

OCLC CATALOGING, RESOURCE SHARING AND UNION LIST MIGRATION DATES

The dates you've all been waiting for! OCLC has consulted with librarians as well as its own Members Council, advisory committees and regional service providers, and is announcing retirement dates for its current cataloging, resource sharing and union list access points. Dates related to the availability of key functionality on migration platforms are also being announced.

Retirement

- May 1, 2005: OCLC retires **Passport for Cataloging and resource sharing, ILL Web, ILL ME and ILLiad 6.x**.
 - Those who use Passport for cataloging must migrate to the Connexion browser or client.
 - Those who use Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME or ILLiad 6.x for resource sharing must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing (presently referred to as the FirstSearch staff view) or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad 7.0.
 - **OCLC is already seeing considerable migration of users from ILL Web to WorldCat Resource Sharing. If this trend continues, OCLC will work with remaining libraries to speed up the migration process. This may result in an earlier retirement date for ILL Web.**
- June 2005: OCLC retires **Passport union listing functionality**. Those who use Passport for Union List activities must migrate to Connexion
- July 1, 2005: OCLC retires **CatME, CJK and Arabic**. All users of these access points must migrate to the Connexion browser or client.

Additional key migration dates by activity

Cataloging

- Connexion browser is available and contains all Passport for cataloging functionality, except for macros and truncated lists. Truncated lists will be added in the near future. Macros are supported only in Connexion client.
- November/December 2004: Connexion client version 1.20 is released, including NACO, authority searching enhancements, local files and batch processing.
- 1st quarter 2005: Connexion client version 1.30 is released, including truncated lists and CJK.
- 2nd quarter 2005: Connexion client version 1.40 is released, including Arabic.

Resource Sharing

- December 2004:
 - Version 7.0 of ILLiad, ensuring ongoing interoperability with OCLC ILL, is released.
 - All libraries currently using OCLC resource sharing that *do not* have access to FirstSearch can log on to WorldCat Resource Sharing.
- December 2004-April 2005: WorldCat Resource Sharing adds additional high-productivity features and functionality. The improved workflow enables users of Passport for ILL and ILL ME to migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing.
- May 1, 2005: OCLC retires Passport for ILL, ILL Web, ILL ME and ILLiad 6.x. All users of these access points must migrate to WorldCat Resource Sharing or upgrade to OCLC ILLiad 7.0. OCLC is already seeing considerable migration of users from ILL Web to WorldCat Resource Sharing. If this trend continues, OCLC will work with remaining libraries to speed up the migration process. This may result in an earlier retirement date for ILL Web.

Union List

- June 2005: Connexion supports local holdings (LDR) maintenance. More details on Union Listing will be forthcoming.