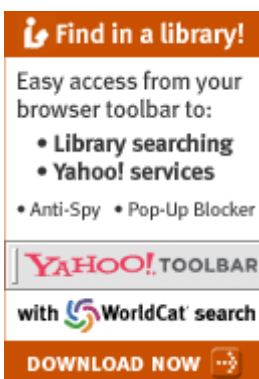# SAILS Network News
Library Network

Library Services Disguised

This month SAILS is reporting two new services for researchers - professional and at-home. The first is a Yahoo toolbar created to search holdings in OCLC's Open WorldCat. Catalog holdings in WorldCat are indexed, searchable, and linked to when searching using the Yahoo! Toolbar. Eventually, all 56 million records will be available to researchers. "Open WorldCat points more people—even those who don't typically visit libraries—to library collections as a first source of information. It promotes the value of libraries on a scale greater than any library or group could achieve alone." - OCLC Website.

When the special, co-branded Yahoo! Toolbar is downloaded and installed, working from within your Web browser, you can enter a search term directly into the search field on the toolbar. If you select to search "Libraries", you'll be taken to Yahoo! and prompted to enter your zip code. The search results will display based on proximity. If any local libraries have holdings that match your search, they will display various levels of information, depending on the amount of detail the library has given to OCLC. Since SAILS has a subscription to WorldCat, we have given linking information to OCLC so when a title in our catalog is found, there will be a direct link to iBistro.

Find in a library!

Easy access from your browser toolbar to:
- **Library searching**
- **Yahoo! services**
- Anti-Spy   • Pop-Up Blocker

YAHOO! TOOLBAR

with **WorldCat search**

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Further information, and a link to download the toolbar is found at: http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/open/. You should feel free to publicize this service to your patrons, since it's another avenue of access to your collection.

Google Scholar is another service available to budding researchers. This service, from Google, allows people to search research journals, "peer-reviewed papers, theses, books, preprints, abstracts and technical reports", previously accessible to libraries only. To try this out yourself, go to http://scholar.google.com/.

Google links to documents which may be available for free, or may prompt users to pay per view. The item may already be available to them for free, at the library, or if they accessed the article at home, through the online databases, with their library card. Why should this matter? Many people in the library community (http://www.resourceshelf.com/) fear that if patrons don't know what is available to them, they won't see the value in their local libraries, since they can get it online for themselves. It's obvious Google has a great marketing team, but we all have to take the initiative to get our services to patrons. Promote the databases available in the library and to the home user. Promote the MassAnswers service. Let patrons know they can get answers to their reference questions 24 hours a day. Let them know what services we have available to them and by using these services, we can save them time and frustration by letting us do for them what we do best.
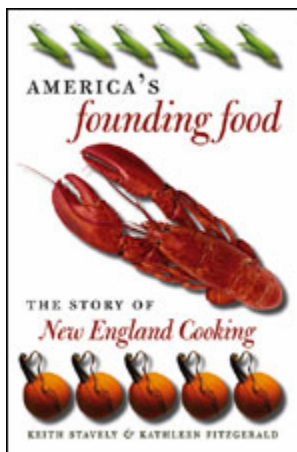
Just in time for the Holidays!

Our very own Keith Stavely, Director of the Fall River Public Libraries, and his wife, Kathleen Fitzgerald, librarian at the Newport Public Library, have written a very interesting book on the history of New England cooking.

The following description is from the publisher, the University of North Carolina Press. "From baked beans to apple cider, from clam chowder to pumpkin pie, Keith Stavely and Kathleen Fitzgerald's culinary history reveals the complex and colorful origins of New England foods and cookery. Featuring hosts of stories and recipes derived from generations of New Englanders of diverse backgrounds, America's Founding Food chronicles the region's cuisine, from the English settlers' first encounter with Indian corn in the early seventeenth century to the nostalgic marketing of New England dishes in the first half of the twentieth century."

View the complete description, as well as an interview with the authors at: http://www.uncpress.unc.edu/books/T-7472.html.

Reserve your copy in iBistro today, or go to Amazon.com and purchase copies for your friends and family.

Unicorn 2003.1.4

Sirsi announced the release of Unicorn 2003.1.4 just before Thanksgiving. We have loaded this latest release on the test server and will be testing it over the next 2 weeks. Expect an announcement by mid-December as to when we will be doing the upgrade.

Two weeks prior to the upgrade we will then repost the upgrade directions with the appropriate property settings you will need to make for each wizard as well as a quick tip list of new functions. A reminder for those of you who attended training – the user browse functionality has been restored to this release so you will not have to rely strictly on keyword searching for patrons. We will certainly provide you all with more details about this important functionality.

Local History Materials—Durfee High School

Ronald Bettencourt spent last summer scanning. Not the beaches, but books. Lots of books, and articles, and slides. So many resources now available to anyone on the Web. It's also available through iBistro and the History SAILS On… collection.

If anyone is looking for information about mills, architecture, the Civil War, steamers (ships not clams), or local attractions, this is the place. It's really amazing the wealth of resources available to you and your patrons (certainly students). There are newspaper articles back to 1953, eight full-text books and hundreds of images.

Soon the collection will be fully searchable as a part of the History SAILS On… database. SAILS is working on creating a form for catalogers to input data into the database. This will give patrons access to your special collections, or just interesting items you wish to have available, on the Web. If you have catalog records in iBistro, you can link out to the online document, right from the bibliographic record!

Steamer "Priscilla" - Interior

SAILS Responds

Each month SAILS will post responses to ideas and suggestions sent from the "Idea Box" form.

Q: I have always thought it would make life MUCH easier if EVERYTHING from any SAILS workshop or meeting was dated. Is this possible?

A: This is an excellent suggestion. While our manuals are automatically dated at the time we prepare or edit them and meeting minutes are dated, there have been times when handouts were not dated. We will be sure to date everything that we hand out and when appropriate we will also include the Workflows Version to which it applies.

Q: Is it possible to have the "search All Libraries" button in the same place, at the very top of the list, in both Workflows and iBistro? Or, would it be possible to have an extra button to press for an "all Libraries" search? it would make it faster and easier. This is only a very small thing, but something that we use over and over again every day.

A: For libraries who choose to have their own library as the default when searching in iBistro, the specific library will always display at the top. If no items are found, you'll then be presented with a "search ALL libraries" button. In Workflows, we do default to ALL_LIBS, regardless of what the setting is in iBistro.

Q: I really hate the way you get websites instead of books when you search Ibistro. Not always but some searches you just get a lot of websites. When looking up items for patrons I am looking for books, not websites. I can find plenty of websites for a patron if I need to help them with an online search but we would do that at a different computer, the public computers, not the computer at the reference desk where the patron approaches me. Or I can search the Internet from my desk computer which of course is very helpful and I do that a lot, but I don't need website listings in Ibistro, they just slow down the process of what I am using it for.

A: The Pubpac committee had posted the following tip for excluding websites in your search:

Searching/Unsearching for Websites in iBistro
DartClix websites found on iBistro can be extremely helpful for doing research; however sometimes you just want a list of available materials on the library shelf. This is easily taken care of by a simple Boolean search (really, you don't have to be afraid of Boolean searching - it works!).

Type in your subject or keyword but add the following text:
NOT web site

For example instead of typing in a search of endangered animals, type:
endangered animals NOT web site

If you are searching specifically for a book, or other format, you can select the format on the Advanced Search screen. This will limit to just books, videos, music, etc.

Q: First Readers should be called "Early Readers" rather than "Easy Readers". They aren't easy for the children who need to start at this level.

A: Easy Reader is a collection description used in both Home Locations and Item Categories. The terms used in the Home Locations and Item Categories were requested by member libraries. Home locations describe where in the library something can be found and Item Categories are used for circulation statistics. Easy Reader was the term requested because it is a generally used term used in the publishing field to describe a certain type of material for beginning readers (e.g. Dutton Easy Reader Series, Ingram's Easy Reader Standing Order Program) and is commonly used to describe a specific section in the children's department of a library.

If your library uses the term Early Reader to describe this type of material your director may request that we add this home location to the options available.

World Holidays

Books & Videos

Holiday Cooking Around the World
Featuring foods, cultures, and holidays from around the world, go on a tour of international kitchens as cooks prepare traditional holiday dishes. With easy-to-follow recipes from many different countries, readers are given a sampling of the celebrations held in each featured country. Publication info: Minneapolis, MN : Lerner Publications Company, c2002. (ISBN: 0822541289)

A Soldier's Christmas by Rachel Lee, 2004
Three emotional new stories from three bestselling military romance authors make up this collector's anthology about finding holiday peace and love on the front lives. (ISBN: 0373770146)

Lights of Winter by Heather Conrad
A hardcover picture book for children 3 to 9 and people of all ages. Eleven winter celebrations of different cultures around the world. (ISBN: 0971242518)

World holidays : a Watts guide for children
Moehn, Heather, 2000
This useful resource presents more than 100 religious, cultural, and national holidays celebrated around the world.

Winter holiday stories [videorecording] - A video collection of stories to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa.

NetLibrary
If you don't own a copy of the classic story of, "**A Christmas Carol**" by Charles Dickens, you may now log in and read it online through NetLibrary. Also available is the full text of "The Night before Christmas".

Websites
An excellent starting point for the history of Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa! - http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/main.html

A great guide for celebrating the history of Christmas.—http://www.christmaspast.info/

An essential guide for tracking Santa!— http://www.noradsanta.org/

**Holiday Shoppers, check out these sites!
Flying Noodle—http://www.flyingnoodle.com/: great food gifts for family & friends, direct from this Pembroke mail-order company.

Froogle—http://froogle.com: from google comes this one stop shopping resource. Find the gift you're looking for in multiple online stores, including eBay!

Museum of Fine Arts Boston—http://mfa.org/shop/: "Our mission is to create unique gifts that educate, entertain, enlighten, and encourage awareness of the rich artistic heritage represented by the Museum's collection." - MFA Web Site

Pangea Vegan Products—http://www.pangeaveg.com/: find household cleaners, clothing, body care, food, and many other products you can feel socially responsible in giving this season.

From Cirque du Soleil's "Quidam" @ Uncommon Goods

Uncommon Goods—http://www.uncommongoods.com/: everything from bowls made out of papayas to take-out menu organizers.

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Upcoming Training & Meetings

Upcoming Training

Detailed descriptions and registration information, are available on the SAILS website.

Beginning Serials Training—Cancelled
12/07/2004

Searching for Catalogers
12/08/2004
9:30am to noon SAILS Training Room

Virtual Catalog Training
12/08/2004
1pm to 3pm SAILS Training Room

Advanced Searching
12/09/2004
9:30am to 12pm SAILS Training Room

Upcoming Meetings & Events

SAILS Board Meeting—Officers Only
12/15/2004

PubPac Committee Meeting
01/05/2005
9:30am SAILS Meeting Room

New Workshop Notice

Based on several comments from the Tech Services Survey, SAILS has added a new workshop called "Searching for Catalogers". It will cover search strategies, stop words, keyword searching, and hopefully answer any questions you may have. Register Online at: http://sailsinc.org/ce/Details.asp?ID=66

SAILS Network Statistics

FY05 Overview	December	November	October	September	August	July
Total Intranetwork Loans		45,803	48,089	47,448	50,527	49,759
Total Items Circulated		364,857	356,078	343,798	382,040	411,373
VirtCat Items Borrowed		777	815	752	835	518
VirtCat Items Loaned		432	397	396	352	236
Cataloging Requests		2,607	2,552	2,713	2,975	2,631
MARC Records Added		2,982	2,798	3,425	3,176	3,249
Patrons Added		2,763	4,888	5,607	3,588	3,068
Holds		30,682	30,026	30,587	31,423	32,361
Total MARC		937,282	934,055	930,684	928,240	922,507
Total Holdings		3,335,761	3,325,130	3,311,845	3,299,129	3,289,160
Total Patron		513,580		510,834	508,854	509, 384

FY05 Overview	June	May	April	March	February	January	Total FY05
Total Intranetwork Loans							241,626
Total Items Circulated							1,858,146
VirtCat Items Borrowed							3,881
VirtCat Items Loaned							1,813
Cataloging Requests							13,478
MARC Records Added							16,349
Patrons Added							19,914
Holds							155,079
Total MARC							934,055
Total Holdings							3,325,130
Total Patron							513,580