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a column reporting on news and developments relating to acquisitions and document delivery

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Have You Heard?

The **Marine Biological Laboratory/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution Library** has become a contributing and supplying library for the **UnCover** database. New titles from this collection will be added by UnCover in the spring of 1995. Their additions will strengthen the scientific collection of the database, with additions from areas such as marine biology, radioanalytical chemistry, fisheries, geology, pesticides, physics, natural history, and petroleum geology.

PromptCat, OCLC's newest cataloging product should be available in April 1995. It is a vendor-prompted catalog service for non-serial titles. PromptCat links order-fulfillment by a vendor to a method and delivery by OCLC of a monographic OCLC-MARC record to the library. This service is designed for all library types whose material vendors are capable of working with OCLC in the automated US-MARC format environment. PromptCat will increase library staff productivity by providing timely, quality cataloging with little or no staff intervention. PromptCat delivers a record for any title ordered through a vendor for which there is a monographic record in the Online Union Catalog (OLUC). Options for timing of setting the holdings, record selection, record editing, and record delivery will allow libraries to fit the services to their needs. The service works both with firm and approval orders. **Academic Book Center, Baker & Taylor, and Blackwell North America** have agreed to collaborate with OCLC to offer PromptCat. They join **Yankee Book Peddler**, the first vendor to agree to participate in OCLC's PromptCat service. For pricing information, call your OCLC utility.

Nearly 600 libraries in Colorado will have the opportunity to participate in a **FirstSearch** pilot beginning in February. The pilot will allow patrons of Colorado libraries to access OCLC's FirstSearch Service. During the trial, participating libraries will have access to more than 50 databases and document ordering. For the month of April, ASCII full text will also be available. The project was organized by the **Colorado Consortium for Database Networking (CCDN)** and endorsed by **Colorado Library Resource Sharing and Information Access Board (CLRSIAB)**. The **Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR)**, an OCLC-affiliated regional network, will provide free technical support and training for all pilot project libraries.

EBSCO is grouping several of its divisions and services together under a new name — **EBSCO Information Services** — to signify the company's ability to provide fully integrated serial information management in the most convenient, cost-effective manner possible. Services included in the group are: subscription management; reference database development and production; online multi-database access; and document delivery.

Here's word of a newly created library software company! **Endeavor Information Systems** is bringing a state-of-the-art academic library and information management system to the marketplace. **Voyager** is a client/server product that combines open system standards with a practical user interface and image technology. Endeavor Information Systems can be reached at (800) 762-6300 or Endeavor@EndInfoSys.com. They

have offices at 9700 W. Higgins Road, Suite 100, Rosemont, IL 60018-4734 and at 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA 94403.

OCLC offers enhancements to **FirstSearch/ILL** transfer with the addition of the ISSN included in the :VERIFIED: field. The verification field now gives the name of the database, record number in addition to the ISSN. The ISSN is always at the end of the field and is labeled ISSN: to make it easy to spot. This gives the user a good numeric key to help search the Online Union Catalog (OLUC).

OCLC has designed a **World Wide Web** interface for the **OCLC Electronic Journals Online** system that will make subscriber access to journals possible from multiple computer platforms using **NCSA Mosaic** software. Using the Mosaic software, IBM PC, Macintosh and UNIX users have access to the full text, color and halftone images, graphics, complex equations and tables available in OCLC Electronic Journals Online. The Electronic Journals Online System for IBM PC users is also available through **Guidon**, OCLC's Windows-based graphical user interface. **Applied Physics Letters Online**, the electronic version of the weekly journal published by the **American Institute of Physics (AIP)**, is the first of the OCLC Electronic Journals Online to be available through the Web. Other OCLC Electronic Journals Online will be available on the Web over the course of 1995.

Dialog Information Services (a **Knight-Ridder** company) has acquired 100% interest in **Article Express**, making it a wholly-owned subsidiary. Ar-

ticle Express was originally formed in 1992 as a joint project between Dialog and **Engineering Information**. Since that time, AEI has grown to become one of the industry's largest document providers, acquiring **Information On Demand** in 1993.

CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service) unveiled a new generation research tool to assist scientists and researchers worldwide with access to the organization's databases. **SciFinder**, which works on **Macintosh** or **Windows** desktop computer systems, places information ranging from chemical structures to chemical-related literature at the fingertips of scientists who have little if any online search expertise. This client-server application, linked to CAS databases, enhances the creative discovery process by providing a simplified means to answer the majority of the questions routinely asked by research scientists. With **SciFinder**, CAS will be the first organization to introduce an intuitive information retrieval product of this type in the chemistry area.

To help standardize the procedures to search and retrieve scientific and technical information from electronic databases, **CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service)** and **Dialog Information Services, Inc.** announced their agreement to join other information providers in co-sponsoring publication of the **Scientific and Technical Attribute Set (STAS)**. STAS is a list of standard data elements, their names and abbreviations, and a unique data element number. It is designed to improve interoperability among consumers and providers of scientific and technical information using Z39.50 protocol. Prior to its development, there was no standard way to refer to a large number of searchable and retrieval fields within scientific and technical databases. CAS and Dialog are joined by **The Clearinghouse for Networked Information Discover and Retrieval (CNIDR)**, and **FIZ Karlsruhe** as co-sponsors in publishing STAS.

In an effort to provide users with comprehensive and up-to-date review information, the editors of **Library Journal**, **School Library Journal** and **Publishers Weekly** are developing an electronic product that will combine all print reviews along with other materials' selection information. The proposed product

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will be an **all-inclusive review source** for librarians covering books, audio, video, CD-ROM multimedia, and CD-ROM and online databases. The reviews would be available online or on CD-ROM. They would be provided 2 1/2 to 3 weeks prior to their inclusion in the printed issues, when accessed online via the Internet. All reviews currently found in these three publications would be included, encompassing all adult and children's material published, as well as all book-related feature articles and bestseller lists. If accessed via the Internet, the product would have a weekly frequency with daily updates available. The CD-ROM product would have a monthly frequency with daily FAX updates. The service would be searchable by author, subject and title. It would allow the user to download the information for use in collection development and ordering. The system would offer a direct ordering module and additional components might include a listing of titles as they are assigned for review for loading onto a user's acquisition system, and cataloging, particularly for children's

books. Additional advantages to the service would be the ability to compile possible purchasing lists based on titles sent out for review, the elimination of cutting and pasting of reviews for selection lists, the ability to compile subject bibliographies with reviews and, eventually, access to reviews not available in print. **The editors are seeking information and feedback from library staff who are likely to use this type of product/service.**

Winnebago Software Company has released educational products and developed services to assist library professionals in learning how to use the Internet. **Winnebago's Internet resources** include full-day training sessions and an Internet video starter kit. Both are designed for the beginning Internet user. With Winnebago's Internet educational products and services, library professionals can learn how to: choose the appropriate Internet connection; select a provider; join an online discussion group; perform "gopher" searches; transfer files between computers; send and receive

email; and log on to a remote computer. Educational materials and answers to frequently asked questions are provided with each training session. The video starter kit includes two 30-minute videos and a reference guide. The accompanying guide contains glossaries and helpful worksheets in addition to a step-by-step tutorial and tear-out reference sheets.

Follett Software Company has released **Sneak Previews Plus** — a new multimedia CD-ROM product designed to enhance the book acquisitions process within the school or library environment. Utilizing current multimedia technology including the **Kodak Photo CD system**, Sneak Previews Plus enables librarians to actually 'preview' books before ordering, thereby supplementing current review media. Book buyers not only read full-text reviews of newly published books from selected journals, but also view a full cover image, enhanced MARC record, text/illustration image and, if available, publisher-provided annotation, table of contents, index and author/illustrator information. Audio is also provided, when available, for author interviews and annotations. Sneak Previews Plus enables users to search for a record by author, title, subject (Library of Congress and/or Sears), illustrator, publisher series, Dewey Decimal Classification, or 'gallery' (multimedia entities only). The 'Search Window' contains a selection box that can be used to limit a search to fiction, nonfiction, or both (default), or to a particular interest level or 'all levels' (default). Sneak Previews Plus even enables users to complete and print a "want list" of desired titles. Follett is using Photo CD technology from **Eastman Kodak Company** to include photographs in Sneak Previews Plus. The Kodak Photo CD system allows users to see photographic images of a book's cover and spine, along with illustrations and other images where appropriate. Issued quarterly on subscription, each release will consist of two CD-ROMs — "Books for Young Readers" for the elementary school audience and "Books for Young Adults" for the secondary school audience. Subscriptions targeted toward each audience can be purchased separately. For information on hardware requirements and costs contact the Follett Software Company at (800) 323-3397. ☛

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