



Welcome to the eighth SUNCAT newsletter.

The newsletter appears once or twice per year, to provide a progress report on SUNCAT.

New Libraries

Since the last newsletter serials' holdings of three new libraries have been added to SUNCAT.

Stirling University Library (<http://www.is.stir.ac.uk>) is the eighth Scottish Higher Education library to be added to SUNCAT, joining Aberdeen University, Dundee University, Edinburgh College of Art, Edinburgh Napier University, Edinburgh University, Glasgow University and St. Andrews University. Stirling University is currently contributing around 36,000 serial records.

The National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) Library (<http://www.nimr.mrc.ac.uk/library>) joins three other medical libraries on SUNCAT, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, the Royal College of Nursing and the Royal Society of Medicine. The NIMR serials collection covers subjects such as neuroscience, molecular and cell biology, biochemistry and biophysics, structural biology, developmental biology, immunology, parasitology, virology and microbiology. Initially, NIMR is contributing around 3,000 serial records.

The Wiener Library, Institute of Contemporary History (<http://www.wienerlibrary.co.uk>) is one of the world's leading and most extensive archives on the Holocaust and Nazi era. The serials collection comprises over 3,000 titles from the late 19th century onwards. The academic journals cover Holocaust studies, genocide studies and contemporary history.

Upcoming Libraries

There are plans to add around another ten new libraries to SUNCAT throughout 2010. These include a range of higher education and specialist libraries, selected on factors such as the size and uniqueness of their serials' collection; their geographic location and the quality of their serials' bibliographic data. We are keen to expand the number of unique titles on SUNCAT so making these rare titles and collections more visible to researchers.

Another aim is to achieve a good geographic coverage of the UK, so that most SUNCAT users have the choice of several libraries within a short distance.

Finally, good quality data is important as it minimises the amount of duplication on the catalogue. Good quality records are more likely to match correctly with existing records for the same title on SUNCAT. Further, these good quality records will then be available for downloading by other Contributing Libraries, enabling them to upgrade their local serials' data.

The first of the new libraries, to be added in the next few months, include:

- Aberystwyth University Library:
<http://www.aber.ac.uk/en/is>
- British Film Institute Library:
<http://www.bfi.org.uk/nationallibrary/>
- Kingston University Library:
<http://www.kingston.ac.uk/library>
- Loughborough University Library:
<http://www.lboro.ac.uk/library>
- Tate Library, London:
<http://www.tate.org.uk/research/researchservices/library/>
- Trinity College Library, Dublin:
<http://www.tcd.ie/Library>
- University of the Arts, London:
<http://www.arts.ac.uk/library.htm>

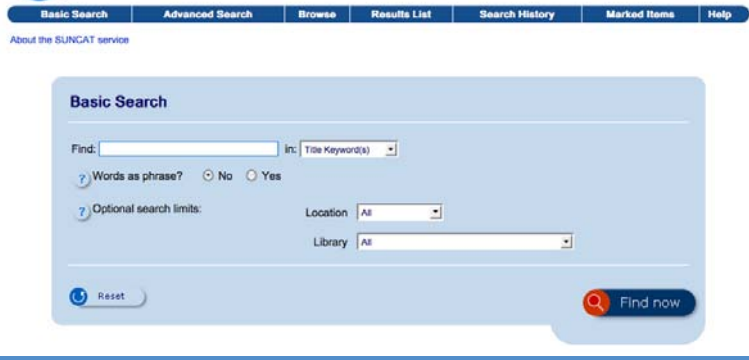
Temporary Closures

Two of the existing SUNCAT libraries are currently closed for refurbishment.

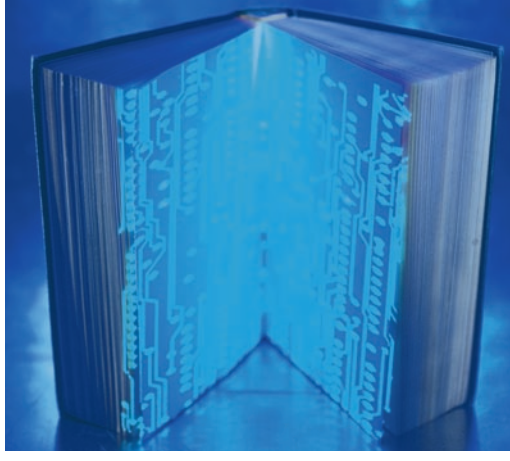
The Royal Society Library:
<http://www.royalsoc.ac.uk/Using-the-Library/> will reopen in June 2010.

Manchester Central Library:
<http://www.manchester.gov.uk/Libraries/> will reopen in 2013. The majority of the serials are inaccessible during this period. Therefore, the serials' data has temporarily been removed from SUNCAT, but will be reloaded with the reopening of the library. Please check the Manchester Library website above for more details about the closure and access to materials.

A full list of the existing 70 SUNCAT contributing libraries is available at:
http://www.suncat.ac.uk/description/contributing_libraries.html.



basic search screen



Updating Libraries

Nearly all of the SUNCAT Contributing Libraries are now in a regular updating cycle, ensuring that their serials' data is as current as possible. As has been explained in a previous newsletter, there are two types of update to SUNCAT – full and partial. A partial update contains only those bibliographic records and their associated holdings that have been added, deleted or changed since the last update. Some Contributing Libraries are not able to send partial files, so send a full file update instead, containing all the serial bibliographic records and holdings for that Contributing Library. When a full file update is ready for load, it is compared with the last file that was loaded; records that are not present in the new file but are in the old file have been deleted, so these are taken from the old file, marked for deletion, and added to the new update.

In the past year, SUNCAT has been receiving around 47 updates a month (with a high of 53, and a low of 41), the vast majority of which are converted and loaded within 20 days – well within the time allocated by the SUNCAT Service Level Agreement. As new libraries are added, it is expected that this number will increase. SUNCAT has more libraries supplying full updates than partial updates. Most partial files are sent on a monthly basis (around 22 of them), with most full files being sent on a quarterly basis (17 of them).

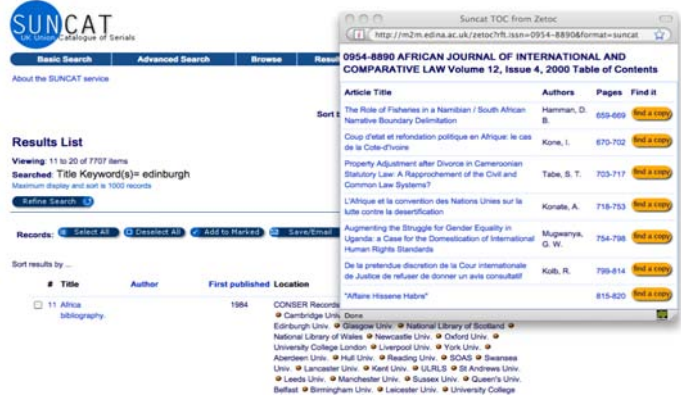
Overall, updating SUNCAT is an ongoing task, but a very necessary one, to ensure up-to-date information is available. It is possible to check when any Contributing Library has been updated on the SUNCAT website at: <http://www.suncat.ac.uk/description/currency.shtml>

Table of Contents Links

Links to journals' tables of contents (ToCs) have been added to SUNCAT using information provided by the ToCs service, Zetoc (<http://zetoc.mimas.ac.uk>). This development results from work conducted on the Discovery to Delivery project: (<http://edina.ac.uk/projects/d2d>) by EDINA, (<http://edina.ac.uk>) and Mimas (<http://www.mimas.ac.uk>).

The ToCs links appear on the SUNCAT search results screen and at the top of the full record display. Each link leads to the most recent issue of the appropriate journal title.

Currently, there are ToCs links from around 20,000 journal titles, plus conference proceedings on SUNCAT, but this number will expand as new titles are added to Zetoc.



This is an important development for SUNCAT, instantly providing more information about journals on the catalogue. Article details from ToCs can assist users in distinguishing journals of interest, before establishing their location via the holdings information available on SUNCAT.

SCONUL Access Links

We have added links to SCONUL Access: (<http://www.access.sconul.ac.uk>) to enable users to quickly find out about getting access to journals they have discovered or located on SUNCAT. SCONUL Access is a reciprocal access scheme, granting borrowing privileges to many types of library users working or studying at participating higher education libraries in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

The links are available from the top right-hand side of the full record display on SUNCAT. Clicking on the link takes users directly into the SCONUL Access site where they can find out about their access and borrowing rights to over 170 UK Higher Education libraries.

For those SUNCAT Contributing Libraries which are not included in the SCONUL Access scheme, we advise visiting the Library's website to check on access arrangements. Links to the Contributing Libraries' websites are available in the left hand column of the holdings display on SUNCAT. Alternatively, a list of SUNCAT Contributing Library websites is available at: http://www.suncat.ac.uk/description/contributing_libraries.html

Advanced Search

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Step 2 Limit search by

advanced search screen



Full View of Record

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Title [Programme] / Edinburgh International Book Festival.
Conference Edinburgh International Book Festival.
Publication details Edinburgh : Edinburgh International Book Festival.
Current frequency Annual.
Notes Description based on: 1998.
Subject heading(s) Edinburgh International Book Festival -- Periodicals.
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Has supplement Edinburgh International Book Festival. Edinburgh International book festival. RBS schools events.
View records for National Library of Scotland All libraries

Impact and Satisfaction Survey

Last year we conducted an impact and satisfaction survey on SUNCAT. The majority of the respondents were library or information professionals but there were also responses from a small number of researchers, lecturing staff and postgraduates.

Responses confirmed SUNCAT's primary purpose as a serials location tool with around two thirds of the respondents using the service to find where specific serials are held in the UK. Other purposes included:

- Checking if specific titles are held in particular libraries, cities or regions
- Checking the bibliographic details of serials
- Using SUNCAT records to improve or create local library serials' records

Specific examples of usage also highlighted that SUNCAT regularly saved library staff time and money when trying to locate serials.

"SUNCAT is invaluable in helping me locate libraries that hold journals when British Library is unable to satisfy ILL requests. SUNCAT is my first choice for serials location checking. It is easy to use and has exceptional coverage. I use it daily to trace journals and correct reference information. It has speeded my work up tremendously since its introduction and I'd be lost without it."

(Higher Education Librarian)

Desirable improvements or developments for the service which were highlighted included:

- Addition of more Contributing Libraries
- Reduction of duplication on the catalogue
- Linking from records on SUNCAT to equivalent records on libraries' local catalogues
- Linking from SUNCAT records to Table of Contents services, e.g. Zetoc

Potential Web 2.0 developments received little support from the respondents but there was interest in personalisation features.

The most popular of these were:

- Saving records across sessions
- Saving searches across sessions
- Location based results based on users' preference settings

A number of these improvements have already been implemented or are in development. New libraries are in the process of being added and links to both ToCs and the SCONUL Access scheme are in place. Location-based searching on SUNCAT is also being investigated as a result of the JISC IE Personalisation project.

The project page is available at:

http://edina.ac.uk/projects/Personalisation_summary.html

Finally, 92% of respondents indicated their overall level of satisfaction with SUNCAT as "Good" or "Excellent".

This is excellent news for the SUNCAT service, with high levels of satisfaction for the existing service and positive support for new developments. The team realise, however, that there is still much work to be done to try and ameliorate the effects of duplicate records on the catalogue while also adding more new libraries to further improve the coverage and value of the service.

For more information about the survey please see the full report or the recent article in Interlending & Document Supply:

Mulligan, Zena. SUNCAT: the next steps for the UK's national serials catalogue. *Interlending & Document Supply*, 37(4), 2009, pp.215-222.

These are both available at:

<http://www.suncat.ac.uk/news/articles.html>

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Browse List

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browse screen



Expansion of MARC Record Download Service

SUNCAT currently enables its Contributing Libraries to freely download MARC21 records provided by the ISSN and CONSER. Up until the last few weeks SUNCAT has been unable to provide access to the MARC records of its Contributing Libraries due to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues related to records supplied by third party organisations, including Serials Solutions, Ex Libris, OCLC, ISSN, Talis and the British Library. The SUNCAT team have now reached agreements with these suppliers so that we are now in a position to make all of the five million records on SUNCAT available for download by our Contributing Libraries.

Before expanding the service, however, we are taking some time to consult with our Contributing Libraries to find out how the existing service is used and how it could be improved. Six interviews have been conducted and an online survey has also been distributed to cataloguing staff at our Contributing Libraries. The results of this consultation will help to ensure that the service expands and evolves in response to user requirements.

A reminder that this service is free to all our Contributing Libraries, with details of how to set up and configure the Z39.50 connection available at:

<http://www.suncat.ac.uk/support/z-target-auth.shtml>

Discovery to Delivery (D2D) at EDINA and Mimas

The one year JISC funded project Discovery to Delivery (D2D) at EDINA and Mimas described in earlier Newsletters: http://www.suncat.ac.uk/news/suncat_newsletter6.pdf and http://www.suncat.ac.uk/news/suncat_newsletter7.pdf was successfully completed in August 2009. The most tangible outcome, as far as the SUNCAT service is concerned, has been the implementation of the direct links to the Zetoc table of contents service and this functionality is described elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Establishing such links between services, initially created as separate entities and run by different National Data Centres (NDCs), was clearly a major achievement but such a joint approach is one which will help to ensure that the NDCs continue to provide the kind of more integrated services which are expected by their users.

UKSG 33rd Annual Conference

The SUNCAT team will be attending the UKSG Conference (<http://www.uksg.org/event/conference10>) in our home town, Edinburgh, from 12th to 14th April 2010. Please take the time to visit us at the EDINA stand in the main exhibition area.

Meetings, Events and Publications

- Mulligan, Zena. SUNCAT: the next steps for the UK's national serials catalogue. *Interlending & Document Supply*, 37(4), 2009, pp.215-222 (<http://tiny.cc/819qb>)
- EDINA/SUNCAT stand at Internet Librarian (October 2009)
- EDINA/SUNCAT stand at Online (December 2009)
- Meeting with UK Research Reserve (February 2010) <http://www.ukrr.ac.uk/>
- EDINA/SUNCAT stand at UKSG (April 2010) <http://www.uksg.org/event/conference10>
- SUNCAT presentation at Interlend 2010 (June 2010) <http://www.cilip.org.uk/groups/fil/interlend2010.html>

Promotional Material

EDINA has produced flyers and posters for SUNCAT. These are available free of charge and can be used to promote the service to your local user community. If you would like copies of these for your institution please send your contact details, including name, email, telephone and postal address to: edina@ed.ac.uk

Help and Further Information

For more information about SUNCAT please visit the SUNCAT website at <http://www.suncat.ac.uk> or follow the SUNCAT blog at <http://www.suncatblog.blogspot.com/>. If you have any queries about the service please contact the EDINA helpdesk at edina@ed.ac.uk