

“New Books Program” Demo

John Celli, Chief of the CIP Division, will demonstrate a model of a proposed program known as New Books.

The New Books program would build on the Electronic CIP program. Using the Internet the publisher would complete an online application form and transmit it and the full text of the forthcoming book to LC, as they do today for ECIP, except that they would now include additional elements such as the image of the book jacket, author information, the URL of the publisher, etc. LC computer programs would automatically create a New Books record from the information provided by the publisher and post it on the LC homepage.

The New Books record is not a catalog record but an acquisition record, and typically would include the following data elements: the author, title, place of publication, proposed date of publication, ISBN, a thumbnail image of the book jacket, a summary, a book jacket blurb, the table of contents, sample text, information about the author, the author's email address, the publisher's homepage, and the homepage where a copy of the book can be purchased. When posted on the LC homepage it would also include a link to the catalog record, if one has been created for the title, as well as a link to enable readers to request a copy of the book at their local library.

Models of the four principal parts of the New Books project will be demonstrated. (1.) The publishers' front end. This is the part publishers use to submit a New Books application. (2.) The New Books public access module. This is a database of New Books records readily available and visible on LC's homepage so anyone anywhere with Internet access can search it easily. (3.) The Library of Congress Partnership program. This part of the project enables any library anywhere to link up with the Library of Congress so a local library user will be able to readily request forthcoming books at his/her local library. (4.) The New Books Alert Service. This part supports the collection development and book acquisition activities of Library of Congress staff members by providing New Books records for forthcoming titles which fit the profile of the individual staff member's area(s) of responsibility.