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comparison shop across dealers to get what you want for the price you want." (Emily's choices on the Web are **BiblioFind** and **Advanced Book Finder**.) **Bernard Helms** of **Andrews University** also backed up Emily when he said, "Now with the Web I get 80% of the titles I'm looking for and GOOD Prices." (Bernard uses **Interloc** and **Bibliocity**.)

Our fourth question asked: "If payment for the service is required, excluding the cost of the title itself, how is that payment made?" It seems libraries are not asked for any fee except for the cost of the work if it is found. I understand the usual cost of Web site information is paid for by the vendors whose wares are listed at the site. Generally librarians have not had to make a payment for service beyond the cost of the title sought. As for the payment for the successful searches, some librarians prefer to send a purchase order and pay from an invoice. If prepayment is required, librarians find it convenient to pay by credit card to avoid the delay of writing a check, mailing it, etc. Internally, the department ordering the title is charged accordingly.

When a vendor reports a successful search, **Helen Mack** at **Lehigh** says she checks with the requester regarding price and if that is too high, the request becomes one for an Interlibrary Loan rather than OP. **David Fisher** at **UC, San Diego** states, "We do not use vendors who charge up front for searches."

In our fifth and last question, we asked for other comments on this topic and got some interesting responses. At **Dartmouth**, **Barbara Sterling** responded, "the Web sources are useful but time-consuming. It is a title by title search." (Does anyone have advice on how to overcome this?) **Meg Cairo** at **New York State Library, Albany** says "Web has changed everything, made finding OP part of regular search streams."

Only one librarian commented on the condition of OP titles. "Reading copy condition books" are acceptable. **Marilyn Ng** at **UC, Berkeley** wrote, "Science titles and conference proceedings have always been difficult to locate in the OP market. We find that going direct to the author/editor of a book can be rather successful with the needed book being donated to the collection."


Another accolade for the Web. **Laurie Anderson** of **Maryland Institute. College of Art** says: "Web searching is the only way this one-person acquisitions department would ever have time to search for OP titles regularly." At **Baruch College**, **Doug Duchin** commented that the Web, "works well for us and is much cheaper. The problem is that some OP vendors want credit card payments, which means we cannot use them at all."



Dan Evans at **Lafayette College** said: "The biggest problem we have encountered are smaller dealers who refuse to give their ss numbers, as required by law, to our controller's office." **Steve Johnson**, **Clemson University**, summed up his comments this way: "The Web has revolutionized the out-of-print business. Now we can obtain many more titles, for much less hassle, much faster, and at a lower price."

In summary, I see several major findings, probably not news to all of us, but noteworthy:

1. The Web technology has changed OP searching.
2. More institutions are resorting to credit card purchases.
3. Some state institutions have difficult-to-implement policies.
4. U.S. titles are easier to find than foreign works.

Thanks to all who found the time to contribute to this column! We couldn't do it without you. 

Biology Bestsellers
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Moynihan, M. *Social Regulation of Competition and Aggression in Animals*. Smithsonian Inst. 1998. \$27.50. Cloth 156098788x

Liebes, Sidney. *Walk through Time: From Stardust to Us: The Evolution of Life on Earth*. John Wiley. 1998. \$29.95. Cloth 0471317004

Frohn, Robert C. *Remote Sensing for Landscape Ecology: New Metric Indicators for Monitoring, Modeling, and Assessment of Ecosystems*. Lewis. 1998. \$69.95. Cloth 1566702755

Helmreich, Stefan, 1966- *Silicon Second Nature: Culturing Artificial Life in A Digital World*. Univ of California. 1998. \$29.95. Cloth. 0520207998

Lincoln, Roger J. *Dictionary of Ecology, Evolution and Systematics*. Cambridge Univ Press 1998 \$29.95 Paper 052143842x

Welch, Margaret, 1961- *Book of Nature: Natural History in The United States, 1825-1875*. Northeastern Univ. 1998. \$50.00. Cloth 1555533426

Biodiversity Dynamics: Turnover of Populations, Taxa, and Communi-

ties, Ed. by Michael L. McKinney. Columbia Univ Press. 1998. \$59.95. Cloth. 0231104146

Gaston, Kevin J. *Biodiversity: An Introduction*. Blackwell Science. 1998. \$24.95. Paper 0632049537


Michod, Richard E. *Darwinian Dynamics: Evolutionary Transitions in Fitness and Individuality*. Princeton Univ Press. 1999. \$45.00. Cloth 0691026998

Restoration Ecology and Sustainable Development, Ed. by Krystyna M. Urbanska. Cambridge Univ Press. 1997. \$80.00. Cloth 0521581605

Mehlman, Maxwell J. *Access to the Genome: The Challenge to Equality*. Georgetown Univ. 1998. \$39.95. Cloth 0878406778

Dewey, Thomas Gregory, 1952- *Fractals in Molecular Biophysics*. Oxford Univ Press. 1997. \$65.00. Cloth 0195084470

Gayon, Jean. *Darwinism's Struggle for Survival: Heredity and the Hypothesis of Natural Selection*. Cambridge Univ Press. 1998. \$95.00. Cloth 0521562503

Warren, Leonard, 1924- *Joseph Leidy: The Last Man Who Knew Everything*. Yale Univ Press. 1998. \$35.00. Cloth 0300073593 

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