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Edmonton Public Library Chooses SirsiDynix for Self-Checkout System

Marks One of the First Major Library Systems in Canada to Adopt Technology System-wide

EDMONTON, Alberta – November 15, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that the Edmonton Public Library (EPL) has chosen SirsiDynix to implement the library's radio-frequency identification (RFID) self-checkout system. The implementation marks one of the first major library systems in Canada to adopt such technology system-wide.

SirsiDynix's RFID system, delivered in partnership with 3M Library Systems, enhances productivity and customer service by offering a simplified checkout and check-in process. With this system, library users are able to check out their own library items, boosting convenience and saving time. In turn, staff members are free for more one-on-one interactions with customers. Implementation of EPL's RFID project, jointly funded by the city of Edmonton and the province of Alberta, started in September, at the Strathcona Branch. An implementation team will work at all 16 branches to tag each item in EPL's 1.9-million-item collection. It is expected to take approximately one year to complete.

"EPL was the first library in Canada to adopt a fully integrated computerized circulation system; EPL also has an extensive virtual library. The RFID system will assist EPL in meeting the demands of its ever-increasing circulation," said Joanne Griener, associate director of management services at EPL.

"SirsiDynix and 3M are leaders in their fields and we were impressed with the level of support and service. The addition of this service further develops our leadership role in the library community."

Susan Buchanan, SirsiDynix vice president of Northeast United States/Canada-Alaska, said, "At SirsiDynix, we work with customers and partners to provide a range of solutions that increase the library user's experience and increase the productivity of librarians. EPL is a leading library system in Canada, and SirsiDynix and 3M worked closely with EPL to deliver the best solution for its needs. Together we are assisting library users to obtain quality information and resources easier and faster through technologies such as RFID."

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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. More information is available at www.sirsidynix.com.

About Edmonton Public Library

Edmonton Public Library is widely regarded as a leader in the delivery of public-library services in Canada. In 1979, it was the first library in the country to adopt a fully integrated, computerized circulation system. Today, EPL encompasses 16 branches, a collection of 1.9-million items and an extensive virtual library. An estimated 9.8 million items will be borrowed from the library in 2006. EPL constantly strives to excel in innovation for the benefit of citizens. Smart use of technology will enable the library to proactively improve collections, services and the use of staff resources. The introduction of radio-frequency identification is a major step in the library's strategy to accomplish this goal. To find out more about the Edmonton Public Library, visit www.epl.ca.

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