

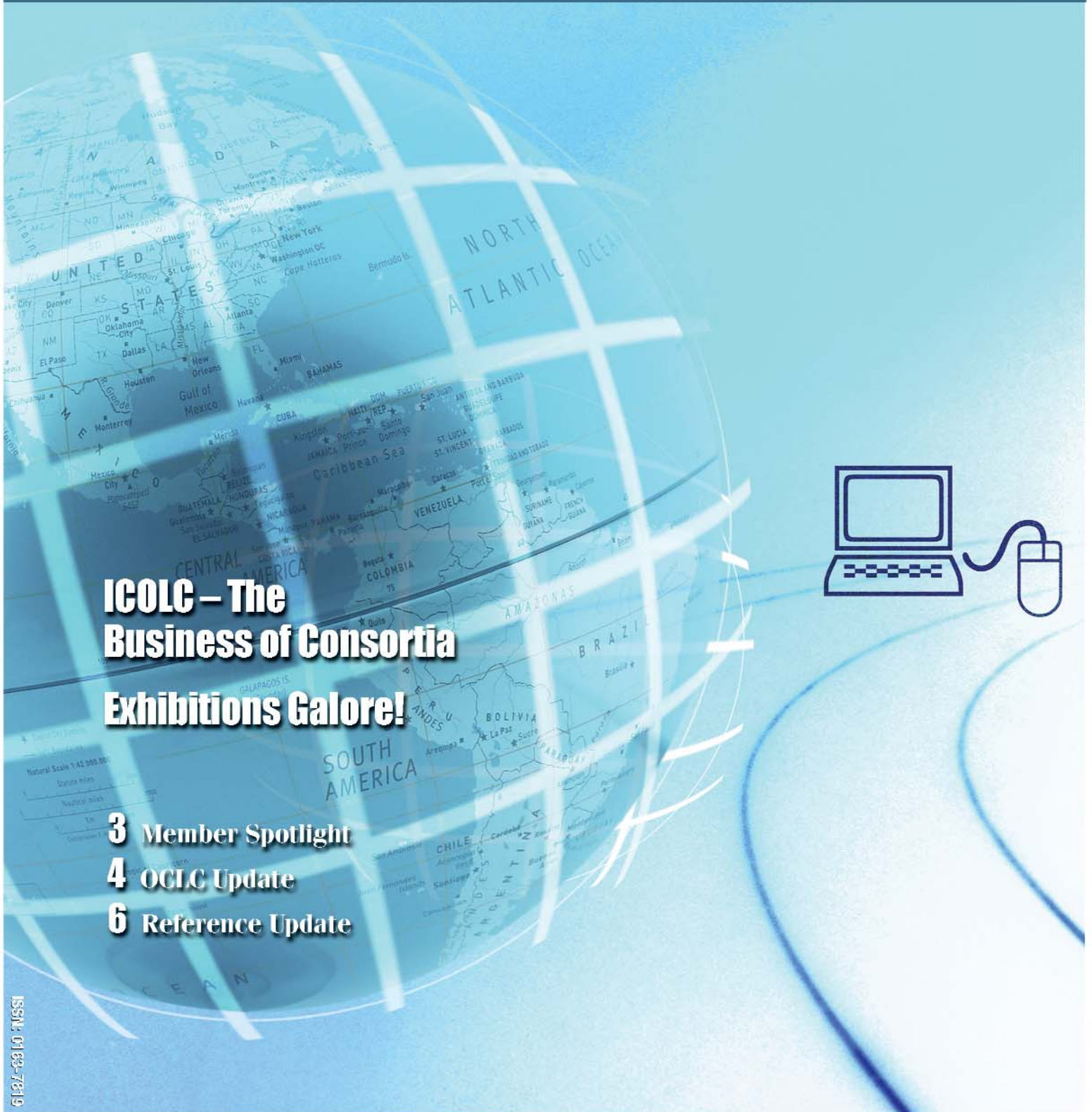


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# ICOLC – The Business of Consortia

BY MICHAEL BUTLER and MARY CONROY

As a member of the International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) (<http://www.library.yale.edu/consortia/>), OHIONET staff regularly attends the annual American meetings. The Spring ICOLC meeting was held in April in Montreal, Canada, near McGill University and was attended by library consortia representatives from the US, Canada, Asia, Europe, South Africa, Australia. Each year the location changes, as different consortia volunteer to host the conference. Tom Sanville of OhioLINK is a founding member of ICOLC and oversees the meetings, keeping us on time and on track with a packed agenda.

ICOLC provides an opportunity for consortia representatives to share concerns, discuss trends and the business of managing library consortia. Among the contributions of ICOLC are the COUNTER and SUSHI standards for gathering and counting e-resource usage statistics.

This year, consortia leaders updated us on their large group-based repositories, usage statistics harvesting standards (SUSHI), collaborative digitization of historical collections, open access and society publishing, and second generation OPACS. In addition to presentations by members, each year a few vendors are invited to speak at short sessions and respond to “grill” questions from attendees about topics such as pricing, new products, trends, and future plans. At this meeting we heard from vendor publishers LexisNexis, Proquest-CSA and Wiley/Blackwell. We also discussed various consortium issues in roundtable breakout sessions. Some of the hot topics this spring were digital archive projects, e-resource licensing, ADA compliance, social networking, Open Source, and ways of cost sharing in consortia.

## Digital Archives

Several large scale statewide and multi-state digitizing projects are in planning stages or starting now. Each project takes a different approach to digitization.

- ◆ Florida has the *DAITSS project*, cleverly named “Dark Archives in a Sunshine State.” It is open source, uses CONTENTdm and aims to provide a “dark” archive without real-time access, but it will preserve content for the future.
- ◆ The *Alliance Digital Repository* is a digital repository for a mix of Colorado institutions and organizations and variety of content and format such as audio, images, directories, publications, maps, etc. The Alliance makes marketing the resources a high priority to help ensure that materials will be well used.
- ◆ OhioLINK’s *Digital Resource Commons (DRC)* moves beyond the prior Digital Media Center. An active depository, not a dark archive, the DRC includes commercial and non-commercial content in various formats such as audio, video, images, e-book, journals. It allows open access self-archiving and publishing and contains the educational and research materials of participating institutions.
- ◆ *ALADIN Research Commons* is a shared repository for the Washington Research Library Consortium in DC. Their goals are to showcase scholarly output, facilitate federated searching of local materials, facilitate collaboration, leverage shared IT resources and provide shared new library services. One pilot project is the Digital Storytelling and multimedia narratives collection by Georgetown University.

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## Save the Date

The OHIONET Annual Meeting will be held at The Fawcett Center in Columbus on Thursday, November 15. Watch for complete program information later this summer.

- ◆ Texas Digital Library, a collaboration of the ARL libraries in Texas, aims to include all higher education institutions in the state with the goal of becoming a center of excellence for the curation and preservation of digital scholarly information in the state of Texas. The TDL provides the infrastructure, and the partner libraries provide the staff, funding and shared resources.

## E-Licensing – An Easier Way?

SERU, the Shared Electronic Resources Understanding – is an exciting project to watch. It proposes that publishers and libraries agree to common principles about e-resource subscriptions and make the acquisitions and ordering process simpler and faster. Libraries and publishers will be able to forego a license for electronic resource subscriptions by referencing SERU. This initiative is sponsored by NISO and is supported by *Association of Research Libraries (ARL)*, *Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)*, *Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers (ALPSP)* and the *Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP)*. The working group has representation from libraries, publishers and consortia. You can see and comment on a draft on the SERU site: <http://www.niso.org/committees/SERU/>

## ADA Compliance

California, Texas and other states are now mandated to follow ADA Section 501 compliance for electronic resources. This is a much stronger requirement than the common recommendation to follow guidelines, as a move to ensure that the aged, the visually- and aurally-handicapped have proper access to educational and library resources. For e-resources it means that materials need to be readable by software such as *JAWS*. This will affect the purchasing decisions of statewide consortia and state-funded entities. Databases which are not ADA compliant by a specified date may need to be canceled.

## Conference Benefits

The presentations and discussions at ICOLC help us to stay informed about activities of leading library groups in the world, as well as trends in publishing and pricing, and give us many ideas for future projects. It is fascinating to find how much we have in common with other library consortia in spite of different priorities, projects, policies, and structures, as well as different ways of tracking data, cost-sharing, and managing operations.

The international participation at ICOLC gives us a rare opportunity to meet our colleagues from other nations and hear about trends, publishers, technologies and projects in their countries. Often the large international consortia are models of resource sharing and are early adapters of new technology, such as shibboleth for user identification. The national consortia act like our statewide consortia and negotiate impressive cost-effective deals for their whole country!

Most of all, as with any good conference, this event provides the opportunity to meet in person with colleagues and build good relations among the library community. The collaborative generous spirit is evident in the free sharing of information and voluntary participation on planning and working committees for the benefit of all libraries and improvement of electronic resource access and standards. Our informal talks with people doing similar work at consortia around the country and the world enable us to share helpful tips and insights. We learn from each other in ways that help us be more effective in our daily work and see future strategies for the benefit of our members and the greater community.

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# member SPOTLIGHT

## OHIONET Members in the News

### Bowling Green Wins III Innovation Award

Congratulations to Bowling Green State University Libraries, who recently won a "Be Innovative! Award" from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. The Libraries' implementation of an electronic resource management system (ERMS) included automating the process to create multiple access points (including title and subject) for researchers. They also utilized the ERMS to display licensing information to the end user. (<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/news/2007/news29908.html>)

### Library of the Year 2007: Worthington Libraries

OHIONET congratulates Meribah Mansfield, the Staff and Trustees of Worthington Libraries on being selected as the 2007 Gale/Library *Journal Library* of the Year. The award was presented at a festive reception attended by Worthington staff, trustees, and friends during the recent ALA Conference in Washington, D.C. Read the full text of John Berry's article announcing Worthington's selection in the June 15 issue of *Library Journal* - <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6449567.html>.



## Exhibitions Galore!

The American Library Association Public Programs Office, in collaboration with the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary, in Philadelphia, has announced that 20 public and academic libraries have been selected to host the traveling exhibition, "Benjamin Franklin: In Search of a Better World." The Ohio State University Libraries and the Middlefield Branch of Geauga County Public Library are the two Ohio libraries (and OHIONET members) chosen. The libraries will host the exhibit for a six-week period between December 2007 and June 2011. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) has provided major funding for this traveling exhibit.

The American Library Association, in conjunction with the Newberry Library, has announced that 23 public and academic libraries have been selected to host the traveling exhibition "Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country." The National Endowment for the Humanities has provided major funding for the traveling exhibition, with additional support from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Wayne County Public Library is the only Ohio library chosen to host the exhibit for a six-week period between October 2007 and November 2011.



Geauga County Public Library  
[www.geauga.lib.oh.us](http://www.geauga.lib.oh.us)

## WorldCat Local Takes Center Stage

An exciting new OCLC pilot is capturing the attention of libraries worldwide. WorldCat Local gives libraries the ability to configure WorldCat.org as a solution for enhanced local discovery and delivery services. The service combines the local information in a library catalog and the richness of the WorldCat database. WorldCat Local also provides branding and local relevancy ranking to front-end search capabilities and integrated access to local delivery options.

WorldCat Local is not a replacement for a library's ILS. Instead, it is a service that works with a library's ILS to deliver an enhanced interface for finding library resources along with a more integrated approach to delivering access to library resources than exists in most libraries today.

When library users search through a library's custom WorldCat Local search box, items most accessible to users appear first in results lists. For example, libraries can choose to rank resources in their local library to appear first, followed by those items owned by other libraries in a related consortium or group, and then by items available from other WorldCat.org participating libraries, regardless of their location. In addition, WorldCat Local delivers real-time circulation information for institution-level holdings and group holdings. Group circulation-level data can be obtained from consortial borrowing systems. WorldCat Local interoperates with locally-maintained services such as circulation, resource sharing and resolution to full text to create a seamless experience for library users.

WorldCat Local interfaces with a library's OPAC to deliver real-time location and availability information. This information (library department or division location, local call number, shelf status) comes from the library's OPAC. OCLC works closely with library staff during implementation of the service to integrate access to this information so it can be delivered through the configured, branded WorldCat interface.

To see WorldCat Local live, visit the University of Washington Libraries and try the "Search UW Libraries and beyond" box (<http://www.lib.washington.edu/>). Other libraries that will participate in the pilot include the Peninsula Library System in California and some Illinois libraries.

For other libraries interested in WorldCat Local, OCLC plans to make this subscription service available in fall 2007. A successful WorldCat Local implementation requires coordination between library and OCLC staff to insure that the WorldCat Local library's holdings are current in WorldCat and the library has indexed the OCLC number for use in its local catalog. OCLC consults with each library to determine the appropriate method for accomplishing this requirement. In addition, a library's ILS and interlibrary loan service or system should interoperate with WorldCat Local for maximum benefit.

Watch for developments with this exciting new service as it moves through its pilot phase.

## WorldCat Adds Institution Records

Cataloging staff may soon encounter a new kind of record in Connexion Browser. Institution Records are part of the integration of the RLG Union Catalog into OCLC WorldCat. In the RLG catalog, each library contributed its version of a bibliographic record, unlike WorldCat where there is only one master bibliographic record. The new "Institution Record" links a particular library's version to the master bibliographic record. Institution Records are being loaded for RLG libraries that want to continue to use them, but they are available for all cataloging libraries to see. Search OCLC number 2318292 in Connexion Browser to see an example of an Institution Record.

On May 20, 2007, Institution Records (IR) support was added in Connexion Browser and via Z39.50. Support for IR will be integrated in Connexion Client 2.0, scheduled for release this summer.

Users will find the following changes in Connexion Client 2.0.

- ◆ Changed options for display options if single record found. There is now a drop-down to select bibliographic, institution, or local holdings records. Formerly, there was a check-box to select Local Holdings.
- ◆ "Include index" options to specify if you want to search WorldCat only or WorldCat and Institution Records. The IR indexes will include unique data from those records. Please note these indexes are not expected to be active until mid-June.
- ◆ New "IR Control Number (ir:)" index for the unique OCLC number for institution records.
- ◆ In the "brief list" view of search results, the number of IRs follows the total number of holdings.
- ◆ On a bibliographic record, in addition to the number of holdings, the number of IRs will also display. When a library has contributed an institution record, their holdings are set on the master bibliographic record.
- ◆ From bibliographic records, there is a new option to "Display Institution Record." This is in the "view" drop-down menu. You may select All Institution Records or the record for a specific symbol.
- ◆ When "All Institution Records" are selected, you will see a list of all attached IRs, along with contributor's symbol, encoding level, call number, and other selected bibliographic information. Clicking on a record number will open an IR.
- ◆ Institution Records open in a "read only" view.
- ◆ All IR have a 079 with the OCLC number of the master record in \$. 019 from the master record will appear in 079 \$z.
- ◆ All libraries can export, derive new master records, and derive new constant data records from IRs.
- ◆ See OCLC number 2318292 for an example of a record with IRs attached.

All libraries should consider local policy and system configurations for IR. For example, will you allow IR to be imported into your catalog? Will your record matching and de-duplication profiles be affected by IR? IR may be a great resource to find additional subject heading or different classification, as well as local information about other libraries' collections.

Contact OHIONET at [memserv@ohionet.org](mailto:memserv@ohionet.org) or 800-686-8975 with questions about Institution Records.

## Brodart and Alliance Entertainment Join Cataloging Partners

For more than 65 years libraries have been able to turn to **The Brodart Company** for everything from furniture to electronic ordering systems to book distribution. And now, libraries can receive OCLC MARC records with Brodart's participation in OCLC's WorldCat Cataloging Partners program.

Brodart's Books & Automation Division offers libraries and schools access to books from over 80,000 publishers and stocks its warehouse with more than two million books. Libraries select from over five million English-language titles, Spanish-language books, plus audio and video products. The Brodart professional library staff designs, maintains, and consults with libraries on selection processes and workflow. For more information about Brodart Books & Automation, visit <http://www.books.brodart.com/home.htm> or contact them at 800-474-9816.

With more than 335,000 titles, **Alliance Entertainment Corporation** maintains the largest in-stock catalog of CD titles and DVD titles in the US. Trading partners include over 10,000 major record labels and movie studios.

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A list of all WorldCat Cataloging Partners is available at <http://www.oclc.org/catalogingpartners/partners/default.htm>

For more information on the WorldCat Cataloging Partners Program, visit <http://www.oclc.org/catalogingpartners/default.htm>

## Call OHIONET First!

We strongly encourage OHIONET member libraries to contact us directly with support questions or issues with any OCLC product or service. OHIONET staff members can be reached at 614-486-2966, 1-800-686-8975, or by e-mail at [memserv@ohionet.org](mailto:memserv@ohionet.org).



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### Discounts on Award-Winning Databases

OHIONET offers discounts on *Library Journal's* 2006 Best Online Reference titles, including:

- ◆ The African American Experience (Greenwood)
- ◆ Current Issues: Reference Shelf Plus (Wilson)
- ◆ Literary Reference Center (EBSCO)
- ◆ Oxford African American Studies Center (Oxford University Press)
- ◆ World Folklore and Folklife (Greenwood)

Read more about these resources at <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6429510.html> or on the OHIONET website.

### New Titles and Trials

Take a break from the summer heat to explore two new electronic resources available from OHIONET.

- ◆ Latino American Experience (Greenwood): to access a free trial please go to <http://lae.greenwood.com> and enter username "greenwood" and password "collection"
- ◆ Small Engine Repair Reference Center and Home Improvement Reference Center (EBSCO): to access a free trial, go to <http://trial.ebscohost.com> and enter username "ohionet" and password "publics"