

Idaho Library Association
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Idaho Librarian Report

The issue of the indexing of the *Idaho Librarian* by the H.W. Wilson Company, Bronx, New York, has been raised recently by past *Idaho Librarian* Editors and discussed at previous meetings of the ILA Executive Board.

The H.W. Wilson Company currently selectively indexes the *Idaho Librarian* both in print in the index *Library Literature/Library Literature & Information Science* (the title changed in 1999) and also electronically in the WilsonWeb database *Library Literature and Information Science Full Text*:

Format	Volumes	Print Index	Electronic Index	Electronic Index with Full Text
Print only	v. 36 (1984)- v. 38 (1986)	<i>LL</i>	<i>LL&IS Full Text</i>	
	v. 39 (1987)- v. 40 (1988)			
	v. 41 (1989)- v. 49 (1997)	<i>LL</i>	<i>LL&IS Full Text</i>	
Print and Online	v. 50 (1998)	<i>LL</i>		<i>LL&IS Full Text</i>
	v. 51 (1999)- v. 52 (2000)	<i>LL&IS</i>		<i>LL&IS Full Text</i>
Online only	v. 53 (2001)-	<i>LL&IS</i>	<i>LL&IS Full Text</i>	

At the January 9, 2002, meeting of the ILA Board, Sandra Shropshire informed the Board that she had asked Wilson to reinstate the full text of the *Idaho Librarian*, which began with v. 50 (1998) by license, signed October 27, 1998, by then ILA President Dawn Wittman, but ceased with v. 52 (2000), after which the *Idaho Librarian* began publication only online under Sandi's tenure as Editor and when ILA's contract with Wilson was therefore constructively terminated.

On March 15, 2004, Vicki Kreimeyer, then President, forwarded to Leonard Hitchcock an e-mail from Deirdre Simmons, Wilson's Rights and Permissions Associate, expressing the wish to re-establish a full text relationship with the ILA, although Wilson was continuing to index the *Idaho Librarian*. A copy of a license was attached. Leonard communicated to Wilson his concern that contributors to the journal, not the ILA, as stated in the license, own the copyright to their articles.

At the April 23, 2004, meeting, therefore, Leonard told the Board about Wilson's offer but that, in order to be able to license the full text to Wilson, the ILA must ask contributors to the *Idaho Librarian* to give the ILA non-exclusive copyright to their articles. Leonard added that permission must therefore also be retroactively sought from contributors to issues beginning with v. 53, no. 1 (July 2001), and distributed copies of Wilson's license and of a draft of his letter to be signed by *Idaho Librarian* contributors.

At that meeting, the ILA Board therefore resolved to seek non-exclusive copyright for the contents of the *Idaho Librarian* in order to be able both to license the full text to Wilson and also to guarantee contributors the right to publish their manuscripts elsewhere.

In the meantime, Barbara Greever passed to me, the current Editor, a letter of November 15, 2004, from Deirdre Simmons reiterating Wilson's offer, as well as hardcopies of an amended license for the ILA to sign.

In a telephone conversation on January 14, 2005, however, Deirdre Simmons suggested to me that, since the *Idaho Librarian* is published openly on the World Wide Web, Wilson need not host the full text but rather simply include hyperlinks to articles in their index records. This should preclude the necessity of a license agreement between Wilson and the ILA and therefore also the ILA's need to request even non-exclusive copyright for *Idaho Librarian* articles.

I will continue researching this issue and hope to report its resolution at the next meeting of the Executive Board on April 18, 2005.

I will also work with Wilson to resolve the 1987-1988 gap in their indexing of the *Idaho Librarian*, as well as to negotiate both the retrospective indexing of the journal in Wilson's print index and the indexing and retrospective inclusion of full text in the electronic index.

Wilson indexing in *Library Literature & Information Science* and both indexing and inclusion of full text in the *Library Literature & Information Science Full Text* database will enhance access to the *Idaho Librarian* and the prestige of the journal, of its contributors, and of the ILA.

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