

## **RLG/OCLC Transition Update: August 2007**

ArchiveGrid is a service originally developed by RLG that aggregates bibliographic MARC records and electronic finding aids contributed by archives into a unique discovery service that helps researchers identify and locate primary source materials. The ArchiveGrid service has two primary components:

- There is a contribution component that provides a free and easy way for archives and other cultural heritage institutions to include their collection descriptions in ArchiveGrid. Thousands of libraries, museums, and archives from around the world have contributed nearly a million collection descriptions to ArchiveGrid. Participation in this program is easy, takes little staff time, and leads to enhanced exposure and usage of your special collections by targeted users. MARC records in WorldCat that are under archival control are automatically included in ArchiveGrid; finding aids can be harvested to be included in ArchiveGrid as well.
- There is a discovery interface located at [www.archivegrid.com](http://www.archivegrid.com) that provides patrons of subscribing institutions with the most efficient tool available to conduct targeted searches of primary source materials. Researchers searching ArchiveGrid can discover and locate items in collections, contact archives to arrange a visit to examine materials, and order copies.

OCLC has continued to offer the ArchiveGrid product since the merger of RLG and OCLC, and intends to continue to offer the service. The number of organizations contributing archival data and finding aids to ArchiveGrid continues to grow daily. We are aggressively recruiting content from both US and international sources. Our aim is to make ArchiveGrid the most comprehensive database for archival data in the world. We also continue to experience growth on the subscriber side, which is driving ongoing investment in the platform and its integration with other OCLC services.

ArchiveGrid successfully transitioned to OCLC in December 2006.

## **LC/NACO and LC/SACO Authority Files**

RLG's version of the authority files retained the authority records for all change, deleted, and superseded heading records, allowing users to determine when headings have changed and trouble-shoot discrepancies in headings in their own bibliographic records. In December 2006 OCLC provided the same access to earlier versions of authority records in Connexion as "Authority History".

## **RLG Union Catalog**

The RLG Union Catalog retained each record as contributed by the source institution, clustered with other records for the same title edition (manifestation). The record that represents the most complete cataloging appears as the "primary cluster member." Users can see, export, or copy from any institution's record in a cluster, including saved records.

The WorldCat model was to present only the "master record" with postings indicating the institutions that hold the same manifestation. The master record continues to be the default for all WorldCat users. In May 2007 OCLC introduced Institution Records into WorldCat, records as contributed by each institution linked to the Master Record. Institution Records provide the same functionality as previously offered by the RLG Union Catalog.

All RLG Union Catalog contributors were surveyed to determine which records (identified by Library Identifier) are to be retained as Institution Records in WorldCat or represented only by the Master Record. 30 million Institution Records were added to WorldCat from records extracted from the RLG Union Catalog; another 65 million Institution Records are expected from contributors' local systems over the next few months.

The default for mixed collection/archivally controlled records was to retain them as Institution Records in WorldCat so that the same information will be visible when ArchiveGrid takes the MARC records from WorldCat.

All Connexion and FirstSearch users have access to Institution Records (FirstSearch users must set up access in the Administration module.) Connexion users can retrieve, display, export, and copy from any Institution Records, but only the owning institution can edit their own Institution Records. Batchloaded records from the institution's local system automatically overlays Institution Records.

At this time, all RLIN21 client users should have migrated to Connexion or a local system. The RLIN21 client will be retired on August 31, 2007. Search-only access to the RLG Union Catalog will be available through September.