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Stephen Abram of SirsiDynix Elected President of Special Libraries Association

Leading international librarian to serve the special library community

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., March 17, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that Vice President of Innovation Stephen Abram was recently elected to serve as the Special Libraries Association's (SLA) next president-elect. Abram's term as SLA president will begin in January 2008. He will be installed to the SLA Board of Directors at the association's 97th Annual Conference in Baltimore this June.

"For 18 months I will participate on the SLA Board and learn and contribute," said Abram. "I am also looking forward to leading SLA's international elected team and membership. This is an organization with an amazing history, and, as it approaches its centennial, we have a unique opportunity to build the groundwork for a revitalization of specialized librarianship for another century of professional success."

A leading international librarian and lighthouse thinker in the North American library community, Abram has more than 25 years in libraries as a practicing librarian and in the information industry. He is a frequent keynote speaker on issues that affect libraries, their communities and librarians. As SirsiDynix vice president of innovation, Abram leverages his extensive experience in library technology and trend forecasting, new product conceptualization and market development to ensure that SirsiDynix products and services continue to be the most innovative in the library market and meet the needs of library directors, library staff members and library users.

Abram is the past president of the Canadian Library Association and was president of the Ontario Library Association in 2002. He has also served on the international board of directors of SLA. Abram is a Fellow of SLA; and, in June 2003, he was awarded SLA's highest honor, the John Cotton Dana Award.

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SirsiDynix is the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries – vital institutions whose primary mission is to make sense of the vast world of information for people and communities. This is an exciting role as libraries assist people in discovering and using knowledge, resources and other valuable content for their educations, jobs and entertainment. In concert with key industry partners, SirsiDynix supports this strategic role for libraries by offering a comprehensive integrated suite of technology solutions for improving the internal productivity of libraries and enhancing their capabilities for meeting the needs of people and communities. SirsiDynix has approximately 4,000 library and consortia clients, serving more than 300 million people through more than 20,000 library outlets in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. For more information, please see www.sirsidynix.com.

About Special Libraries Association

SLA is a nonprofit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners. SLA serves more than approximately 11,000 members in 75 countries in the information profession, including corporate, academic, and government information specialists. SLA promotes and strengthens its members through learning, advocacy, and networking initiatives. For more information, see www.sla.org.

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