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British Library

<http://www.bl.uk/>

“Hidden Treasures” – following a competition launched in 2007 in collaboration with the Society of Chief Librarians, Scottish library chiefs and Microsoft, five winning texts chosen from the 82 applications have been digitised and are now freely available online using the British Library’s Turning the Pages 2.0 software. The texts originate in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales and include the Textus Roffensis (1123-24), which records the first English laws and the coronation oath of Henry I. Events celebrating the launch of the “Hidden Treasures” online to be held early in 2008 are intended to “highlight the importance of providing digital access to the unique material held in public libraries as a critical part of supporting cultural heritage, history and diversity”.

Record Players, a new online exhibition of record players from 1898 to 1974, including the 1965 Dansette ‘Viva’, has been launched on the British Library website.

National Library of Wales

<http://www.llgc.org.uk/>

The National Library of Wales’ Centenary Exhibition of 2007, “In this place”, is now available online. Contents include: Dylan Thomas’ passport, recruitment posters from the First World War, archives from the disestablishment of the Welsh Church in 1914 and the General Strike in 1926, Charlotte Guest and the Mabinogi, boxing, early photographs of the USA by E S Curtis and Carleton Watkins, and letters in Welsh by Corporal Griffith Jones of Penisa’r-waun, Gwynedd from the American Civil War.

OCLC

<http://www.oclc.org/>

WorldCat Facebook Application: this plug-in allows Facebook users to search WorldCat, invite friends to install WorldCat, display recently-added titles and track their own and others “Favorite WorldCat Lists”.

EZproxy acquisition: OCLC have purchased EZproxy, a program for providing users with remote access to web-based licensed databases, from Useful Utilities (Peoria, Arizona). Useful Utilities' founder and developer Chris Zagar, a librarian at the Maricopa Community Colleges in Arizona, joins OCLC as a consultant. Upgrades and support for EZproxy will continue for the 2,400 EZproxy institutional customers of worldwide.

NetLibrary: a collection of 1,800 eAudiobooks from Blackstone Audio will become available through NetLibrary by subscription, with 15-25 new titles per month included in the price. Subjects include fiction and literature, biography, business, religion, philosophy, science fiction, non-fiction, mystery and suspense. In addition, "thousands" of new ebooks and eAudiobooks will be added to NetLibrary following new agreements with 21 publishers including Kensington Books, Hart Publishing and Harriman House.

Portico

<http://www.portico.org/>

Portico, the not-for-profit journal archive service, have announced that they are adding 33 titles from the MIT Press to their archive and 17 titles from the Royal School of Medicine following new agreements, taking their archive to over 7,300 titles.

ProQuest

<http://www.proquest.com/>

ProQuest Central – ProQuest (part of the Cambridge Information Group) have launched "the largest aggregated full-text database for libraries". Called ProQuest Central, the database comprises 11,000 titles (8,000 with full text) and is aimed at academic libraries. Subject coverage is comprehensive, and the range of content types includes peer-reviewed and other journals, news, dissertations and works in progress, and company and other reports.

RefWorks acquisition – Proquest have purchased RefWorks LLC, provider of RefWorks the online bibliographic reference software for academics and researchers.

Readex

<http://www.readex.com/>

Readex have launched a new digital resource: Hispanic American Newspapers, 1808-1980, in co-operation with the University of Houston. Featuring "hundreds" of titles, the collection is based on the national research project, "Recovering the U.S. Hispanic

Literary Heritage" directed by Professor Nicolás Kanellos, begun in 1990 and funded initially by the Rockefeller foundation.

Scottish Government

<http://www.scotland.org/>

In time for Burns' night on January 25th, a Burns Interactive site to celebrate the life, work and influence of Robert Burns was launched by the Scottish Government, in collaboration with the Leith Agency, Whitespace Design Agency and Gate Films, on the Official Online Gateway to Scotland website. Actor Andy Weir reads selections from Burns' poetry.

Springer

<http://www.springer.com/>

The online product Springer Protocols, a collection of over 18,000 searchable life sciences and biomedicine protocols, has been announced as available for subscription. Comprising initially 25 years of content compiled by the Humana Press (purchased by Springer in September 2006), Springer Protocols provide step-by-step instructions for conducting experiments in a controlled laboratory environment. Issues addressed include "the safety bias, procedural equipment, statistical methods, reporting and troubleshooting standards". Springer has also announced that Humana Press journals are available online for library and research institution subscription. Of the 1,500 peer-reviewed titles in the Humana journal collection, 240 are available from Volume One, and work has begun on converting the rest of the titles to follow suit.

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