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SirsiDynix Horizon Selected by Durham County Library

Public library moves to Horizon Library Management System to meet users' expectations

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 31, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that Durham County Library in Durham, N.C., recently selected the SirsiDynix Horizon Library Management System.

In addition to Horizon, Durham County Library has selected SirsiDynix Web Reporter, SirsiDynix Debt Collect and EnvisionWare PC/print management tools, as well as enriched content that allows users to view tables of content, book reviews, book jacket images and synopses.

“Durham County Library selected SirsiDynix as the vendor for its newest library management system because of our history with the Dynix system, which we have successfully used to manage our patron and circulation records since 1988,” said Priscilla Lewis, interim director of Durham County Library. “Over the last several years, as our library began an unprecedented expansion, and as our customers' expectations became more sophisticated, we realized that an upgrade to our current system was necessary.

“Selecting the next-generation product from SirsiDynix was the best solution for our library, as the company was able to work with us on a tight timeline and to provide the most seamless migration of our database,” Lewis said.

“My staff and I look forward to a successful implementation with SirsiDynix Horizon, as we bring current and new facilities online. The go-live began in April with current facilities and will continue with the opening of East Regional on June 16, the re-opening of the historic Stanford L. Warren Branch in late summer and the opening of two other regional libraries, North in December of this year and South in 2007.”

Steven Nielsen, SirsiDynix vice president of product management, said, “Libraries have a vital role to play in 21st-century communities. Librarians' unique abilities to make sense of the vast world of information strongly position them as leaders in bringing knowledge to people, helping them meet their needs and achieve their objectives. By providing strategic technology solutions like Horizon, SirsiDynix empowers libraries around the world to better serve their user communities.”

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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 Durham County Library

Durham County Library (DCL) currently serves more than 240,000 citizens in Durham County, N.C., with a main library and seven branch facilities. The system is undergoing unprecedented expansion of infrastructure, technology and programming. East Regional Branch Library, a full-service, 25,000-square-foot facility, will open June 16 and is the first of three new regional facilities that will expand the reach of library services to within five miles of almost every citizen in Durham County. The facilities upgrade also includes the expansion and renovation of the historic Stanford L. Warren Library, which will re-open in late summer. The mission of Durham County Library is to provide the entire community with books, services and other resources that inform, inspire learning, cultivate understanding and excite the imagination. For more information, please visit www.durhamcountylibrary.org.

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