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## Westchester Library System Chooses SirsiDynix Unicorn®

Large library group implements Unicorn and other solutions, including Director's Station™

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala., November 13, 2006** – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today the Westchester Library System (WLS) in Tarrytown, N.Y., recently chose the SirsiDynix Unicorn Library Management System. The system will improve library services for WLS, which services 38 member libraries in Westchester County and a large county population of almost 950,000. WLS will install Oracle, Unicode, Director's Station and SVA telephone notification, in addition to a large EnvisionWare print and PC component.

“We chose Unicorn because of the stability of SirsiDynix and its strategic initiatives, both for products and services for libraries,” said Siobhan Reardon, executive director of WLS. “We are particularly interested in a system that supports Unicode due to the language diversity of Westchester Library System’s users.”

Wayne Hay, IT manager for WLS, credits the depth and breadth of the functionality of Unicorn as a plus. “Our library members are used to stability and flexibility,” he said. “The open systems architecture, reporting tools and the flexibility in handling holds processing for resource-sharing make Unicorn a good choice.”

Director's Station gives library executives a quick and easy-to-use system for both data analysis and deep circulation analysis to uncover trends and aid planning. “Director's Station, with its data-mining and online analytical processing (OLAP) tools, will allow us to make the most of our data, resulting in enhanced services for our patrons,” said Hay.

WLS will be one of the first public library systems to implement Unicode. Unicode enables storage, display and retrieval of both Roman and non-Roman characters so a library can support multiple languages and expand its services within the community.

SirsiDynix SVA telephone notification system gives WLS the ability, in a convenient, cost-effective way, to contact library users automatically.

“Westchester Library System is central to its community,” said Susan Buchanan, SirsiDynix vice president of Northeast United States/Canada-Alaska. “At SirsiDynix, we work with libraries like Westchester to deliver strategic technology solutions that help people in their communities make sense of the vast world of information. We also deliver productivity and business efficiency tools like Director’s Station and telephone notification and renewal to help libraries work more efficiently.”

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#### **About the Westchester Library System**

The Westchester Library System (WLS) is a state-chartered, cooperative library system serving all 38 Westchester member public libraries and the county’s citizens. As one of the 23 public library systems serving New York State’s public libraries, the Westchester Library System was established in 1958. Additional information regarding WLS is available at [www.westchesterlibraries.org](http://www.westchesterlibraries.org).