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SirsiDynix Horizon 8.0 and Enterprise Portal Solution Selected by DuPage Library System

Library consortium pairs next-generation ILS with leading-edge portal solution

NEW ORLEANS, June 24, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that the library automation consortium hosted by DuPage Library System, in Geneva, Ill., recently selected the SirsiDynix Horizon 8.0 Library Management System and the SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution™ (EPS). DuPage Library System will implement these solutions in September 2006 and go live in early 2007.

Newly designed and developed, Horizon 8.0 is the most technologically advanced, intuitive and feature-rich integrated library system available today. EPS provides a single interface to all the high-quality information, resources and services offered by an institution in contexts that make sense.

“The Horizon-Enterprise Portal Solution combination is expected to provide the best of both systems,” said Jane Paula Plass, director of network services at DuPage Library System. “Horizon 8.0 will provide user-friendly staff functionality, up-to-date system architecture and software design and features designed for consortia, such as record ownership. EPS will allow easy integration of content and library-specific customization. The committee evaluating our OPAC (online public access catalog) choices found EPS easier to customize than other alternatives. Also, the SirsiDynix system was more cost-effective, both initially and over five years.

“Although cooperation is central to our consortium, so is the ability to provide library-specific customization and branding. Both Horizon and EPS will support these needs. The new system will allow us to continue our existing services while positioning us well for future technological developments. Initially, we will be expanding services through a consortium-wide SIP2 license and by offering federated searching for the first time,” added Plass.

Steven Nielsen, SirsiDynix vice president of product management, said, “SirsiDynix has long been focused on meeting the unique needs of library consortia. Our goal is to deliver strategic technology solutions that help consortia and each member library make sense of the vast world of information, bringing knowledge to life for the library users who depend on them. As we developed Horizon 8.0, we carefully considered the distinctive needs of consortia and their members to work together without sacrificing the individuality of

member libraries. The result is a flexible, scalable system that enables seamless resource sharing while maintaining record ownership and local control of policies.”

The announcement was made at the American Library Association Annual Conference in New Orleans at the Morial Convention Center.

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About DuPage Library System

DuPage Library System (DLS) is a regional multitype library system funded by the Illinois Legislature through the Office of Secretary of State/State Librarian Jesse White. Members include 138 academic, public, school and special libraries in 388 facilities, in parts of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall and Will counties. DLS services include consulting, communication, continuous learning and professional development, delivery and resource sharing. MAGIC is the library automation consortium hosted by DLS; it includes public, public school, private school, academic and health care libraries (19 in all). DLS works closely with the Illinois State Library and the other regional library systems in Illinois. For additional information about Illinois regional library systems, see <http://www.illinoislibrariansystems.info/>.

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