

BDS FOR LIBRARIES

BDS is the premier supplier of industry-standard information-rich data to libraries in the UK. We create records for books, e-books, talking books, music CDs, DVDs, videos and computer and console games.

BDS data adheres to all classification standards and is accessible through diverse delivery mechanisms. It can be tailored to meet your library's needs, whether enhancing your existing catalogue, addressing the specific needs of the community you serve or building a catalogue related to a specific sector, such as a regional collection or a school or college library.

BDS also offers a comprehensive website development service that includes design, copywriting, build, hosting, data management, email marketing and payment and currency handling. Training and an information and monitoring service are also available and all are backed by flexible and first-class support.

DATA STANDARDS & BENEFITS

BDS creates records from information supplied by publishers. Upon publication, we check our records and confirm that it is correct – ensuring that you have an accurate, consistent and reliable record of the highest quality.

Some of the benefits from using BDS data are:

- pre-release information supplied by publishers and studios
- book-in-hand records created on publication
- short descriptions for all media
- audience level information
- cover and internal content images
- popular and important releases identified to make choice easier
- extensive categories for video
- music artist biographies
- streaming film trailers
- extensive cross-referencing across media
- RFID compatible
- comprehensive production details for games and video
- free consultation to help you decide on the best package of services for your library
- interoperability across library catalogues

BDS data adheres to all current library classification standards, including the forthcoming RDA standard:

- RDA
- AACR2
- UKMARC or MARC21 exchange format
- NACO authority control for personal and corporate authors
- Dewey Decimal Classification
- Library of Congress Classification
- Library of Congress Subject Headings
- BIC
- Genre headings for fiction

DELIVERY

Obtaining data from BDS is easy and flexible. Choose the option that best meets your needs or talk to us. We have a wealth of experience in tailoring solutions to our clients' requirements. Our aim is to make the whole process seamless, time-saving and cost-effective for you.

BDSLIVE

An integrated multimedia web-based service, BDSLive delivers our industry-standard data on books and home entertainment releases. A comprehensive service, it includes streaming video clips, music artist biographies, images, screenshots and audio clips.

BDSLIVE offers the flexible solution for acquisitions and cataloguing. With BDSLive you can select for purchase and catalogue titles from one source and receive information at least two months prior to publication or release. It is the ideal tool for downloading quality, information-rich records employing all the current library standards.

BDSLIVE can be used solely as a backroom resource for selection and cataloguing or it can be accessed by the public, integrating the community, the library and the catalogue into one.

BDZ

BDZ is the quickest and easiest way to download bibliographic information for records going back to 1950 and an ideal service to bring consistency to your catalogue. It amalgamates the resources of the BDS database and the British Library, offering the best records available.

Data is sent direct to your library system using the Z39.50 protocol. There is no need to transfer files. Once you have a Z39.50 client, you can access BDZ data from your own workstation seamlessly and search on any of the index terms offered by your system, including ISBN, author, title, keyword and Dewey number.

BDZ is an annual subscription service, and allows unlimited access to an unlimited number of users. Your licence fee is calculated according to the size of your stock.

Direct Data Feed

Receive a daily direct data feed of all the work undertaken by BDS each day profiled especially for your library. This service means that your catalogue is always as up-to-date as BDS itself.

You receive a daily feed of information by FTP directly to your catalogue. You can then select and manage this information as you choose. Direct Data Feed cuts out the need for multiple keying.

Autoresponse

Autoresponse is a service that allows you to deposit a file of ISBNs on the BDS FTP server, and receive records tailored to your profile within minutes.

Autoresponse is an ideal complement to our Direct Data Feed service. It suits libraries who do not have Z39.50 technology, or who require relatively small files of information.

XML

All content can also be supplied via XML API.

ENHANCE YOUR CATALOGUE

Enhance your catalogue to improve access to the collections you hold and ensure interoperability across catalogues.

BDS uses its database to undertake a complete enhancement of your catalogue. Your local information is protected and merged with the enriched information from our files. Our database can even supply images of jacket covers from our extensive archive.

Our service allows you to upgrade catalogue records individually or in batches. All you need to do is provide us with a file of ISBNs and local data for the records you wish to enhance.

BDS Image Gallery

BDS Image Gallery includes cover images and internal scans for books, covers for audio books, DVDs, videos and games, screenshots for computer games, film trailers and audio clips. There is a huge databank dating back to 1995 covering most of the popular stock you are likely to have in your library.

Images as part of the library catalogue increase the chances of people finding what they want, reducing frustration and enhancing the search experience while increasing lending. That is why the BDS Image Gallery is an important resource to keep your library in the public eye.

Access to the BDS Image Gallery is available to everyone via XML API or the BDS Image Grabber service. XML API uses no space on the library service server. The images are taken seamlessly onto the screen of the user directly from the BDS server.

Enhance Your OPAC with Library Look-up

Make your catalogue come alive with BDS's Library Look-up.

This easy to implement service allows access for your library users, via the OPAC, to all of the enhancements which BDS offers, including cover images, internal image scans, contents information, long descriptions, book reviews, contributor notes, film trailers, games screenshots and audio clips.

There is no need to use space on your library's storage system – the enhancements come straight from the BDS server direct to your customers.

SPECIALISED SERVICES AND SPECIFIC COLLECTIONS

Bright Books

BDS is pleased to work with Bright Books to provide basic electronic records for its foreign language material.

Click on the link below and then enter your collections unique code (reference or order number) to download a basic set of electronic records that can be temporarily used alongside your library catalogue to track the foreign language material within this collection. When the collection is returned you can readily delete the file and download any further data for collections from this site. Material will be added regularly.

Star Books

BDS is pleased to work with Star Books, suppliers of foreign language books and specialist in literature relating to the Indian subcontinent, to provide basic electronic records for its material.

Note

In instances where a library has been in possession of a collection for some time before these services began to operate, you may find the data you require is not available through the BDS interface. Simply contact Star Books on 0207 380 0622 or info@starbooksuk.com or Bright Books on 01706 641617 or enquiries@brightbooks.co.uk. The information you require will then be forwarded to BDS and it will be made available through this site within 48 hours.

BDS FOR ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

BDS data and extended content enhances the research and study experience for young people using an academic institution library catalogue. All the services, data and delivery methods referred to on this website, from BDSLive to the BDS Image Gallery, are available to academic institutions.

The born-digital generation of students now entering primary and secondary education respond much more actively to visually enhanced data. The value of a visually attractive catalogue is important for young people brought up expecting a visual, icon-driven online experience, and who take online book covers and streaming content for granted.

With the library being an integral part of the study process the role of extended content and data that is accurate, detailed and entertaining is vital to a student's progress. Using BDS data within your library catalogue will enable your students to find what they need quickly. Extended content, including jacket images, sample pages of text, tables of contents, book descriptions and other important information, makes research an engaging and entertaining process while ensuring that the student finds the book they need.

Integrate BDS data and images seamlessly into your library management system via our ftp, Z39.50 and XML API delivery options.

Avoid the need to store images locally. They are delivered and displayed instantly via an XML API connection with BDS.

Subscribe to BDSLive and create reading lists, multimedia slide-shows and experience a wealth of informative images, sound and film clips.

TRAINING

BDS is pleased to offer librarians and library services across the country the opportunity to attend or request one-day and short workshops run by trained BDS members of staff and associates. Courses can be designed and tailored to your needs.

Our aim is to assist library services in making the best possible use of the best bibliographic data available today. Unleash the resources of your library catalogue by realising the full potential of the information-rich, library-focused data that BDS creates. Steer your library through the years ahead with improved services and greater cost-effectiveness by being better able to make the best decisions.

For further information or to express your requirements, please contact Lesley Whyte This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it on 01387 702258. .

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WEB SERVICES

BDS offers a comprehensive website development service to its clients including local authorities and other governmental bodies. These include design, build, copywriting, hosting, data management, email marketing and newsletter provision, and payment and currency handling.

BDS has extensive experience in creating websites that are both able to handle large amounts of information and data and also have to look good. Our clients include or have included OECD, The Bodleian Library, Berlitz Publishing, Foyles, Tesco, Virago, Dumfries and Galloway Council, University College Dublin Press, Oxfam Publishing, Short Films, Armstrong Hope, The Policy Press and Melia Publishing Services.

Experience & Expertise

BDS has the breadth and depth of expertise that encompasses the highest design standards supplied by leading designers, combined with unrivalled technical resources that have successfully supplied engines and websites to clients that need to handle huge data throughput quickly and efficiently combined with effective and accurate search options and cutting edge multimedia features.

If you are already working with BDS through any of its other services but especially data provision, BDS web services are the ideal choice, ensuring compatibility between web elements, fast and effective resolution of problems as they arise and an integrated approach to all your web requirements.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

BDS always strives to keep up-to-the-minute with all the latest developments in the digital world. See our features section on this site or our newsletter for articles relating the most important conferences and developments today.

e-books

In conjunction with OverDrive, distributors of audiobooks and e-books to 8,500 public, private and special libraries worldwide, BDS now supplies high-quality MARC records in both UKMARC and MARC21 formats for OverDrive e-books. Content is derived from BDS MARC records created for the print versions of the electronic titles.

BDS e-book catalogue records contain an authority-specific URL which directs an OPAC user directly to the OverDrive e-book as licensed by their library authority. The company is making its OverDrive MARC records e-books service available free of charge to all BDS Public Library Licence Holders who are also customers of Overdrive.

RFID

Borrowing books, DVDs and games can become even more informative, helpful and even entertaining as BDS's information-rich data is now used with Intellident's Liber8 software that is used on Intellident's range of self-service kiosks, including the latest smartServe Lite™ variant.

The kiosks, already in use in libraries across the country, use Radio Frequency IDentification (RFID) technology to give users the ability to issue, renew and return items, check account status and even pay fees without the need to interact directly with a member of library staff.

The enhanced elements of the BDS data, such as book jacket images and jewel-case covers on music CDs and DVDs, will be used to give visual feedback via the kiosk to users. It is also planned to use the comprehensive and versatile links in the BDS data to offer descriptions, author, title and genre cross-referencing and reading suggestions within library stock.

The option of viewing enhancements via Intellident kiosks will be available to any local authorities using the BDS XML API Image or the Image Grabber services. Existing BDS customers using these services will be entitled to this option at no increased BDS subscription fee. In addition, all Intellident's existing customers will have access to this feature free-of-charge.

VoD

For libraries working with film, BDS data now carries descriptions for Video on Demand titles. This goes alongside its already extensive film clip and trailer download service.