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SirsiDynix Institute Announces First Quarter Webinar Schedule for 2008

Presentations from Stephen Abram and other thought leaders to focus on “Open Libraries”

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., January 28, 2008 – The SirsiDynix Institute, a forum for professional development in the library community, announced its webinar schedule for the first quarter of 2008. In keeping with the SirsiDynix Institute’s mission to help grow the skills of library professionals, the SirsiDynix Institute will focus on “Open Libraries” in 2008. The theme centers on the “openness” that characterizes successful libraries — open partnerships, open approaches, open technologies, open dialog and open communities.

The first webinar event for the first quarter of 2008 is scheduled for January 31, and will be hosted by Stephen Abram, SirsiDynix vice president of innovation and chief strategist for the SirsiDynix Institute. Abram will discuss “25 Technologies to Watch... and How,” sharing information on the top 25 technologies librarians should explore to make their institutions more open to learning communities and neighborhoods. Abram will conclude with five suggestions for having fun with change and technology adoption.

Other first-quarter SirsiDynix Institute webinars include:

- “The 21st Century Classroom: Copyright and Electronic Content” on February 19. Dru Zuretti, copyright education manager with Copyright Clearance Center, will discuss the complex issues surrounding the use of electronic content on campus and where copyright comes into play.
- “Strategic Approaches and Business Cases” on March 12. Ulla de Stricker, president of de Stricker Associates, a consulting service for information and knowledge resources, will discuss ways that library professionals can address information and knowledge management challenges in areas such as corporate memory, information access, document management and communication management.

“We have a fabulous schedule for this quarter and are thrilled to have so many well-respected industry leaders who have graciously offered their time and expertise to the SirsiDynix Institute,” said Stephen Abram.

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Abram continued, "Their willingness to give to the industry in this way is integral to the mission of the SirsiDynix Institute."

Upcoming SirsiDynix Institute events will be posted on the SirsiDynix Institute website, www.sirsidynixinstitute.com. Archives, including podcasts and Windows Media files are also available to revisit after the event at the SirsiDynix Institute website. All SirsiDynix Institute sessions are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, unless otherwise specified. Additional special and international events will be announced throughout the year.

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About the SirsiDynix Institute

The SirsiDynix institute was founded in 2003 and is funded by SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions. The SirsiDynix Institute is a forum for professional development in the library community. Monthly webinars, the SirsiDynix Institute Executive Conference and other events provide librarians with access to industry leaders and a forum to keep up to date on relevant issues and trends impacting libraries. The mission of the SirsiDynix Institute is to support librarianship and advance the work of librarians around the world. The focus of the SirsiDynix Institute is on library issues, not products. More information on the SirsiDynix Institute is available at www.sirsidynixinstitute.com.

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