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SirsiDynix Reciprocal Borrowing Used by 700 Maryland Libraries for Statewide Library Card

Maryland MILO project marks large implementation of Reciprocal Borrowing

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., October 25, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that the Maryland Interlibrary Loan Organization (MILO) recently implemented SirsiDynix Reciprocal Borrowing.

SirsiDynix Reciprocal Borrowing is a standalone resource-sharing solution, which allows libraries with reciprocal borrowing agreements to save staff time by automating a labor-intensive task. It allows staff at participating libraries to look up a user at his/her home library, view basic registration information and find out the user's current status. If the user is in good standing at the home library, the library staff member then clicks a button to automate the creation of a new patron record. This simple process enables people to use multiple libraries with a minimum of hassle, while saving staff time and protecting libraries from abuse.

The Central Library of the Enoch Pratt Free Public Library is the State Library Resource Center for Maryland, and serves as the coordinating library for the Marina Project. Marina is a resource-sharing consortium of Maryland public libraries. Ann Smith, chief of information access at Enoch Pratt, said, "SirsiDynix's Reciprocal Borrowing product is a revolutionary new solution that enabled Maryland to strengthen its resource-sharing network across the state's libraries. It provides access for the people of Maryland, via their local library system, to materials regardless of where they may live."

Reciprocal Borrowing works across multiple integrated library system platforms by means of the new NCIP (NISO Circulation Interchange Protocol) standard, meaning a state or region with many types of local circulations systems can use this product. Reciprocal Borrowing can function on the library's own server or via URSA, a hosted solution from SirsiDynix.

Aaron Omori, SirsiDynix manager of URSA implementations, said, "At SirsiDynix, we are partnering with libraries to provide greater control and tracking of their resources, while delivering added ease and flexibility to their users. It's an exciting dichotomy that works across a variety of multiple integrated library systems. The beauty of the system is it works for all sizes and types of libraries."

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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 Maryland Interlibrary Loan Organization

The Maryland Interlibrary Loan Organization (MILO) is a cooperative network of public, academic, school and special libraries throughout Maryland. Through close cooperation, customers are provided with access to the books, magazines, newspapers and other resources of more than 700 libraries in the state. MILO also acts as a hub for six library delivery systems tying together public, academic and school libraries throughout the state. The broad mission of MILO is to operate a resource-sharing network among Maryland Libraries. This provides access for the people of Maryland, via their local library system, to materials and services regardless of where they may live. More information regarding MILO and participating libraries is available at www.epfl.net.

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