E, and related rules and RIs, regarding the transcription of certain special characters, where appropriate.

Also, please keep in mind that you should *not* try to use new fields, subfields and codes until the OCLC-MARC Update implementation is announced.

Some data conversions will not be completed by OCLC until after implementation of this OCLC-MARC Update, such as the conversion of records for integrating resources from Bibliographic Level **m** (and a Continuing Resource 006) to Bibliographic Level **I**. Look for future announcements from OCLC about its conversion plans.

Details of this update are included in OCLC Technical Bulletin 252, which will be available at [www.oclc.org/support/documentation/technicalbulletins/](http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/technicalbulletins/). Please watch for the announcement of the update's completion on OCLC-CAT (the OCLC cataloging electronic list), within the Connexion cataloging interfaces, on the BCR RSS feed for *The Third Indicator* and in BCR's *Action for Libraries* newsletter.

## OCLC Update

By Regan W. Harper

### Subscription Pricing Information Sent Out

Fiscal Year 2006-2007 subscription pricing information for OCLC Cataloging and OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing services was distributed via e-mail during March and April to directors and service contacts at each BCR/OCLC member institution. If you did not receive your quotes for these services, contact BCR's Regan Harper via e-mail at [rharper@bcr.org](mailto:rharper@bcr.org). Please indicate which quote you did not receive (Cataloging or Resource Sharing) and include your institution symbol in the message to speed up the renotification process.

Libraries already on subscription pricing for either service will automatically renew at the new price quote beginning July 1. Libraries not already on subscription pricing for Cataloging will need to complete the online order form to enroll.

### April Enhancements to WorldCat Collection Analysis

OCLC installed the following enhancements to WorldCat Collection Analysis:

- In the interface, graphing was changed to show the actual number of titles instead of averages when graphing by Publication Date.
- OCLC symbols were added to library names on the **Limits** screen.
- New separators were added in the Data to Analyze dropdown menu for Peer Comparisons and Predefined Groups to make navigation easier.
- The maximum number of titles exported was reduced from 5,000 to 500 in response to reports of exports failing or timing out. This is a temporary measure while staff investigate ways to speed up the export process.
- A bug was fixed that caused some users to get a **System Failure** when trying to view their WorldCat Comparisons.
- The **Totals** line was removed from the Analysis Results table when users set limits on two or more libraries.

### Permissions for One-to-One Comparisons

OCLC has started a list of libraries that have given blanket permission for their collections to be used in one-to-one comparisons. Institutions on this list no longer have to be contacted

directly to be used in a one-to-one comparison. The list will be updated periodically. Here is the direct URL to the spreadsheet: [www.oclc.org/collectionanalysis/about/faq/blanket\\_permissions.xls](http://www.oclc.org/collectionanalysis/about/faq/blanket_permissions.xls). If you would like to add your own institution to this list, please complete the BCR WCA Permission form at: [www.bcr.org/reference/WCA-permissions.html](http://www.bcr.org/reference/WCA-permissions.html).

The screen where users create comparisons with OCLC-defined Peer Groups has been modified in anticipation of the release of more of the predefined Peer Groups. OCLC will start adding them later this month. A Category menu and a Subcategory menu were created for users to navigate through to the desired Peer Group. A Peer Group may be listed in multiple categories. For instance, OCLC is creating a Peer Group of **Top 10 Law Schools**, which will be listed under the Category menu in **By Subject** and **Academic Institutions** and in the Subcategory menu, **Law** and **Graduate:Master's/Doctoral Programs**.

### Connexion Client Video Demos Available

Connexion Client video demos have been added to the client documentation page. They show the step-by-step actions necessary to complete tasks commonly performed in the client. The demos are in the Basics and Cataloging sections:

[www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/cataloging/](http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/cataloging/)

[www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/basics/](http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/basics/)

### New Tutorial Created for OCLC Authorities

A new tutorial, "How to Search the Authority Files," covers all types of searching (keyword, derived and numeric) as well as browsing for OCLC Authorities. A link to the 55-page tutorial is on the OCLC Client Tutorials page:

[www.oclc.org/support/training/connexion/client/tutorial/default.htm](http://www.oclc.org/support/training/connexion/client/tutorial/default.htm).

### New Guide Posted for Searching WorldCat Indexes

A new user guide, *Searching WorldCat Indexes*, is now available. This guide provides comprehensive information about the indexes used to retrieve records from WorldCat. (OCLC services, including cataloging, reference and resource sharing, now use the same search indexes.) The guide describes MARC fields and subfields indexed for each WorldCat index and provides information about how each index works to help construct searches that retrieve the records you need.

Who should use this guide? The guide is for library staff who use the following OCLC interfaces to search WorldCat:

- OCLC Connexion client and browser (cataloging)

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- CatExpress in Connexion browser (copy cataloging)
- FirstSearch (reference)
- WorldCat Resource Sharing (interlibrary loan)

Searching *WorldCat Indexes* is available in PDF and HTML formats on:

- WorldCat Documentation page:  
[www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/default.htm](http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/worldcat/default.htm)
- FirstSearch Documentation page:  
[www.oclc.org/support/documentation/firstsearch/default.htm](http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/firstsearch/default.htm)
- Connexion Browser Documentation page:  
[www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/browser/default.htm](http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/browser/default.htm)
- Connexion Client Documentation page:  
[www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/cataloging/](http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/connexion/client/cataloging/)
- CatExpress Documentation page: [www.oclc.org/support/documentation/catexpress/](http://www.oclc.org/support/documentation/catexpress/)

**OCLC Connexion and PICA GGC**

OCLC removed access to the separate PICA GGC database in OCLC Connexion on April 9. The records of the PICA Dutch Catalog are now being loaded directly into WorldCat, thus removing the necessity of having a separate function to provide this access. Only a few users access the PICA GGC database via Connexion, and minimal searching is done. Users can now search directly for the records in WorldCat.

**OCLC Statistics Outage**

OCLC regrets to inform users of WorldCat Resource Sharing that on March 24, between midnight and 11 a.m., Eastern Time, statistics were not counted. While transactions continued to be processed normally, IFM dollars were not exchanged when a request was received. OCLC has no way to recreate these IFM debits and credits, either automatically or manually. Therefore, it is possible a library received an item, and its IFM debit did not get triggered and the lender did not receive the IFM credit. Additionally, libraries that loaned materials were not given lending credits. Based on historical information, we believe that approximately

14 percent of IFM transactions were lost during this outage. Libraries that wish to recover funds not exchanged through IFM during this time period will need to invoice each other.

## The Internet Connection

By Michael Sauers

**Cool RSS Tools**

At the Computers in Libraries conference in March, I gave a post-conference workshop on integrating RSS into your Web site. This three-hour workshop covered tool after tool you can use to manipulate your RSS feeds. Here are a few of the tools covered.

**Sabifoo — [www.sabifoo.com/main/](http://www.sabifoo.com/main/)**

Sabifoo gives you the simplest way to create an RSS feed. Just give Sabifoo your instant messaging (IM) account name and then add it to your buddy list. In return you'll be given the address of your RSS feed. To post an item to your feed, just send an IM to Sabifoo and it'll do the rest. (Sabifoo does not support HTML, so if you include any in your messages, it will be displayed as you typed it, not as HTML should be interpreted.)

**immedi.at — [immedi.at/](http://immedi.at/)**

Immedi.at allows you to receive RSS feeds via IM, instead of posting to them as with Sabifoo. In my case I've set up immedi.at to watch the RSS feed of comments posted to my Flickr account. Whenever a new comment is posted, I automatically receive an instant message that contains the content of the posted comment.

**ZapTXT — [zaptxt.com/home/](http://zaptxt.com/home/)**

ZapTXT takes the functionality of immedi.at and adds several wonderful features. The best is the ability to receive notification of posts from feeds containing particular keywords. For example, I subscribe to a feed that announces new live recordings that are added to [dimeadozen.org/](http://dimeadozen.org/). I've set up my ZapTXT account to watch the feed and notify me whenever the words "miles" and "davis" appear in an item. Additionally, ZapTXT can notify you not just via IM, but also via e-mail and SMS.

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## New African American Database Highlights Oxford Renewal

By Laura Chittivej

BCR Oxford University Press (OUP) group subscribers may begin renewing access for 2006-2007. Subscription pricing has increased an average of 5 percent. The subscription period for Oxford University Press is July 1 through June 30. Renewing libraries are encouraged to fill out the BCR Oxford order/renewal form prior to the June 30 subscription deadline.

Now available from OUP is Oxford African American Studies Center. 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 later in 2006; the *African American National Biography* edited by Henry Louis Gates, scheduled for publication in 2008; and 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*. 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 in African American studies.

New and renewing Oxford subscribers may view pricing for Oxford African American Studies Center or request a free trial by visiting [www.bcr.org/reference/OUP/OUP-Menu.html](http://www.bcr.org/reference/OUP/OUP-Menu.html).

Renewing libraries may also enhance their Oxford Reference Online: Premium subscriptions with Oxford University Press' impressive new addition, The Literature Collection, a comprehensive set of distinguished reference works detailing literature from eighth century Germany, to Edwardian England to 20th century America. The collection provides unrivaled 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 place writers and works in their wider social, historical, artistic and political environments, enabling subscribers to move easily between related entries.

To begin a new subscription, transfer a direct account or to renew your existing

subscription, go to: [www.bcr.org/reference/OUP/OUP-Form.html](http://www.bcr.org/reference/OUP/OUP-Form.html). The form also functions as a cost calculator, allowing libraries to try out different database purchasing plans, without any subscription obligation. For more information please contact BCR's Laura Chittivej ([lchittiv@bcr.org](mailto:lchittiv@bcr.org)).

## McGraw-Hill Access Science Subscription Renewal Time Is Here

By Karen Graham

The renewal deadline for BCR's annual group subscriptions for the McGraw-Hill AccessScience database is May 14. Pricing is available on BCR's Web site: [www.bcr.org/reference/](http://www.bcr.org/reference/). To ensure your library patrons receive continuous access to these reference services, please submit your renewal to BCR by the May 14 deadline. New subscribers also are invited to sign up for these databases during BCR's annual enrollment periods.

The core information resources of AccessScience are the 7,000-plus articles from the *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science & Technology* and the 115,000-plus definitions from the *Dictionary of Scientific & Technical Terms*. This archive is continually updated. A description of AccessScience is available at [www.accessscience.com/AboutUs/](http://www.accessscience.com/AboutUs/).

To order or renew your library's subscription, complete the online form at [www.bcr.org/reference/accesssci/](http://www.bcr.org/reference/accesssci/).

## BCR To Exhibit at ACL Annual Conference

By Brandie Baumann

Karen Graham, BCR marketing and technical associate, will be staffing the BCR exhibit booth at the annual Association for Christian Librarians (ACL) conference on June 14, at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.

Of particular interest to librarians attending this conference, BCR and the Association of Christian Librarians jointly produce the electronic format of the Christian Periodical Index. The Christian Periodical Index Electronic (CPIe) currently indexes more than 130 selected publications that range in scope from science, literature, medicine and music to philosophy, history, sociology, nursing and education. Come visit the BCR booth to learn more about CPI and BCR.

## BCR and NetLibrary Offer New Academic Electronic Book Collection

By Laura Chittivej

BCR Shared Collection Set IV is a new NetLibrary electronic book collection focused on the needs of academic libraries. BCR Shared Collection Set IV is a one-time monographic purchase; this is not a subscription.

Unlike previous BCR NetLibrary collections, BCR cannot purchase all titles shown on the Excel spreadsheet. Effective January 1, consortia must purchase multiple copies of each e-book title. The number of copies required, and thus the number of simultaneous-user accesses available to the group, will be based on the number of libraries participating in the shared offering. The following chart outlines the multiple-copy purchase requirements:

| Number of libraries | BCR must purchase      |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| 2-15                | 2 copies of each title |
| 16-30               | 3 copies of each title |
| 31-50               | 4 copies of each title |
| 50+ libraries       | Special quote          |

The total number of titles purchased will be based on the total number of dollars contributed by participating libraries. BCR cannot guarantee that a specific title, listed on the initial Excel spreadsheet, will be included in the final activated set. Submission of the BCR Shared Collection Set IV order form is authorization for BCR to invoice your library for the purchase of the final set of titles. Access to BCR Shared Collection Set IV will be set up after May 31. To ensure that the final collection contains titles with the most demand, BCR will purchase those titles chosen by Selector libraries, which committed to participate at the \$3,000 or above level by the end of April.

Current BCR NetLibrary collection participants may omit technical support and IP range information on the online form — unless you wish to inform NetLibrary of any updates or changes.

The title list, an Excel spreadsheet, is available for download. To obtain the title list, pricing or to place your order, go to [www.bcr.org/](http://www.bcr.org/), click on **Reference Databases**, and choose **NetLibrary E-books**. If you have questions, contact BCR's Laura Chittivej ([lchittiv@bcr.org](mailto:lchittiv@bcr.org)).

## Use BCR Training Vouchers by June 30

By Darrell Vigil

Libraries that still have BCR training vouchers are urged to use them soon.

The vouchers, valid only through June 30, 2006 (the end of BCR's current fiscal year), allow the holder to attend a BCR workshop at no cost. Libraries earned the training vouchers by prepaying FY 2005-06 BCR subscriptions last summer. For more information about BCR's prepaid subscription program, please see our online information page at [www.bcr.org/business/prepay.html](http://www.bcr.org/business/prepay.html).

For a list of available BCR training, please see [www.bcr.org/training/workshops/](http://www.bcr.org/training/workshops/).

## 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/](http://www.bcr.org/training/workshops/).

### June 2006

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|------|---|--|-----------|
| ■ 6  | Blog-based Publishing for Libraries                               | Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS | 9-12 noon |
| ■ 6  | RSS: The Power of Aggregation                                     | Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS | 1-4 p.m.  |
| ■ 6  | Cataloging: AACR2 Description                                     | NEKLS, Lawrence, KS                                  | 1-4 p.m.  |
| ■ 7  | Cataloging: AACR2 Access Points                                   | NEKLS, Lawrence, KS                                  | 1-4 p.m.  |
| ■ 7  | The Wonderful World of Wikis                                      | Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS | 9-12 noon |
| ■ 7  | Web Design: Moving from HTML to Xhtml                             | Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS | 1-4 p.m.  |
| ■ 8  | OCLC MARC Basics for Everyone                                     | NEKLS, Lawrence, KS                                  | 1-4 p.m.  |
| ■ 8  | Teaching Technology to the Public                                 | Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS | 9-12 noon |
| ■ 8  | Internet Access: Policy Issues for Librarians                     | Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS | 1-4 p.m.  |
| ■ 9  | What's FRBR and Why Should I Care About It?                       | NEKLS, Lawrence, KS                                  | 1-4 p.m.  |
| ■ 9  | Web Design: Formatting Pages with CSS                             | Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka, KS | 9-4       |
| ■ 20 | Searching OCLC WorldCat for Cataloging                            | Montana State University, Great Falls MT             | 9-4       |
| ■ 21 | Cataloging Using the OCLC Connexion Client Interface              | Montana State University, Great Falls, MT            | 9-4       |
| ■ 22 | OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics                             | Montana State University, Great Falls, MT            | 9-4       |
| ■ 23 | Local Holdings Record Maintenance with the OCLC Connexion Browser | Montana State University, Great Falls, MT            | 9-4       |

## BCR Quarterly Training Calendar Mailed

BCR's latest quarterly training calendar, which includes workshops scheduled for June through August, has been mailed to member libraries. This slimmed-down version includes an index of workshops by category, as well as information on BCR's new WebLive and Free Friday Forum (F<sup>3</sup>) sessions, registration details and more. You can find BCR's comprehen-

sive Web catalog posted on the Workshops and Training section of BCR Online ([www.bcr.org/](http://www.bcr.org/)). Get detailed descriptions of each class along with dates and locations of all BCR's currently offered workshops, both classroom-based and online.

If you do not receive a quarterly calendar in the mail, a PDF version will be available in early May on BCR's Web site at [www.bcr.org/training/workshops/](http://www.bcr.org/training/workshops/).

### Subscribe to Action for Libraries

To receive **Action for Libraries**, subscribe to the BCR-AFL electronic mail list. Send an e-mail message to [majoromo@bcr.org](mailto:majoromo@bcr.org).

## Time to Renew BCR LexisNexis Subscriptions

By Karen Graham

The renewal deadline for BCR's annual group subscriptions for all of the LexisNexis databases is May 14.

Pricing is available on BCR's Web site: [www.bcr.org/reference/](http://www.bcr.org/reference/). To ensure your library patrons receive continuous access to these reference services, please submit your renewal to BCR by the May 14 deadline. New subscribers also are invited to sign up for the databases during BCR's annual enrollment periods.

BCR has discounted pricing for group subscriptions to 17 LexisNexis reference databases. The databases are:

- Academic (available to academic institutions only) with available add-on modules: Company Dossier and Country Analysis
- Congressional, with available add-on modules: Statutes-at-Large and Congressional Indexes, 1789-1969
- State Capital
- Access to African American History
- Access to American Women's History
- Access to U.S. Presidential History
- Environmental
- Government Periodicals Index
- Statistical, with available add-on modules: American Statistics Index (ASI), State & Private Service (SRI), Index to International Statistics (IIS) and Research Tables

Descriptions of these databases and the online renewal form are found on BCR's Web site at:

[www.bcr.org/reference/CIS/](http://www.bcr.org/reference/CIS/).

If you need additional information, please contact BCR's Karen Graham ([kgraham@bcr.org](mailto:kgraham@bcr.org)).

## New Databases for Medical and Academic Libraries

By Brandie Baumann

BCR is offering four new database products that offer an array of reference resources designed to educate, inform and perhaps even get you published.

- **PapersInvited** — A unique database that addresses the cliché “Publish or Perish” by presenting an exhaustive listing of calls for papers issued by professional bodies, journal editors and other conference organizers in numerous disciplines and throughout the world. Researchers use this service to discover publishing opportunities for their research papers. For a complete description of the database, see [www.papersinvited.com/](http://www.papersinvited.com/).
- **Bibliography of the History of Art (BHA)** — This database contains abstracts and indexes of current publications in the history of art, including scholarly journals, conferences, book, exhibition reviews and exhibition catalogs. The subscription period runs July 1-June 30, and if you sign up early, you will be able to access the database at no cost until the subscription starts. Go to [www.csa.com/factsheets/bha-set-c.php](http://www.csa.com/factsheets/bha-set-c.php) for more information.

Set up your free trial and get access to these reference databases prior to the start of the subscription period, July 1-June 30. The initial discount is 10 percent; however, the discount increases as the number of subscribing libraries increases.

### Big Discount on Select ProQuest Databases

The following two products recently were added to the extensive family of ProQuest databases, and BCR member libraries benefit from the 60 percent discount offered to libraries signing up before May 31.

- **Evidence Matters** — A user-friendly search engine that helps medical practitioners choose the best therapy options for a specific patient with a confirmed diagnosis. For an in-depth description of all the features in this full-text database, go to [www.proquest.com/products\\_pq/descriptions/evidence\\_matters.shtml](http://www.proquest.com/products_pq/descriptions/evidence_matters.shtml).
- **Proquest Health Management** — Designed to meet the needs of researchers studying the field of health administration. Combining full-text coverage for more than 550 key journals with more than 4,500 doctoral dissertations and theses, the database provides users with the highest quality content, much of which is not available elsewhere. For more information, go to [www.proquest.com/products\\_pq/descriptions/pq\\_health\\_management.shtml](http://www.proquest.com/products_pq/descriptions/pq_health_management.shtml).

Contact Ellen Fox at BCR ([efox@bcr.org](mailto:efox@bcr.org)) for details on any of these new database products offered by BCR. Pricing and order forms are available online at [www.bcr.org/reference/](http://www.bcr.org/reference/), select the database from the A-Z list, and follow the links.

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**Feed2Podcast** —  
**www.feed2podcast.com/**

Those of us who have portable digital music players and are constantly on the move love podcasts. The trouble is, the vast majority of RSS feeds that I read do not contain audio content, they're strictly text-based. Well, Feed2Podcast has come to my rescue. After signing up for a free account, just point Feed2Podcast to any RSS feed and receive a new URL for that feed. The resulting new feed will contain an audio version of the text content for your listening pleasure. (You can even do this to your own library's RSS feed as a simple way to start podcasting.) The computer-based speech isn't perfect and it takes a little bit of getting used to, but I can say it does work.

To view the rest of the tools I presented at CIL2006, go to [del.icio.us/travelinlibrarian/cil2006/](http://del.icio.us/travelinlibrarian/cil2006/).

## NetLibrary Subject Sets Discounted

Save 25 percent through June 23 on OCLC NetLibrary Subject Sets of electronic books. With more than 50 subject sets targeted to academic, community college, corporate and public libraries, these preselected collections of e-books give users easy access to a wide variety of content in this increasingly popular format. Take advantage of this opportunity to introduce e-books to your library patrons and on your Web site. For more information on available content, go to [www.oclc.org/info/special/](http://www.oclc.org/info/special/). To order contact NetLibrary at (800) 898-6252 or e-mail [libservices@oclc.org](mailto:libservices@oclc.org).

## In Reference...

*Edited by Brandie Baumann*

### Database Renewal Deadlines

A number of databases offered by BCR are up for renewal this spring. To ensure that your library patrons receive continuous access, please make sure your renewal is submitted to BCR by the dates referred to below. To find the online renewal/order forms on BCR's Web site, go to [www.bcr.org/reference/](http://www.bcr.org/reference/), then select the appropriate database from the A-Z menu.

- May 31 — Britannica database products, including Britannica Online, Annals of American History Online, Enciclopedia Universal en Español, Webster's Third New International Dictionary Unabridged Online and World Data Analyst Online. See [www.bcr.org/reference/Britannica/Britannica-Menu.html](http://www.bcr.org/reference/Britannica/Britannica-Menu.html) for more information.

Britannica Online academic and public library subscribers are reminded that World Data Analyst is now a free database included in its annual subscription. You do not need to select it as a renewal if you did so in the past.

- June 30 — MLA International Bibliography, produced by the Modern Language Association (MLA), provides users with a valuable subject index for books and articles published on modern languages, literature, folklore and linguistics. Go to [www.bcr.org/reference/csa/mlaindex.html](http://www.bcr.org/reference/csa/mlaindex.html) for renewal information.
- June 30 — Oxford University Press products up for renewal include all databases listed at [www.bcr.org/reference/OUP/OUP-Menu.html](http://www.bcr.org/reference/OUP/OUP-Menu.html).

## BCR Offers BioOne at 10 Percent Savings

*By Laura Chittivej*

BCR libraries currently paying for a direct subscription to BioOne will save 10 percent off the retail price when choosing to renew as part of the BCR BioOne group subscription. The BCR BioOne subscription cycle is July 1 through June 30. If your current BioOne subscription is on a different renewal cycle, BCR will prorate your transfer to the BCR renewal cycle.

BioOne is a unique Web-accessible database aggregation of more than 80 high-impact bioscience research journals. 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/](http://www.bioone.org/), you can view abstracts, find a list of titles and review the most viewed articles.

To obtain a free trial, begin a new subscription or renew access, go to [www.bcr.org/](http://www.bcr.org/), choose **Reference Databases** and then **BioOne**. For more information, contact Laura Chittivej at (800) 397-1552 ext.121 or [lcchittiv@bcr.org](mailto:lcchittiv@bcr.org).

## Member News

### **LJ Movers & Shakers Named**

*Library Journal* has released its list of Movers & Shakers for 2006. This year's honorees include four librarians on staff at institutions in BCR member states.

- **Barbara Brown**, outreach coordinator at Pueblo City-County Library (Colorado), was recognized as an Advocate of both libraries and library users. Brown headed up the library's program to increase literacy awareness and access to books in the county's poorest areas.
- Also recognized as an Advocate, Director of the Tuzzy Consortium Library in Barrow (Alaska), **David Ongley**, has created a library that reflects Inupiat Eskimo culture. He says he considers the Inupiat to be his primary clientele. He founded the Alaska Library Association's Native Issues Round Table and led in the creation of "Culturally Responsive Guidelines for Alaska Public Libraries," considered a model for all public libraries that serve native patrons.
- Community outreach/adult services coordinator at Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (Nevada), **Salvador Avila**, was recognized as a Community Builder. In Las Vegas, where Latinos account for 20 percent of the population, Avila serves as ambassador for libraries, "translating community needs into library services that affect people's lives."
- **Jeannie Dilger-Hill**, outreach services manager at King County Library System (Washington) also was honored as a Community Builder. She provides service on wheels with eight bookmobiles that visit 130 nursing homes, senior centers, low-income housing developments,

## Two New Free Teleconferences Scheduled

The College of DuPage has scheduled two additional teleconferences to be broadcast in June, which BCR, our state libraries and CLiC (Colorado Library Consortium) will sponsor. Both of the teleconferences are free. Both teleconferences will be available via downlinking of satellite coordinates and streaming video Web cast.

The teleconferences are:

- "Information Literacy for the 21st Century Learner" (Reaching At-risk High School and Community College Students)
  - Broadcast date — June 2, 2006
  - Presented by NILRC (Network of Illinois Learning Resources in Community Colleges) and funded by Institute of Museum and Library Services
  - For information concerning the program see: [www.dupagepress.com/COD/index.php?id=1165](http://www.dupagepress.com/COD/index.php?id=1165)
- "Confronting the Crisis in Library Education"
  - Broadcast date — June 9, 2006
  - Presented and funded by the American Library Association
  - For information concerning the program see: [www.dupagepress.com/COD/index.php?id=1164](http://www.dupagepress.com/COD/index.php?id=1164)

Libraries/individuals must register to downlink the satellite coordinates or to view the streaming video of the Web cast. Please complete BCR's online registration form at [www.bcr.org/training/teleconferences/register-june.html](http://www.bcr.org/training/teleconferences/register-june.html).

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child care centers, rehabilitation centers and hospitals.

### **Two Appointed to WebJunction Advisory Group**

**Mary Wegner**, state librarian for Iowa, and **Karen Strege**, project director for Western Council of State Libraries and a former Montana state librarian, were among the 10 people named to the WebJunction E-Learning Advisory Committee. The WebJunction online community ([www.webjunction.org/](http://www.webjunction.org/)) supports library management and computing needs. The committee will meet three times annually to provide guidance and feedback on WebJunction learning

programs and services. Wegner is a member of the BCR Board of Trustees and Strege is a former BCR trustee.

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