

## **News From OCLC**

*For SAA Annual Meeting, 2010*

### **General News**

#### **New Record Use Policy effective August 1**

The policy is based on the premise that OCLC members value WorldCat as a comprehensive, timely, and accurate reflection of the consolidated holdings of those members. The policy's intent is to encourage the widespread use of WorldCat bibliographic data while also supporting the ongoing and long-term sustainability and utility of WorldCat and of WorldCat-based services such as resource sharing, cataloging, and discovery.

"We decided to emphasize a code of good practice for members of the cooperative, based on shared values, trust and reciprocity," said Jennifer Younger, Co-Chair of the Record Use Policy Council, President-Elect, OCLC Global Council and Chair, Board of Directors, Catholic Research Resources Alliance. "The focus of the new policy is on member rights and responsibilities—instead of data ownership issues, detailed provisions or restrictions—with the general aim of fostering innovation in our ever-changing information landscape."

More information at: <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/2010/201032.htm>

Policy: <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/worldcat/recorduse/policy/default.htm>

### **Cataloging and Metadata**

#### **Major agreements with National Libraries**

In December 2009, RERO, the Library Network of Western Switzerland, agreed to contribute more than 4.8 million records for mainly French-, English- and German-language materials to WorldCat. OCLC will provide import capabilities for cooperative cataloging for RERO libraries as well.

In May of this year, the National Library of China announced it would be participating in WorldCat Resource Sharing. Resource Sharing is the OCLC "interlibrary loan" service. This builds on and leverages the 2.4 million records that the NLC has contributed to WorldCat since November 2009, and the partnership between OCLC and the NLC that began in 1986 and included the creation of the *National Bibliography of the Republic Era, 1911-1949*.

In June, The National Diet Library of Japan and OCLC agreed to make more than 5 million records, representing the whole of the JAPAN/MARC database, available on WorldCat. The NDL have been cataloging their Western language materials through WorldCat since 2007.

#### **Implementing Duplicate Detection and Resolution (DDR)**

After a hiatus forced by changes in database structure, OCLC began running duplicate detection and resolution (DDR) software against WorldCat in January 2010. The software is running a two-pronged attack: one focusing on the entire corpus and starting at OCLC record #1, and another focusing on the daily journal files which represent all the records added or updated on a particular day. To date, the software has processed 91 million records and removed 4 million duplicates.

### **Reference and Discovery**

#### **OCLC adding records to WorldCat for Google Books Library Project and HathiTrust Digital Library collections**

OCLC is adding records to WorldCat that represent digitized books from the Google Books Library Project and the HathiTrust Digital Library to provide greater access to and increased visibility of these rich digitized collections. OCLC is working with libraries, Google and the HathiTrust to derive new MARC records that represent these digital collections based on the rich collection of print records contributed to WorldCat by the OCLC membership over the

last 40 years. Searchers will begin seeing these records in WorldCat immediately. OCLC will continue to add records for these collections to WorldCat on an ongoing basis.

WorldCat searchers will be able to locate digitized books from these collections and link to the associated book landing page, and in some cases can access the full text of eBooks available through these significant initiatives.

More at: <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/2010/201019.htm>

### **OAIster records available through WorldCat**

In October, The University of Michigan and OCLC announced that they successfully transitioned the OAIster database to OCLC. OAIster is a union catalog of digital resources hosted at the University of Michigan since 2002. OAIster was developed to test the feasibility of building a portal to open archive collections using the Open Archives Initiative Protocol for Metadata Harvesting (OAI-PMH). OAIster has grown to become one of the world's largest aggregations of records pointing to open archive collections with more than 23 million records contributed by over 1,100 organizations worldwide.

OAIster records are now fully accessible through WorldCat.org, and will be included in WorldCat.org search results. There is also a discrete, freely accessible view at <http://oaister.worldcat.org/>.

More info: <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/200956.htm>

### **Management Services and Systems**

#### **Web-scale library management services available July 1 to early adopters**

OCLC is beginning to roll out its acquisitions and circulation components of its Web-scale library management services. On July 1, these components were opened to a limited number of early adopters. Future additions to the suite will include subscription and license management, and cooperative intelligence.

OCLC Web-scale Management Services offer a next-generation choice for traditional, back-office operations. Moving these functions to the Web alongside cataloging and discovery activities allows libraries to lower the total cost of ownership for management services, automate critical operations, reduce support costs and free resources for high-priority services. It will also allow libraries and industry partners to develop unique and innovative workflow solutions that can then be shared across the profession.

More info, and many links, at: <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/2010/201038.htm>

### **Digital Collection Services**

#### **Digital Collection Gateway sees rapid uptake**

In June 2010, the Washington State Historical Society, the University of Utah's J. Willard Marriott Library and the University of Michigan Library all entered milestone records into WorldCat using the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway.

The 100,000<sup>th</sup> record was entered in February. The 350,000<sup>th</sup>, 400,000<sup>th</sup> and 450,000<sup>th</sup> milestone records all came in June.

Launched in July 2009, the WorldCat Gateway is a Web-based, self-service tool that enables digital repository managers to upload their metadata to WorldCat in order to gain broader visibility for their digital materials. The 350,00<sup>th</sup> milestone record, a record titled, *Russell Bros. Greater American Circus*, was entered by Washington State Historical Society ([www.worldcat.org/oclc/611981669](http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/611981669)).

Founded in 1891, the Washington State Historical Society is dedicated to collecting, preserving and presenting Washington's rich and varied history. The Society's collections include over 80,000 artifacts and half a million images. Tamara Georgick, Head of Information Technology at the Society, has this to say about having the metadata of their digital items in WorldCat, "We are a museum and this helps us cross paths with library users, and it is a much wider audience than we could reach on our own."

The 400,000th milestone record, a record titled, *Golden-cheeked Warbler 1*, was entered by the University of Utah's J. Willard Marriott Library ([www.worldcat.org/oclc/614416763](http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/614416763)).

The J. Willard Marriott Library hosts more than 154 digital collections, using CONTENTdm Digital Collection Management Software, that contain over 1 million digital photographs, newspapers, maps, books, audio recordings and other items.

And the 450,000th milestone record, a record titled, *La muse biblique du rhétoricien français, par Henri Hardy...* [the biblical muse of French rhetoric], was entered by the University of Michigan Library's Digital Library Service ([www.worldcat.org/oclc/631384920](http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/631384920)). It links the metadata record in WorldCat to the digital item that is available through the Hathi Trust Digital Library.

This milestone record was entered by Kat Hagedorn, the Project Manager for Digital Projects. Ms. Hagedorn was instrumental in developing OAIster in 2002 with funding from a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. OAIster has since grown to become one of the largest aggregations of records pointing to open archive collections in the world. In 2009, OCLC formed a partnership with the University of Michigan to provide continued access to open archive collections through the OAIster database.

Ms. Hagedorn began using the Gateway to see how controlling mapping of metadata elements would look like for her Digital Library's sets. She was also interested in being a part of the next step in OAIster's evolution at OCLC. In 2010, OCLC began transitioning OAIster from a traditional harvesting model to a new self-service model using the Gateway, which offers collection managers more control over the metadata harvesting process.

More info: <http://www.oclc.org/gateway>  
<http://www.oclc.org/news/announcements/2010/announcement483.htm>  
<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/2010/20106.htm>