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The information industry added value with unique content and custom tools as large search engines entered the market

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FAMILY

The information industry continues to consolidate, just as agribusiness has consolidated and now dominates farming. Both the family farm and the small information company still exist but are becoming rarer in an age of mergers, acquisitions, and increased economies of scale. Small companies distinguish themselves by high quality, special themes, or useful tools to keep and build their customer base.

The database marketplace this year was dominated by the news of several large acquisitions. Wiley's purchase of Blackwell Publishing Ltd. drew concerns from members of the Information Access Alliance (IAA), made up of representatives from SLA, the American Library Association, Association of Research Libraries, and other library groups. The IAA is particularly concerned with continued market consolidation among commercial scholarly publishers.

Other acquisitions occurred in the database and secondary publisher fields. In March 2007, Elsevier, a publisher that has raised IAA's concerns in the past, announced its acquisition of the Beilstein Database, the well-known organic chemistry fact book and database. Elsevier had been involved with the Beilstein-Institut in the database's production and marketing since 1998 before acquiring it outright in 2007. Cambridge Infor-

mation Group (CIG) acquired ProQuest and formed ProQuest CSA, which extended both its indexing and abstracting services and full-text articles. OCLC purchased RLG to create a single mega-shared cataloging company in a world that once had several competitors (remember WLN?). OCLC's new WorldCat.org service included several features from RLG's discontinued RedLightGreen union catalog.

Seeding the search engines

Even larger businesses loom on the fringes of the traditional database and information content fields. Many respondents to this year's database marketplace survey voiced growing concerns with Google Scholar and Microsoft Windows Live Academic, free services that threaten to replace traditional journal indexes. Google Books and Wikipedia gained share from millions of book users.

Traditional information companies worry how libraries can continue to justify the expense of their products and services in the face of growing (and highly visible) free resources. Cautiously working with the giants is one tactic, as many primary publishers allow at least their indexes to be crawled by the scholarly search engines. The CrossRef pilot project introduced many scientific database producers to being indexed by Google, but humanities publishers, including JSTOR and Project Muse, have also exposed URLs.

Google's purchase of YouTube may have implications for the future information world, with potential for multimedia information content and social networking, though the impending Viacom lawsuit against Google throws up questions about copy-

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righted material in the Google service. How social technologies of Web 2.0 can be integrated with proprietary content is a challenge that information companies have not yet met, but many respondents to our survey see that as important to their future.

Microsoft tried to make sure that Google isn't the only mega-information business with the announcement of its own competing large-scale book digitization plan (Live Search Books) and Windows Live Academic Search, which competes with Google Scholar. Yahoo has partnered with seven newspaper companies representing 176 papers to share content, advertising, and technology. In the meantime, the American Chemical Society settled its lawsuit with Google over its "Scholar" copyright claim (as in "Google Scholar" and "SciFinder Scholar").

Organic farming

These massive projects emphasize quantity, not quality, of access to information. Microsoft freely provides images of

Commission recently published a report advocating open access. Publishers at the subsequent meeting in Brussels expressed concerns that some open access alternatives threaten scholarly publishing in the "Brussels Declaration on STM Publishing" (www.stm-assoc.org/brussels-declaration).

From another perspective, the University of California Libraries announced it is advocating value-based journal prices, showing it is willing to pay more for better produce but less for things that don't get touched.

Planting more and better yield

Bigger farms mean bigger crops, but even smaller ones feel pressure to have higher yields. The desire for more online books puts pressure on both libraries and publishers. ProQuest CSA added ProQuest and EBSCO full text to CSA bibliographic databases in sociology, economics, business, and political science. Springer, Elsevier, and Wiley introduced new ebook collections, while existing ebook collections grew in titles and availability.

A new ebook ordering platform from ebrary integrates ebook ordering through book vendors YBP and Blackwell. But once again, Google set the bar extremely high, with more library collections being digitized for Google Book Search along with its publicized goal to digitize everything. Several more universities joined the Book Search project, including the University of California, Princeton University, University of Virginia, and University of Texas at Austin, as did international partners like the Bavarian State Library and National Library of Catalonia.

In the meantime, R.R. Bowker's Index Content Enrichment aims to provide better access to the books and other materials in our library catalogs, allowing users to search tables of contents and fiction profiles. The Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) in the UK funded a project led by Emerald to develop an RSS news feed to push e-journal information into library catalogs.

Many database providers followed the trend toward digitizing everything by expanding collections and adding new historical collections. Ingenta and Factiva both passed the 10,000 e-publications mark; NewsBank/Readex's Ameri-

Google Book scans that show human fingers on the scans and have pages missing. Organic farmers strive to reverse the supersizing trends and provide high-quality, small-scale results. Traditional information industry companies feel their competitive edge must rely on high-quality presentation, indexing, and selection.

BioMed Central's Faculty of 1000 Medicine database relies on authoritative voices to evaluate quality medical literature. Thematic collections, such as the H.W. Wilson Company's Current Issues: Reference Shelf Plus, ProQuest CSA's Civil War Era primary source database, EBSCO's new Reference Centers on topics such as home improvement and small engine repair, and ABC-CLIO's History Reference Online, emphasize quality selection for those who care about taste over massive portions.

Organic farmers face concerns with government regulations and oversight. Mandated moves to open access through institutional or subject repositories and experimental alternative journals continue to concern publishers. The Directory of Open Access Journals now lists over 2500 e-journal titles that are available at no fee to the reader.

OpenDOAR is a directory of open access repositories, and many libraries are launching institutional repositories. The U.S. National Institutes of Health recommends optional self-archiving within a year of publication, and the European

ca's Historical Newspapers Collection reached nine million facsimile pages of over 1300 papers; ProQuest introduced many new historical collections, including Historical Annual Reports, Obituaries, and the Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals; and Opinion Archives added complete runs of notable journals, including *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, and *National Review*. Almost all e-journals and ebooks collections continued to expand in years of coverage and/or number of sources.

TRADITIONAL INFORMATION INDUSTRY COMPANIES FEEL THEIR COMPETITIVE EDGE MUST RELY ON HIGH-QUALITY PRESENTATION, INDEXING, AND SELECTION

TABLE 1 FIRMS AND THEIR DATABASE SERVICES

ORGANIZATION NAME	SIGNATURE PRODUCT	PRIMARY LIBRARY MARKET	NEW ACQUISITION	PRIMARY SUBJECT	PERCENTAGE OF FULL-TEXT CONTENT
AARP	AgeLine®	Academic	No	Social sciences	No response
ABC-CLIO	Historical Abstracts, America: History & Life	Academic	Yes	Social sciences	>75
Alexander Street Press	Women and Social Movements: Scholar's Edition	Academic	Yes	Arts & humanities	>75
American Chemical Society, Publications Division	Journals including <i>Journal of the American Chemical Society</i>	Academic	No	Other sciences & engineering	>75
American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)	ACLS Humanities E-Book Collection (formerly ACLS History E-Book Project)	Academic	Yes	Arts & humanities	>75
American Psychiatric Publishing	www.PsychiatryOnline.com	Academic	Yes	Life sciences–medicine	>75
ARTstor	ARTstor Digital Library	Academic	Yes	Arts & humanities	No response
Books24x7	ITPro	Academic	Yes	Other sciences & engineering	>75
R.R. Bowker	BooksInPrint.com	Public	Yes	General interest	
CABI	CAB Abstracts	Special	Yes	Other sciences & engineering	<25
Carroll Publishing	GovSearch Suite	Public	Yes	Social sciences	>75
Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS)	The CAS Chemical Registry System and Database	Special	No	Life sciences–medicine	No response
Columbia University Press	Columbia Granger's World of Poetry	Academic	No	Arts & humanities	>75
CQ	CQ Press Political Reference Suite of Online Editions	Academic	No	News	>75
ebrary	The ebrary platform	Academic	Yes	Business–Economics	>75
EBSCO Publishing	Business Source Complete Academic Search Complete	Academic	Yes	Business–Economics	51–75
Emerald	Emerald Management Xtra	Academic	Yes	Business–Economics	>75
Encyclopedia Britannica	Britannica Online Public Library Edition	Academic	No	General interest	>75
Factiva, from Dow Jones	Factiva.com	Special	Yes	News	>75
Facts On File	Six cross-searchable history databases	School	No	Social sciences	>75
Greenwood	Daily Life Online family of products	Public	No	Arts & humanities	>75
IGI Global (formerly Idea Group, Inc.)	InfoSci-Online Premium	School	No response	Other sciences & engineering	>75
InfoUSA	ReferenceUSA; US Business Model	Public	No	Business–Economics	<25
Ingenta	IngentaConnect	Academic	No	Life sciences–medicine	>75
IntelLex	N/A	Academic	No	Arts & humanities	>75
Marshall Cavendish	“Cultures of the World” series	School	No	Social sciences	>75
OECD	SourceOECD	Academic	No	Business–Economics	>75
OpinionArchives	N/A	Academic	Yes	Arts & humanities	>75
Ovid Technologies	Ovid Web Gateway/Journals@Ovid	Academic	Yes	Life sciences–medicine	26–50
Oxford University Press	Oxford English Dictionary Online	Public	Yes	Arts & humanities	>75
Project MUSE	Project MUSE	Academic	Yes	Arts & humanities	>75
ProQuest CSA	ProQuest: ProQuest Historical Newspapers™; CSA: CSA Illustrata	Academic	Yes	Business–Economics	>75
Readex, a division of NewsBank	Archive of Americana	Academic	No	Social sciences	No response
Rosen Publishing	Teen Health & Wellness: Real Life, Real Answers	School	No	Multidisciplinary	>75
Rotunda	Papers of George Washington Digital Edition	Academic	No	Social sciences	>75
Snapdata®	Snapshots Series	Special	No	Business–Economics	<25
Springer	SpringerLink	Academic	Yes	Life sciences–medicine	>75
Thomson Scientific	Web of Science®	Academic	Yes	Multidisciplinary	<25
H.W. Wilson	Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature	Academic	No	Multidisciplinary	51–75
World Bank	World Bank e-Library	Academic	No	Business–Economics	26–50
World Book	World Book Online Reference Center	School	No	Multidisciplinary	>75
Xrefer	Xreferplus Ready-Reference	Academic	Yes	Social sciences	>75

SOURCE: LJ Database Marketplace Survey 2007. NOTE: Organizations listed responded to a detailed survey

Digging deeper

New or expanded offerings go beyond books and journals, with 100,000 images added to ARTstor's Digital Library and new Music and Art portals from Oxford University Press (OUP). New collections allow deep access to previously hard-to-reach materials, such as E-Enlightenment from OUP, which provides online access to 75,000 letters from 18th-cen-

tury thinkers and authors; historical American Broadsides and Ephemera from Readex and the American Antiquarian Society; and streamed video of theater productions and film adaptations through Alexander Street Press's Theatre in Video. ProQuest CSA Illustrata extracts and indexes tables and figures from scholarly journal articles while retaining the indexing and context of whole articles.

MOST HEAVILY USED PRICING OPTIONS	CONTENT TYPES	2007 NEW PRODUCT?	PERCENTAGE OF SERVICE TO LIBRARIES
Concurrent user, flat fee subscription	Bibliographic databases, directories	Yes	>75
Concurrent user, flat fee subscription	Bibliographic databases, other	Yes	>75
No response	Bibliographic databases, fact/reference books, other	Yes	>75
Flat fee subscription	Fact/reference books and periodicals, other	Yes	>75
Flat fee subscription	Full-text other (full-text books)	Yes	>75
Connect time, concurrent user subscription	Bibliographic databases, fact/reference, other	No	>75
Flat fee subscription	Other (digital images and associated metadata)	Yes	>75
Concurrent user, other (site license, unlimited concurrent users)	Full-text other	Yes	>75
Flat fee subscription	Bibliographic databases, OPAC additions	Yes	>75
Concurrent user	Bibliographic databases, encyclopedias, other	Yes	>75
Flat fee subscription	Directories, statistical/numeric databases	No	>75
No response	Bibliographic and statistical/numeric databases	Yes	No response
Flat fee subscription	Fact/reference books	No response	>75
Potential user subscription	Bibliographic databases, directories, other	Yes	>75
Concurrent user subscription, other (FTE-based pricing for subscriptions; price based on list for purchased titles)	Directories, encyclopedias, fact/reference books, other	Yes	>75
Flat fee subscription	Bibliographic databases, directories, other	Yes	>75
Concurrent user, flat fee subscription	Full-text periodicals, case studies, other	Yes	50-74
Other (price based on institution type & enrollment; enrollment below certain thresholds charged flat fee)	Encyclopedias, reference books, full-text periodicals	Yes	50-74
Flat fee subscription	Bibliographic databases, directories, other	No	50-74
Other (full-time enrollment for schools; number of cardholders for public)	Encyclopedias, fact/reference books, other	Yes	>75
Potential user subscription	Encyclopedias, fact/reference books, other	Yes	>75
Potential user, flat fee subscription, fee per record	Encyclopedias, fact/reference books, periodicals, other	Yes	>75
Flat fee subscription	Directories	Yes	>75
Other (no charge to libraries from Ingenta; charge to libraries from publisher)	Encyclopedias, fact/reference books, periodicals	Yes	>75
Other (one-time purchase with web access for annual fee)	Full-text periodicals, full-text collected works, other	Yes	>75
Concurrent user, potential user subscription	Encyclopedias, fact/reference books	Yes	>75
Flat fee subscription	Fact/reference books, full-text periodicals, full-text other	Yes	50-74
Concurrent user, flat fee subscription, other	Bibliographic databases, full-text periodicals	Yes	>75
Concurrent user subscription	Bibliographic databases, fact/reference, other	Yes	>75
Concurrent user, potential user subscription	Encyclopedias, fact/reference books	Yes	50-74
Flat fee subscription	Full-text periodicals	No	>75
Flat fee subscription	Bibliographic databases, encyclopedias, full-text other	Yes	>75
No response	Other (historical collections of primary source materials)	Yes	>75
Flat fee subscription	Other	To be determined	>75
Flat fee subscription	Other (transcripts of primary-source materials)	Yes	>75
Concurrent user, potential user, flat fee subscription, fee per record or record part	Statistical/numeric databases	No	>75
No response	Bibliographic databases, encyclopedias, other	Yes	>75
Flat fee subscription	Bibliographic databases, other	Yes	26-49
Concurrent user, potential user, flat fee subscription	Bibliographic databases, other	Yes	>75
Other (fee per FTE/number of authorized users)	Fact/reference books, other	Yes	>75
Connect time, concurrent user, potential user, flat fee subscription	Encyclopedias, fact/reference books, other	Yes	>75
Potential user subscription	Encyclopedias, fact/reference books, other	Yes	>75

Farming implements and tools

Whether they be horse-drawn plow and sickle or a modern tractor and combine, good tools are required by farmers to keep up with the work. It got easier to make sense of the masses of usage data generated by e-collections with some new tools this year. Paratext added an interactive usage statistics model for its Reference Universe customers

that lets libraries view and analyze usage data and terms searched by their users. MPS Technologies' Scholarly Stats provides customized usage reports for libraries that integrate separate vendor reports. Usage data analysis got even more sophisticated with Thomson Scientific's Journal Use Reports, which integrates library journal usage data with quality metrics for journals with ISI Journal Citation Re-

ports and for articles with Web of Science® citations.

Some new tools this year stand out as first steps that will move database farming tools into power tools. Browsealoud technology speaks Facts On File News Service web database content to those who need it, while Lextrix from Cambridge University Press helps students read Greek and Latin texts. The WorldBank e-Library interface has improved charting options and allows users to map indicators, including zooming and panning. Linking remains a primary way to get publishers' content to users, no matter where they begin their work. Linking tools such as Ingenta's appropriate copy linking in Google Scholar, ProQuest's One Click, and CrossRef's DOI harvesting product are key.

The future

Can the family database farm survive next to the giant databusinesses? Even the largest companies in the database marketplace are feeling pressure from Google, Yahoo, and Microsoft. We heard many worries from database providers [see the forthcoming Online Databases column, *LJ* 6/1/07], but information companies are differentiating their products by emphasizing quality, selection, and specialized tools. They are working on ways to integrate social networks, provide increased depth within their specialties, and make their products stand out. Better taste and better quality, combined with new and better harvesting products, just may be what it takes to succeed on the information farms of the future.

Company Profiles

AARP

**Research Information Center,
Washington, DC; 888-687-2277
www.research.aarp.org/research**

AgeLine®, the AARP's premiere database, includes books, articles, reports, and videos associated with aging in nonresearch-level and general publications. There are plans for customized alerts in AgeLine later in 2007. AgeSource Worldwide identifies international resources on aging.

ABC-CLIO

**Santa Barbara, CA; 800-368-6868
www.abc-clio.com**

ABC-CLIO introduced History Reference Online in 2007, a full-text collection of approximately 350 reference books. Its databases, America: History & Life and Historical Abstracts, are now cross-searchable and include OpenURL linking. ABC-CLIO's newest database, Issues: Understanding Controversy and Society, was produced to help users learn about relationships between controversy and society.

AccuWeather Education Division

**Fort Washington, PA; 888-438-9847
education.accuweather.com**

AccuWeather is a longstanding provider of weather information. The AccuWeather Education Division produces the AccuNet/AP Photo Archive, a collection of over two million photographs, graphics, and audio clips from the Associated Press from 1826 to the present and makes it available to schools, public libraries, and institutions of higher education.

Alexander Street Press, LLC

**Alexandria, VA; 800-889-5937
www.alexanderstreet.com**

Known for exhaustive indexing of collec-

tions of primary sources in the humanities, Alexander Street's new collections include Theatre in Video, providing streamed video of theater productions and film adaptations, and HarpWeek, *Harper's Weekly*, 1857-1912. New titles in music include a collection of streamed audio, American Song, and Classical Scores Library, coming in spring 2007. In a move to the social sciences, Alexander Street will introduce Primary Sources in Counseling and Psychology, 1950 to Present, encompassing reference works, transcripts, and audio files of therapy sessions, diaries, etc.

American Chemical Society (ACS), Publications Division

**Washington, DC; 888-338-0012
pubs.acs.org**

The ACS Publications Division offers online versions of the society's journals and archives, as well as some of its reference titles and proceedings. AuthorChoice is a fee-based open access option for authors. An online version of the Reagent Chemicals Handbook, 10th edition, was recently launched. Its subscription model is tied to value-based metrics.

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)

**New York; 212-838-0641
www.humanitiesebook.org**

ACLS produces the ACLS Humanities E-Book Collection, formerly known as ACLS History E-Book Project. The name change came about as ACLS expanded into other humanities disciplines and area studies. The full-text collections, almost 90 percent of which are from the last 20 years, come with free MARC records, downloadable statistics, and unlimited access. This year, a large collection of titles in women's studies will be added.

American Institute of Physics (AIP)

**Melville, NY; 516-576-2200
www.aip.org**

AIP uses its own Scitation interface, as do several other professional societies, including the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and International Society for Optical Engineers (SPIE). The digital libraries of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM) were launched in 2006 with Scitation. AIP recently announced an RSS Saved Search capability for Scitation, allowing users to define RSS feeds based upon their own search criteria. Last year, keyword searching of PubMed was added to the Scitation interface.

American Psychiatric Publishing, Inc. (APPI)

**Arlington, VA; 800-368-5777
www.appi.org**

PsychiatryOnline.com is the online platform for APPI's books, journals, and reference books, including *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, 4th ed. (DSM-IV®). Web interfaces have been recently redesigned, and journal back files, back to Volume 1, Issue 1, are now available. APPI offers a subset of the content for downloading to PDAs.

American Psychological Association (APA)

**Washington, DC; 800-374-2722
www.apa.org**

The best-known and most widely used database of APA is PsycINFO, available directly and through other vendors. Most APA journals have been digitized and are accessible online in PsycARTICLES. APA also offers a Librarian's Resource Center with links to application guides and tutorials. PsycEXTRA, a database of gray literature, was recently updated with a collection of research reports from APA's Experimental Publication System.

ARTstor

New York; 212-500-2400

www.artstor.org

The Digital Library of ARTstor contains 500,000-plus images, with almost 100,000 added in the past year, including collections of contemporary architecture and Korean religious painting. Responding to criticism from libraries, the firm now allows users to download larger-sized files of 100,000 images for educational use. A free version of the ARTstor image viewer, which facilitates annotated slide shows with zooming and panning capabilities, is now available to the public.

BioMed Central Ltd. (BMC)

Science Navigation Group,
London; +44(0) 7323 0323

www.biomedcentral.com

Along with 170 online, peer-reviewed journals in the biomedical sciences, many of which are open access titles, BMC also has online textbooks. The Faculty of 1000 Medicine was launched last year, providing authoritative evaluations of medical literature. It now offers Open Repository, an institutional repository service that hosts DSpace for institutions. BMC plans to develop a Biology Image Library, consisting of images, animations, and videos to join Peoples Archive, which has videos of notable scientists.

BioOne

Amigos Library Services

Dallas; 800-843-8482

www.bioone.org

In January 2007, BioOne 2 became available, with 41 full-text journals—many of which were not previously available online—joining the existing collection. Among the new titles are six from UniBio Press, which is associated with SPARC Japan. The “Science News” section on the BioOne homepage is an RSS feed from ScienceDaily.

Books24x7

Norwood, MA; 781-440-0550

marketing.books24x7.com

New titles are being added continually to the Books24x7 collections in business, engineering, and information technology. MARC records are available for the 14,000-plus titles. Books24x7 ebooks complement the courseware offered by its parent company, SkillSoft. Complete title PDF downloads are available from the ExecSummaries and ExecBlueprints collections. Some titles offer MathML (mathematical markup language) equations and downloadable Excel tables.

R.R. Bowker

New Providence, NJ; 800-526-9537

www.bowker.com

Known for its online version of *Books in Print*, last year Bowker introduced the Bowker Fiction Connection, which won the Charleston Advisor 6th Annual Readers' Choice Award for best interface; it is powered by AquaBrowser. Bowker's Synthetic Solutions is used by many ILS vendors to provide reviews, tables of contents, and other enrichments to catalogs.

Brepols Publishers

Turnhout, Belgium; +32 14 44 80 34

www.brepols.net

Brepols online databases focus on sources of Western civilization. The databases include bibliographies, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and collections of Latin texts. It offers International Medieval Bibliography Online.

Brill Academic Publishers, Inc.

Boston; 617-263-2323;

www.brill.nl

Among Brill's online products are books, journals, and primary source reference works. Its ebooks are available through NetLibrary and ebrary. Brill e-journals can be found in Ingenta in the following subjects: biology, humanities, social sciences, human rights and international law, and science, technology, and medicine (STM). Online reference titles are available in Brill Online, including the Encyclopedia of Islam and the Africa Yearbook.

CABI Publishing

Cambridge, MA; 800-528-4841

www.cabi.org

CAB Abstracts Plus features the full text of journals, conference proceedings and maps. Approximately 10,000 full-text documents are added per year. CABI recently acquired the TROPAG database of tropical agriculture. It also introduced VetMed Resource for continuing veterinary education and focusing on evidence-based medicine. CABI ebooks are available through ebrary, Dawson Books, and MyiLibrary. Its databases are available through its own interface, CAB Abstracts, as well as other vendors. In 2006, CABI Bioscience and CABI Publishing merged.

Cambridge University Press

New York; 800-872-7423

www.cambridge.org

Cambridge University Press has several online products to choose from, including 256 journals from Cambridge Journals Online, online dictionaries, and ebooks. In 2006, Cambridge announced Orlando,

a collection of texts by and information about female writers from the British Isles, from 600 BCE to the present. It also introduced a new tool, Lextrix, to assist students in reading Greek and Latin texts.

Carroll Publishing

Bethesda, MD; 888-741-4490

www.carrollpub.com

Carroll Publishing developed GovSearch to allow users to search, through a single interface, government information from local, county, state, and federal sources. Recently, it added enhanced search and browse capabilities in an edition of GovSearch for libraries.

Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS)

Columbus, OH; 800-753-4227

www.cas.org

CAS is a division of the American Chemical Society (ACS), which produces chemical databases available through several database services. The STN service, a joint venture of CAS and FIZ-Karlsruhe, is a database service that hosts primarily science and technology databases. SciFinder and SciFinder Scholar are end user database services that search the CAS chemical databases.

Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI)

National Research Council Canada,

Ottawa, ON; 800-668-1222

cisti-icist.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca

CISTI, a top document delivery service for science, technology, engineering, and medicine, provides two databases, CISTI Source Articles and CISTI Source Journal, for access to its collection. Users may receive weekly alerts based upon updates to each database. Last fall, CISTI unveiled the CISTI Yahoo Widget, which searches the CISTI catalog directly from the desktop.

Columbia University Press

New York; 800-944-8648

www.columbia.edu/cu/cup

Both Columbia's Granger's World of Poetry and Columbia Gazetteer of the World have been redesigned. Granger's has 210,000 full-text poems, and its interface uses a split screen that allows users to view poems side by side. It also includes audio readings of 100 of the most popular and studied poems. The Gazetteer contains 170,000 entries and allows downloading of Excel or GIS-compatible GML files. Other products include Gutenberg-e ebooks, Columbia Earthscape, Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO), and The Columbia Electronic Encyclopedia.

CQ Press

Washington, DC; 800-834-9020, x1906
www.cqpress.com

The CQ Researcher has been renamed CQ Researcher Plus Archive, and includes a back file of reports to 1923. Five new titles have been added to the Political Reference Suite of Online Editions: Political Handbook of the World, Congress and the Nation, Vital Statistics on American Politics, Supreme Court Yearbook, and California Political Almanac. CQ Global Researcher, covering worldwide issues and events, will be offered in 2007.

D&B

Short Hills, NJ; 800-234-3867
www.dnb.com

Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) provides information about U.S. companies in its Million Dollar Database and internationally in its International Million Dollar Database. Hoover's, one of its subsidiaries, recently unveiled a new interface to its unified database and improved search capabilities.

The Dialog Corporation

Cary, NC; 800-3DIALOG
www.dialog.com

Dialog hosts 900 bibliographic databases, as well as news from newspapers, broadcast transcripts, market research reports, data files in science and engineering, intellectual property information, and government regulations. DialogClassic Web has received a graphical interface update, links to full text using Dialog eLinks, and postprocessing tools including outputting results and reports in PDF and XML.

Ebook Library (EBL)

Chevy Chase, MD; 301-951-8109
www.ebllib.com

Last year, EBL doubled its list to 60,000 multidisciplinary ebook titles. Books can be read online or offline by using Adobe Reader 7.0. EBL titles may be acquired through James Bennett, Blackwell's Book Services, Dawson Books, or YBP Library Services.

ebrary, Inc.

Palo Alto, CA; 650-475-8700
www.ebrary.com

ebrary announced a new "purchase only" pricing model in 2006. Individual ebooks may now be ordered through YBP and Blackwell book vendors. As well, titles from 40 new publishers and a new law subscription collection were added.

EBSCO Publishing

Ipswich, MA; 800-653-2726
www.ebscohost.com

EBSCO continues to add new online databases, including Business Source Complete with 3000 full-text titles, 300 full-text books, industry reports, and market research reports. In addition, there is a new full-text edition of EconLit, with other full-text editions planned for Film & Television Literature Index and Textile Technology Digest. Other new products include Home Improvement Reference Center™, Points of View Reference Center™, Academic Search Complete, and Small Engine Repair Reference Center™.

Elsevier

New York; 888-437-4636
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Emerald publishes 170 peer-reviewed journals in business, management, library science, and engineering. Its signature online product is Emerald Management Xtra, a collection of 150 journals and resources for course planning and teaching. Emerald recently announced the "Welcome to Emerald" program that provides free use of Emerald journals for faculty and students in collection development courses at American Library Association (ALA)-accredited schools of library and information science.

Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.

Chicago; 800-621-3900
www.eb.com

Britannica produces special editions of Britannica Online for academic, school, and public libraries and Spanish-language versions for adults and students. Future products include a web site for preK-2 students and Britannica Learning Zone.

Factiva, a Dow Jones Company

Princeton, NJ; 800-369-0166
www.factiva.com

Factiva, a leading provider of news and business information, released Factiva Search 2.0, a simple, intuitive user interface that includes data visualization. The

Insight product suite was also introduced, which manages and organizes reputation intelligence via text mining.

Facts On File, Inc.

New York; 800-322-8755
www.factsonfile.com

Last year, Facts On File redesigned its six history databases and Science Online. Enhancements include a user-friendly interface, with browsing, tabbed search results, and cross-searching of the history databases. Other databases will also be redesigned with additional content and a user-friendly interface.

Facts On File News Services

New York; 800-363-7976
www.facts.com

News products from Facts On File News Services are available for all types of libraries. The Facts for Learning database was designed for grades two to eight. Other online products include Facts On File World News Digest, Issues & Controversies, Issues & Controversies in American History, Today's Science, World Almanac Reference Database, and Reference Suite. The Facts On File News Services databases may now be used with Browsealoud technology.

Films Media Group

Princeton, NJ; 800-257-5126
www.filmsmediagroup.com

Films Media Group offers 12,000 streaming videos to schools, libraries, and the medical community. It also offers video delivery via DVD and VHS and on demand. Its brands include Meridian and Shopware.

Geolytics, Inc.

East Brunswick, NJ; 800-577-6717
www.geolytics.com

Geolytics provides census, demographic, and market research data on CD-ROM and online. The majority of its products are based upon the 2000 Census, and it also offers products based on the U.S. Census back to 1970. The company provides customized reports upon request.

Greenwood Publishing Group

Westport, CT; 203-226-3571
www.greenwood.com

The Greenwood Digital Collection is comprised of 3000 ebooks. In 2006, it introduced four new e-resources: World Folklore and Folklife, The African American Experience, Praeger Security International, and The Reader's Advisory Online. Greenwood is one of the first publishers compliant with release 1 of the COUNTER Code of Practice for Books and Reference Works.

Grey House Publishing
 Millerton, NY; 800-562-2139
www.greyhouse.com

Grey House produces several online directories in business, health, education, statistics, economics, and demographics. Last year, it acquired Canada's Micromedia Directories from ProQuest, which includes both print and electronic products.

HarpWeek
 Reston, VA; 703-264-9862
www.harpweek.com

HarpWeek is a fully indexed online version of *Harper's Weekly* from 1857 to 1912. It was one of the leading newspapers of the United States in the 19th century. It has several free web sites and a number of resources for educators, including *The End of Slavery*, *The Presidential Elections*, and *Black Voting Rights*. One of its newest free sites is entitled "Arkansas in the Civil War." It recently announced a partnership with Alexander Street Press for library purchases of HarpWeek.

HighWire Press
 Palo Alto, CA
highwire.stanford.edu

HighWire is a division of Stanford University Library. It hosts 1,036 scholarly journals, mainly in the sciences and medicine, from 130 publishers, including 71 of the 200 most frequently cited journals. HighWire features 1.6 million articles that may be viewed free of charge. It also offers a hosted version of PubMed, the National Library of Medicine's medical bibliographic database.

IBISWorld, Inc.
 New York; 212-626-6794
www.ibisworld.com

IBISWorld is a source of information on the world economy. Its U.S. products include Industry Market Research, Company Research, Business Environment, and Industry Risk Ratings. IBISWorld Global Industry Reports cover the global marketplace. Web-based newsletters featuring economic and industry appraisals are produced monthly. It has 8000 company reports and risk ratings produced by in-house analysts.

IEEE (Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers)
 Piscataway, NJ; 800-701-4333
www.ieee.org

The IEE/IET Electronic Library (IEL) contains full-text journal articles, papers, and standards from IEEE and Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET). Complete back files are available from

1988. Subsets are available for journals only, proceedings, and selected subject areas. IEEE Standards Online is now available through the Xplore interface.

IGI Global
 (formerly Idea Group, Inc.)
 Hershey, PA; 866-342-6657
www.idea-group.com

Last year, IGI added a collection of encyclopedias and handbooks to its full-text InfoSci-Online Database, which includes book chapters, journals, and teaching cases about information science and technology. The new product is called InfoSci-Online Premium. An online Dictionary of Information Science and Technology was also introduced. The company sponsors its own Information Resources Management Association conference and publishes the proceedings.

Infotrieve
 Los Angeles; 800-422-4633
www.infotrieve.com

Infotrieve began in 1987 as a research and document retrieval service in the fields of science, technology, and medicine. It continues to be a prominent document delivery service and now provides Ariel interlibrary loan (ILL) software and the Electronic Laboratory Notebook for researchers.

InfoUSA, Inc.
 Omaha; 800-321-0869
www.infousa.com

ReferenceUSA, a directory of business and residential information, has been augmented by two new database modules, International Business Module and CorpTech Module. Among the new information elements added to the existing U.S. Business Module are news, latitude/longitude coordinates, driving directions, Fortune 1000 Rankings, and stock information.

Ingenta, Inc.
 Providence; 401-331-2014
www.ingentaconnect.com

In February 2007, Ingenta merged with VISTA, a provider of software and support services for publishers, and was renamed Publishing Technology plc. IngentaConnect provides a host site for journals from several publishers and has offered document delivery service for several years.

InteLex Corporation
 Charlottesville, VA; 434-970-2286
www.nlx.com

InteLex produces POESIS, a collection of full-text journals in philosophy, and Past Masters, full-text collections of works, letters, journals, and notebooks of key writers

in literature, philosophy, political thought, and religion. Among the new collections are Major Works of Francis Bacon, Letters and Life of Francis Bacon, Peter Abelard: Opera, Major Works of Jane Addams, Benedict Spinoza: Opera, and Collected Letters of Henry James.

JSTOR
 New York; 212-358-6400
www.jstor.org

JSTOR maintains an archive of important scholarly journals with 700 available titles. The Arts & Sciences Complement, Biological Sciences, and Business II subject collections are scheduled to be completed in the next two years. Citations from JSTOR may now be imported directly into bibliographic citation managers like EndNote and RefWorks. JSTOR recently started providing journal usage data in the COUNTER Journal Reports-1 format; the reports in this format go back to 2004.

Knovel Corporation
 Norwich, NY; 866-303-3336
www.knovel.com

Knovel provides engineering information, with 800 titles from 40 publishers, including Wiley, Elsevier, and McGraw-Hill. The Knovel platform has interactive tools including chemical structure searching, graph plotter, interactive tables, and spreadsheets.

LexisNexis Academic & Library Solutions
 Bethesda, MD; 800-638-8380
www.lexisnexis.com/academic

LexisNexis Academic is releasing a new interface in mid-2007. Among its many improvements, it will feature Easy Search, General Search, and Power Search and will make use of results clustering by subject category, publication name, industry, company, geography, and language. Tutorials and training in the new interface via the web are available. The new interface includes OpenURL linking and stable URLs for citations.

MarketResearch.com
 Rockville, MD; 800-298-5294
academic.marketresearch.com

MarketResearch.com is a leading source of market research information, with 110,000 reports from 550 global publishers, including Packaged Facts, Kalorama Information, MarketLooks, Icon Group International, and Specialists in Business Information. It offers an alerting service for new research in areas of interest, called Alert-Me, and a version of its service for business schools called MarketResearch.com Academic.

Marshall Cavendish
Tarrytown, NY; 914-332-8888
www.marshallcavendishdigital.com

Marshall Cavendish Digital, a collection of curriculum-related reference titles for students, was launched in 2006, with 20 titles coming in 2007. The interface features tools to help students, including the "My Folder" tool, which offers bookmarks, notes, images, and articles. The "Cite This" feature produces citations in several formats.

Mergent, Inc.
New York; 888-411-0893
www.mergent.com

Mergent is one of the major providers of business and financial company data. Its databases cover 15,000 U.S. public companies and 20,000 non-U.S. public companies. Its premier online service, Mergent Online™, was selected as a finalist for the 21st annual CODIE awards in the category "Best Online Professional Financial Information Service."

Morningstar, Inc.
Chicago; 312-384-4000
**library.morningstar.com/
mkt/libraryservices.html**

Morningstar is a leader in providing investment information for both U.S. and major international markets. Recently, it entered an agreement to acquire the mutual fund business of Standard & Poor's. It offers a library edition with reports on 1600 funds.

National Journal Group Inc.
Washington, DC; 202-739-8400
www.nationaljournal.com

National Journal, a leading publisher in the areas of politics, policy, and government, produces an online collection of news and commentary called Policy Council. It consists of National Journal, Congress Daily, The Hotline, Technology Daily, Government Executive, and American Health Line.

National Library of Medicine (NLM)
Bethesda, MD; 888-FIND-NLM
www.nlm.nih.gov

The National Library of Medicine has developed health-related information resources for varying levels of need, from healthcare professionals and medical researchers with Medline to members of the public with MedlinePlus. The NLM Gateway allows simultaneous searching of 20 NLM databases, including bibliographic databases (Medline, NLM catalog, and Bookshelf), consumer health resources (all sections of Medline Plus), and several other resources, such as Hazardous Sub-

stances Database, Household Products Database, and Profiles in Science.

National Women's Health Information Center
Annandale, VA; 800-974-9662
www.4woman.gov

The National Women's Health Information Center is a gateway to web-based resources about women's health. It features links to resources from the Department of Health and Human Services and other government agencies as well as the private sector. It offers unique information about women's health statistics.

Nature Publishing Group (NPG)
New York; 212-726-9200
www.naturereference.com

Nature Publishing Group, part of Macmillan UK, publishes scientific journals in the biological sciences, clinical medicine, and physical sciences. It recently created a free networking site for scientists, Nature Network (network.nature.com), as well as a social bookmarking service, Connotea (connotea.org). Separate RSS feeds are available for its journals, jobs, and scientific news.

Naxos Music Library
Naxos of America, Inc.
Franklin, TN; 615-771-9393
www.naxosmusiclibrary.com

Naxos is one of the largest producers of classical music, and it provides several online products of streamed music and audiobooks. Subscriptions are available by individual or by institution, and teaching materials are on the web site. As of April 2007, Naxos offers 15,000 CDs and 230,000 music tracks, with 500 CDs added monthly.

NewsBank, Inc.
Naples, FL; 800-762-8182
www.newsbank.com

NewsBank offers 2000 online newspapers from the United States and around the world. Hot Topics, an alerting service of news of current interest, is sent to subscribers on a regular basis. Readex, a division of NewsBank, produces digital collections of scholarly historical documents and publications for colleges and universities. During the past year, Readex introduced several new digital products: American Broadside and Ephemera, Series 1; House and Senate Journals, Series 1, 1789–1817; and Senate Executive Journals, Series 1, 1789–1866, as well as a new interface to America's Historical Newspapers.

NISC (National Information Services Corporation)
Baltimore, MD; 410-243-0797
www.nisc.com

NISC's BiblioLine platform for databases via the Internet hosts databases from a number of publishers. NISC produces several unique databases, including Fish & Fisheries Worldwide, INFO-LATINO-AMERICA: Latin American Information System, South African Studies, and Wildlife & Ecology Studies Worldwide.

OCLC
Dublin, OH; 800-848-5878
www.oclc.org

The merger of OCLC and RLG was announced last year. RLG Eureka databases are being moved to the FirstSearch platform, and the RedLightGreen catalog service has been discontinued. OCLC is using RSS feeds and podcasts for communication, notably including the blog of Lorcan Dempsey, VP (research) and chief strategist, OCLC, on libraries, services, and networking. The ILS acquisitions, including PICA and Fretwell-Downing, are seeing the first wave of innovations from the OpenWorldCat project. WorldCat.org launched in June 2006 and provides a freely available interface to the WorldCat database.

Opinion Archives
Waltham, MA
www.opinionarchives.com

Opinion Archives has produced digital archives of ten journals that cover a wide range of opinion in politics, arts, and culture: *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *Harper's*, *Commentary*, *National Review*, *NACLA Report on the Americas*, *Scientific American*, *Commonweal*, *The American Spectator*, and *The New York Review of Books*. A federated search of all ten journal archives is planned for 2007.

Ovid Technologies, Inc.
New York; 800-950-2035
www.ovid.com

Ovid Technologies continues to support both the Ovid Web Gateway platform and SilverPlatter platform to host databases from leading database producers. It offers e-journals and their archives through Journals@Ovid, plus ebooks from sister company Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, a leading medical and nursing publisher, and others through Books@Ovid. Ovid's LinkSolver link resolver software was recently updated to allow browsing of journals alphabetically or by subject.

Oxford University Press
New York; 800-334-4249, x6484
www.oxfordonline.com

Oxford Scholarship Online contains 1200 scholarly books in economics and finance, philosophy, political science, and religion and theology. Two hundred titles will

be added annually. The Oxford African American Studies Center, combining images and articles from top scholars, came out last year. Oxford Islamic Studies Online is another online portal that is being developed. Grove Art Online and Grove Music Online will be the core products for new portals Oxford Art Online and Oxford Music Online and will include content from other Oxford art and music titles.

p4A.com, Ltd.

Dayton; 888-481-9600

info.p4aantiquesreference.com; p4a.com

p4A produces a database of descriptive and pricing information for antiques, collectibles, and fine art in the United States. Many of the records contain at least one full-color image.

Paratext, Inc.

Austin, TX

www.paratext.com

Paratext recently relocated from Virginia to Austin, TX. It continues to offer unique electronic products, including Nineteenth Century Masterfile, which has eight million citations. Public Documents Masterfile facilitates federated searching of bibliographic information about U.S. government documents from 1774 to the present, as well as state and international public documents. Reference Universe searches article titles and indexes of 10,000-plus reference titles, both print and electronic, and has links to full-text articles from several online reference resources. Usage reports from Reference Universe have been designed to assist with collection development decisions.

Project MUSE

Baltimore; 410-516-6989

muse.jhu.edu

During the past year, Project MUSE added 19 new titles to its overall collection of 300 humanities and social science journals from over 60 scholarly publishers. Libraries can choose from among six collections with tiered pricing and an affordable license. Journal alert RSS feeds are now available. MUSE participates in the LOCKSS archiving program.

ProQuest CSA

Bethesda, MD; 301-961-6700

www.csa.com;www.proquest.com

Cambridge Information Group (CIG) announced the acquisition of ProQuest Information and Learning and formed a new company, called ProQuest CSA. Products from the new company are already available: CSA Worldwide Political Science Abstracts with ProQuest Full-Text and

CSA Sociological Abstracts/CSA Social Services Abstracts with ProQuest Full-Text. Several new products were brought out in 2006 by the former individual companies. CSA Illustrata makes possible access to graphs, images, maps, and more from within an article by using deep indexing. ProQuest introduced ProQuest Obituaries, Accounting & Tax with Standards, and Wellesley Index to Victorian Literature.

Questel*Orbit

McLean, VA; 703-873-4700

www.questel.orbit.com

Questel has been a leader in providing research information and services for intellectual property, such as patents and trademarks. At the end of 2006, Questel announced DesignFinder, a system to search Registered Industrial Designs in the European Union, France, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, the United States, and WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization). Questel recently announced Wistract, a new tool for importing patent information from many sources for analysis and distribution.

Rittenhouse Book Distributors, Inc.

King of Prussia, PA; 800-345-6425

www.rittenhouse.com

The R2 Library from Rittenhouse is an ebook platform with content from health sciences publishers. Pricing for individual titles is based upon the number of concurrent users for each ebook, and purchasing is available on a title-by-title basis. Authentication is available via IP address, and COUNTER statistics are made available in real-time.

Rosen Publishing Online

New York; 800-237-9932

www.rosenpublishing.com

Rosen Publishing, known for guidance, curriculum-based, and topical publications, introduced the first database in Rosen Publishing Online, called Teen Health & Wellness: Real Life, Real Answers, in January. Target users for this database include teens, parents, teachers, librarians, and counselors.

Rotunda, University of Virginia Press

Charlottesville, VA; 434-924-1450

rotunda.upress.virginia.edu

Rotunda is the electronic imprint of the University of Virginia Press. This year, it announced the availability of the new Papers of George Washington Digital Edition. More volumes will be added. Future plans include the papers of several Founding Fathers: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Alexander Ham-

ilton. The Documentary History of the Ratification of the Constitution is planned for 2007.

Safari Tech Books Online

Sebastopol, CA; 800-775-7330

www.safaribooksonline.com

Safari Tech Books Online serves as a primary reference source of technical ebooks for programmers, IT personnel, web designers, students, and faculty. It includes titles from programming and IT publishers like O'Reilly, Peachpit, QUE, and SAMS. Last year Safari introduced "Short Cuts" to provide authoritative and focused articles on hot, new topics. Safari offers Tech Books Online and Business Books directly to individuals and via the ProQuest CSA platform for libraries.

Scholastic Library Publishing

Danbury, CT; 888-326-6546

librarypublishing.scholastic.com

Scholastic Library Publishing continues to offer products for libraries through its imprints Grolier, Children's Press, Franklin Watts, and Grolier Online. Grolier Online is the gateway for several e-resources from Scholastic Library Publishing, among them Encyclopedia Americana Online and The New Book of Knowledge Online.

Snapdata® International Group

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www.snapdata.com

Snapdata produces several online international market research products, including the Snapshots Series, which provides industry overviews by individual countries in electronic format. The Global Panorama Series market research reports cover countries representing over 80 percent of world gross domestic product. Company data can be found in Company Portraits and Company Snippets. Snapdata Market Alerts, with industry and market news, are freely available.

SourceOECD (OECD)

Washington, DC; 202-785-6323

www.sourceoecd.com

SourceOECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) is a useful tool for comparative economic analysis of countries worldwide. A new feature, StatLinks, provides links to data associated with tables found in PDF files. A new user interface is planned for later in the year, and podcasts have been added to SourceOECD, with experts summarizing recent findings.

Springer

New York; 800-SPRINGER

www.springer.com

The new SpringerLink interface was launched last summer and features a user-friendly interface that facilitates searching in books, book series, journals, and reference works. Springer Journal archives are now available. At the American Library Association (ALA) annual conference in New Orleans in 2006, Springer joined the Hurricane Katrina relief effort by donating a collection of ebooks to seven local universities. It also introduced its new ebook program, featuring unlimited access to ebooks as well as downloading the full text. One may now search more than 29,000 Springer ebooks using Google Book Search.

Standard & Poor's
 New York; 212-438-2000
www.standardandpoors.com

NetAdvantage is the online service to libraries from Standard & Poor's, a division of McGraw-Hill Companies and one of the premier providers of investment and financial information and independent credit ratings. This resource provides Industry Surveys, Global Industry Surveys, Stock Reports, Corporation Records, The Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives, and Mutual Fund Reports.

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Thomson Gale
 Farmington Hills, MI; 800-877-4253
www.galegroup.com

Thomson Gale announced at ALA's annual conference in New Orleans last year Academic OneFile, which is an extension of Expanded Academic Index ASAP, with more indexed and full-text titles. It continues to make available free resources to celebrate and study Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Hispanic Heritage Month. Several library consortia participate in AccessMyLibrary, a service that allows users of member libraries to search easily and access full-text content on Thomson Gale databases freely online.

Thomson Scientific
 Philadelphia; 800-336-4474
www.scientific.thomson.com

The Web of Science® is Thomson Scientific's signature product, and it resides on the recently updated Web of Knowledge platform. Journal Use Reports is a new tool that merges institutional publishing data from Web of Science® and journal citation metrics from Journal Citation Reports with journal usage data to produce reports of journal use and publishing output at an institution. The online citation manager, EndNote Web, is now available at no extra charge for academic and government libraries that subscribe to Web of Knowledge titles.

Wiley-Blackwell
 Hoboken, NJ; 800-825-7550
www.interscience.wiley.com or www.blackwellpublishing.com

Last fall, Wiley announced the acquisition of outstanding shares of Blackwell Publishing (Holdings) Ltd., which was finalized in February 2007. Combined, the company will have 1250 science, technology, and medicine journals. In March 2007, Wiley-Blackwell announced a new, free, open access, peer-reviewed journal titled Archives of Drug Information.

H.W. Wilson Co.
 Bronx, NY; 800-367-6770
www.hwwilson.com

In 2006, the WilsonWeb interface was enhanced to combine searches, spell-check search input, create citation automatically, and offer suggestions to users for searching broader or narrower subjects, based upon Wilson indexing. New online products were introduced, including Current Issues: Reference Shelf Plus, Library Literature Retrospective, and the 19th Edition of Children's Catalog. Expanded editions were announced for Art Museum Image Gallery, Play Index, and others. The company introduced www.standardcatalogs.com, a free resource to aid public and school libraries in collection development.

World Bank Publications
 Herndon, VA; 800-645-7247
publications.worldbank.org/online

World Bank Online Resources contains three databases: World Development Indicators, Global Development Finance Online, and World Bank e-Library. World Development Indicators and Global Development Finance Online both have a new interface with a new mapping capability, the ability to save charts and maps as JPEGs, and menus in several languages. The e-Library collection of ebooks has MARC records in XML format and will be available on a new platform sometime in 2007.

World Book
 Chicago; 800-975-3250
www.worldbook.com

World Book offers several e-resources, and its premier online product is World Book Online Reference Center, based on its 22-volume print counterpart, with 8000 additional articles. It is augmented with animations, videos, sound files, and 360° views. Last year, World Book Kids was introduced as an online resource for young children. This spring, World Book Advanced will be announced for children in grades eight and up.

Xrefer, Inc.
 Boston; 877-426-5202
www.xrefer.com

Xrefer provides three million reference entries from 267 titles and 56 publishers. It was one of the first companies to offer a visualization tool, the Concept Map, and provides images and video clips in its reference sources. It has also added linkages between articles in the titles in its collection. Usage statistics compliant with the new COUNTER Code of Practice for Books and Reference Works are available from Xrefer. ■