

CatCymru and Welsh ILLs: A Roundup of Recent Developments

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Outline of talk

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- Regional ILL pilots
- Benefits
- Doing things differently
- Where do we go from here?



In the beginning...

- Resource Discovery & Delivery Wales
- @ your library 2005-07
- Libraries for Life 2008-11
- Citizen Entitlements
- Cat Cymru
- Regional ILL pilots



Resource discovery



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Cat Cymru

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying `http://library.wales.org/catcymru/`. The page header includes a search bar with the text "Search the site" and a "Go" button. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, News, Your Library, Useful Links, Reference Resources, Ask Cymru, Cat Cymru^{beta}, Login, and Register. The main content area features a sidebar with "Cat Cymru", "Frequently Asked Questions", and "Join a library". The main text area contains the heading "Search. Everywhere." and a description of the service: "Cat Cymru ^{beta} brings together publicly accessible library catalogues from all across Wales into a single search. By entering a term in the search box below you can choose to look for all kinds of material in any of the Public, Higher Education or Further Education Libraries or libraries in a particular region." Below this is a search form with a dropdown menu set to "Search All", a text input field, a "Keyword" dropdown, and a "search" button. There are also links for "Advanced Search" and "Search your Local Authority Catalogue". A section titled "Borrowing an Item" explains that members of public libraries in Wales can request items through the site. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications, including "FIL Wales 2010", "library.wales.org: Ca...", "Microsoft PowerPoint - ...", and "Microsoft Excel - distrib...". The system clock shows the time as 10:06.

//library.wales.org/



Cat Cymru search

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying search results for 'Ceredigion Public Libraries'. The address bar shows the URL: http://wfxsearch.webfeat.org/wfsearch/search#wf_nlw. The page title is 'Search Results - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by Welsh Assembly Government'. The search results are listed as follows:

Ceredigion Public Libraries
Results 1 to 5 of 5

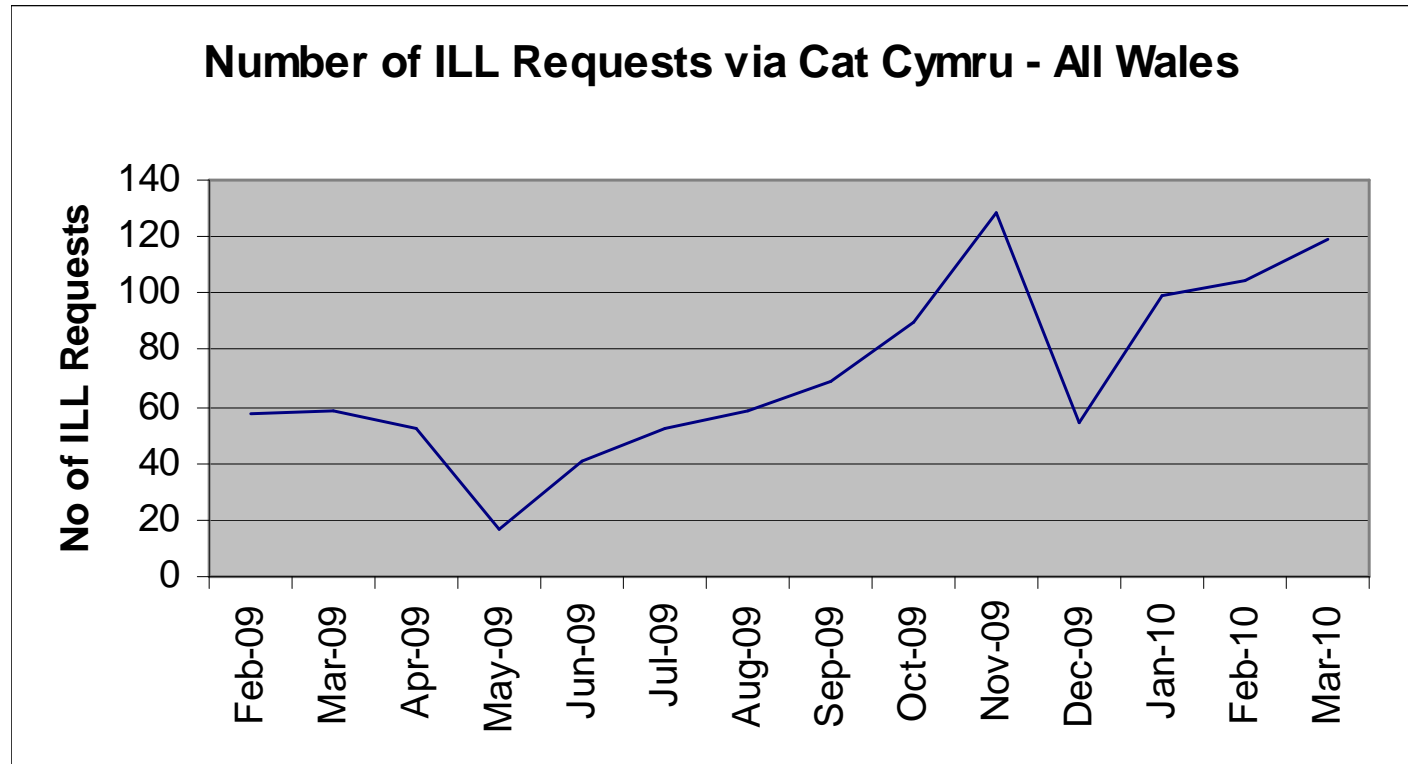
Select or Deselect all

- Search in Secret Egypt**
Author: Brunton, Paul.
Pub.: 1992
ISBN: 0877286035
Description: Red Wheel/Weiser
[View](#) [Borrow Item](#)
- A Search In Secret India.**
Author: Brunton, Paul.
Pub.: 2003
ISBN: 1844130436
Description: Rider
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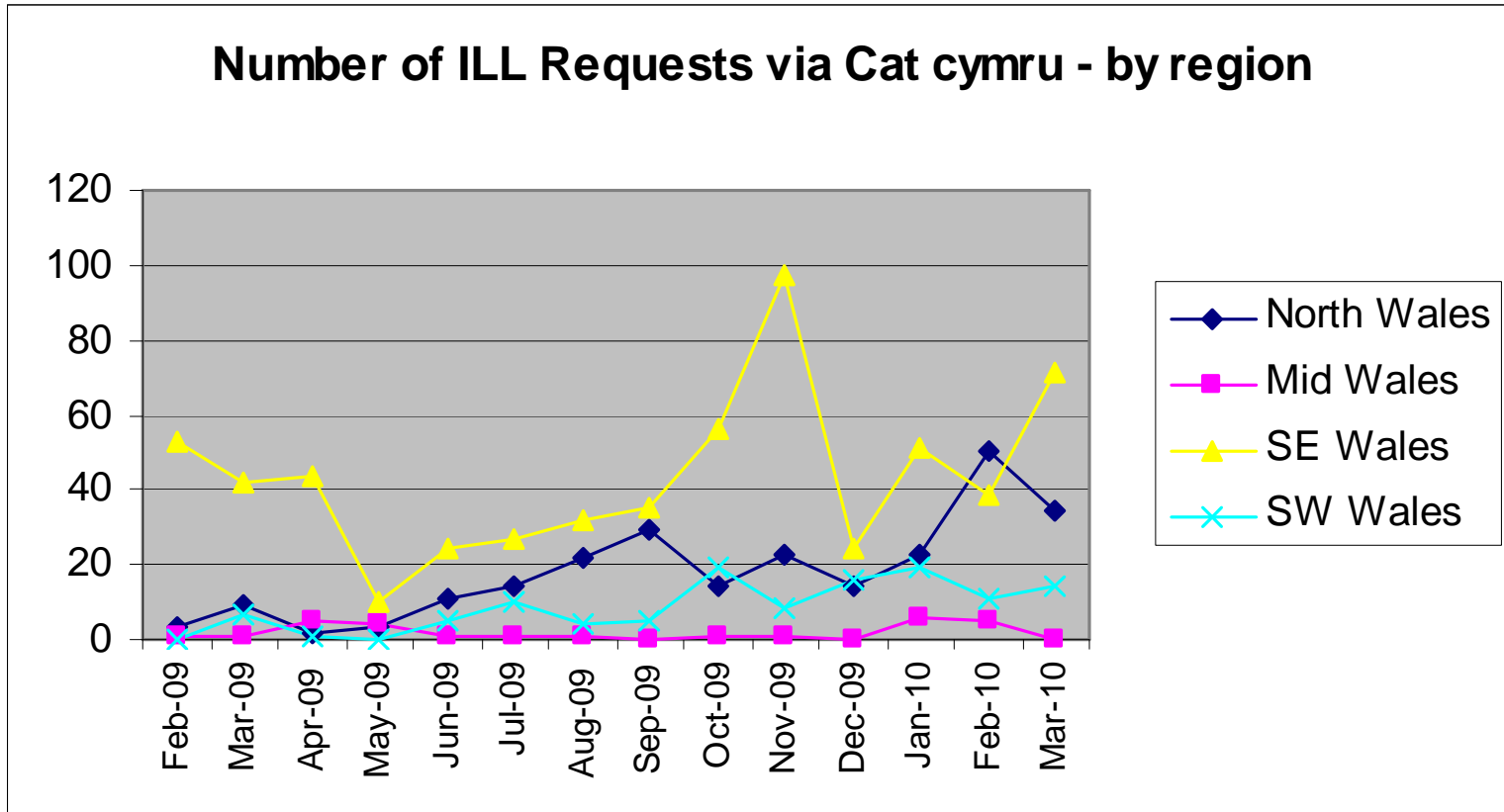
The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, several application icons, and the following open windows: 'FIL Wales 2010', 'Search Results - Mic...', 'Microsoft PowerPoint - ...', and 'Microsoft Excel - distrib...'. The system clock shows the time as 10:12.



Statistics



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Regional ILL delivery pilots



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Benefits of collaboration

- Improved service for users
- Useful in times of financial hardship
- Helps public libraries meet some of the Standards
- Staff get to know each other across all libraries
- May lead to greater collaboration on collection management



Challenges

- Geography
- Buggy catalogues
- Differences in indexing & cataloguing
- Reticence to promote – fear of swamping
- Sleeping partners
- Still slower than other options?
- Changes in LMS currently taking months to resolve in Webfeat
- Net borrowers and net lenders
- Two tier system?
- Who pays for the delivery if/when funding runs out?
- Costs/charges
- Cost of postage systems goes up if usage goes up
- Delivery and logistics



User feedback

- *“I am a student at CUV Tredegar - Books4U has been fantastic for me. I live in X, X is a very small library with limited stock, but with this free service living in a small valleys town has not disadvantaged my learning in any way. I have the same choice of stock as people in Newport and Cardiff. It has really aided my studying and the staff are always happy to find the books for my course” – Customer Blaenau Gwent*
- *I was able to read all eight books of a fantasy series thanks to this excellent service -Customer Torfaen*



Doing things differently



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Doing things differently

- Book Express (Newport)
- Universal membership (public libraries)
- Digital downloads (e-books content)
- Joint procurement and joint stock
- SWWHEP



Where do we go from here?

- Moving books between regions?
- Access to digital material?
- Electronic delivery?
- All Wales LMS? HE and public libraries tentatively looking into this?
- Link in with collection / stock management
- Relationship with Unity?
- Cost analysis of the different schemes



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