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Article Linker Adds Google

Serials Solutions has adopted **Google Scholar** as an OpenURL-enabled source for its **Article Linker** hosted link resolver product. According to the company, "working in close collaboration with the Google Scholar team, Article Linker has enabled more than 100 libraries to link from Google Scholar to full-text content within their collections." To work with Google, Serials Solutions has built proprietary activation and data transfer tools "to streamline the process and ensure quality linking." Existing Serials Solutions customers can activate the Google Scholar option through the vendor's Client Center. A custom XML file, which is maintained by Serials Solutions at no cost to customers, enables Google to highlight links if the library has the full-text article in its collection.

CARL•X Ups Language Options

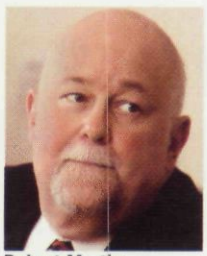
The Library Corporation has increased the number of non-Roman character sets supported in Unicode by its **Carl•X** system. The vendor revealed that the **Carl•X Public Access Catalog** supports "search, retrieval, and display of Chinese, Russian, Korean, Hebrew, Arabic, Tamil, Japanese, and many other languages covered by the Unicode standard." The Carl•X cataloging module is compatible with Windows Global Input Method Editors (IMEs), enabling catalogers "to enter and maintain non-Roman data using commonly used data entry techniques."

INFOTECH PEOPLE

Martin Named OCLC Advisor

OCLC August 3 named **Robert Martin**, former director of the **Institute of Museum and Library Services** (IMLS), special advisor to the President for cultural heritage institutions. In addition to advising OCLC, Martin will be returning to a former teaching post at Texas Woman's University, Denton, as the Lillian Bradshaw Distinguished Professor of Library Science in the School of Library and Information Studies. Martin said that he has been following OCLC in recent years and believes he can help "extend the value of its services to even more cultural heritage institutions around the world."

Martin, who recently completed his four-year term with IMLS, has a distinguished career as a library educator and archivist, including posts as director and librarian at the Texas State Library and associate dean of libraries for the Special Collections at Louisiana State University. (For an interview with Martin, see "The Post-Martin Era," *LJ* 6/15/05, p. 42.)


Robert Martin

Iraqi librarian training

Additionally, OCLC is working in tandem with the **International Human Rights Law Institute of DePaul University's College of Law**, Chicago, to boost cataloging in Iraqi libraries. The two organizations recently held a cataloging standards training workshop for a dozen Iraqi librarians in Amman, Jordan, called **Raising the Bar: Legal Education Reform in Iraq**. A focus of the project, OCLC said, is "providing technical and administrative support, along with necessary resources, to repair the damage and neglect to the country's libraries and information technology services."

The librarians from the University of Baghdad, University of Basra, and University of Sulaimaniya met at the American Center for Oriental Research for lectures and hands-on classes conducted entirely in Arabic.

RFID

GA, MD Take RFID Plunge

RFID continues to spread both domestically and overseas: the **Woodstock Public Library**, GA, has signed with **ITG** (**Integrated Technology Group**) to install an **Apex RFID** system, including three XpressCheck patron self-service stations, in hopes of turning all checkouts over to library users to free up staff. Woodstock is the third facility in the Sequoyah Library System to take the RFID plunge. Patrons have been quick to embrace the self-check stations, said Pat Bull, Woodstock's manager. "These units actually work."

Easy upgrade

In Maryland, the **Harford County Public Library's Abingdon Branch** replaced its existing RFID solution with Apex. The company said that "with the exception of a few upgrades in a few areas, the switch did not necessitate any significant hardware changes." The upgrade also offers new features, including shelf-reading via an inventory wand.

BiblioChip for Munich

The **Munich Public Library**, Germany, has opted for **Bibliotheca's BiblioChip** for its massive upcoming RFID project. The Swiss company acknowledged that in early 2006, Munich's main and two branch facilities will undergo the change, with 23 other branches to follow suit in 2009. The libraries will receive self-checkout stations for patrons, RFID staffer stations, sensor gates, and book returns. Munich's library circulates almost 50,000 items daily.

CrossRef Free OpenURL Tool

CrossRef has launched a free OpenURL resolver (www.crossref.org/openurl) "to facilitate navigation of the 17 million items now registered" on the reference-linking service. The tool works as a digital object identifier (DOI) search resource and is compliant with the NISO Z38.88 standard. It allows users "to enter an OpenURL as one way to be directed to publications from the hundreds of publishers and societies that participate in CrossRef by registering DOIs for their content."

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