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## **SirsiDynix Digital Community Center Kiosk Extends Access to Legal Resources**

**11,000 lawyers and magistrates in Montreal gain more convenient access to CAIJ legal information**

**OTTAWA, Ontario, June 14, 2006** – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that CAIJ (The Legal Information Access Centre/Centre d'accès à l'information juridique) in Montreal recently selected and installed the SirsiDynix Digital Community Center Kiosk™. The kiosk extends valuable library resources to people who might have limited access to the library's physical site or online presence, offering self-service options.

CAIJ branded its kiosk *CAIJExpresso* and installed it in the lawyers' lounge of the Montreal Courthouse to provide access to legal information for the 11,000 Montreal lawyers and magistrates who are CAIJ clients. With the CAIJ smart card, they can use *CAIJExpresso*, as well as gain easy, universal access to services of the 39 libraries in the CAIJ network.

"The kiosk is essentially an extension of CAIJ," said Guy Cloutier, CAIJ consultant for CAIJ. "It provides the end user with user-friendly access to available online services – catalog and database searches, printing of search results, reserves and document delivery – in a non-conventional library environment where CAIJ is not present. Use of the kiosk is increasing as our users are becoming familiar with it and appreciating its proximity factor. They see *CAIJExpresso* as a welcome addition to on-desk access and physical access.

"CAIJ serves more than 21,000 lawyers and magistrates across the province of Québec, with Montreal being by far its most important point of service. CAIJ is considering implementing additional kiosks in other locations, pending an evaluation of *CAIJExpresso* next fall. It looks promising. If the use of this technology is shown to be successful, other kiosks might be installed in locations where the traffic will justify the investment, in courthouses where CAIJ is not present or as a cost-effective substitute to conventional libraries in smaller locations. We believe the kiosk will provide an opportunity to further decentralize and expand access to legal information for our clientele, promoting end user autonomy through improved self-service."

Susan Buchanan, SirsiDynix vice president of Canada and U.S. Northeast, said, "Special library organizations like CAIJ play a mission-critical role within the institutions they support. At SirsiDynix, we see our role as a partner to libraries, delivering strategic technology solutions that empower them to better serve their user communities, bringing knowledge in all its forms to real people to meet real needs. The Digital

Community Center Kiosk is one of many SirsiDynix solutions that extends the reach of the library and provides effective access to resources in convenient locations where people live, learn and work.”

The Digital Community Center Kiosk was chosen by a panel of industry experts for inclusion in the “Panelists’ Picks” section of *Library By Design*, the fall 2005 *Library Journal* supplement on library interiors. Described by the panel as having “an attractive, streamline design” and as “inviting to use,” the kiosk was dubbed the “Information ATM.”

The CAIJ announcement was made at the Canadian Library Association’s 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference & Trade Show.

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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](http://www.sirsidynix.com).

### **About CAIJ**

The Legal Information Access Centre/ Centre d'accès à l'information juridique, better known by its French acronym, CAIJ, integrates into a single network the 38 courthouse libraries across Québec. Its mission is to make all available legal information accessible to the Québec Bar Association's members as well as to the members of the Bench.

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