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Toronto Public Library Chooses SirsiDynix Horizon 8.0

One of the top libraries in the world selects the global leader in technology solutions for libraries

BOSTON, March 24, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that Toronto Public Library in Toronto, Canada, has selected SirsiDynix Horizon 8.0 as its next library management system. Newly designed and developed, Horizon 8.0 is the most technologically advanced, intuitive and feature-rich integrated library system available today. Toronto Public Library will install Horizon 8.0, along with SirsiDynix Horizon Information Portal and SirsiDynix Director's Station™, in the third quarter of 2006 and go live in early 2007.

Ron Dyck, Toronto Public Library director of information technology and bibliographic services, said, "SirsiDynix provided the best overall opportunity to deliver high quality service to the public through a good public user interface at a price within our budget.

"In addition, SirsiDynix technology delivers a quality, highly customer-focused and integrated user experience to a diverse audience, as well as electronic information services in languages other than English. SirsiDynix Horizon 8.0 improves the efficiency of tasks in Toronto Public Library's large, high-volume environment in all areas – including in particular, materials handling and holds management – and supports effective service and operational planning through reporting and decision support," Dyck added.

Patrick Sommers, SirsiDynix chief executive officer, said, "As the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, SirsiDynix understands the vital role that libraries play in their communities. We support them in this role by providing solutions like Horizon 8.0 that improve their internal productivity and enhance their capabilities for serving people and communities.

"Moreover, Toronto Public Library and SirsiDynix share similar visions. We are both committed to strengthening the role of the library to bring knowledge to life for real people with real needs – and to positioning the library as a strategic information resource for communities. Given this common vision, we at SirsiDynix are excited about partnering with Toronto Public Library and the millions of people it serves," added Sommers.

This announcement was made at the Public Library Association (PLA) National Conference in the Hynes Convention Center.

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About SirsiDynix

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 Toronto Public Library

Toronto Public Library is North America's busiest public library system. Every week more than 325,000 people visit its 99 branches and borrow more than half a million items.

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