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Sparta Public Library Upgrades to SirsiDynix Symphony

New Jersey library to run company's flagship system via software-as-a-service

PROVO, Utah, Feb. 15, 2008 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that Sparta Public Library in Sparta, N.J., has upgraded to the SirsiDynix Symphony Library Management System, which the company will provide via its world-class software-as-a-service (SaaS) facilities. Upgrading from the SirsiDynix Horizon system, the library will use SirsiDynix Symphony and a number of other SirsiDynix solutions for public interface, federates search and critical library staff capabilities required to serve its user community. The library plans to go live on SirsiDynix Symphony in late April.

“Sparta Public Library is constantly implementing new services to provide better experiences for our patrons,” said Suzanne Blecker, system administrator at Sparta Public Library. “Our recent investment in SirsiDynix Symphony and SirsiDynix’s SaaS services will permit us to upgrade our server platforms and to establish and maintain a more up-to-date and secure environment. And, of course, we also look forward to a range of new features in SirsiDynix Symphony.”

“We are delighted that Sparta Public Library has elected to utilize our SaaS offering. Sparta is joining a growing number of our customers who are seeking to extend a world-class, technology enabled experience to their patrons, while carefully managing total cost of technology ownership,” said Matt Hawkins, SirsiDynix chief operating officer.

By choosing to use the new SirsiDynix Symphony platform via SaaS, SaaS customers are able to realize many benefits, including:

- Reduced total cost of software/hardware ownership
- The ability to repurpose library staff toward patron service instead of managing servers, networks, data backups and software application performance
- No further need to update/replace server and network infrastructure every three to five years total outsource management of all operating system and product security patches and upgrades by SirsiDynix

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The library's investment in SirsiDynix SaaS-based solutions will provide access to top-tier features and functions for all public and technical services in a hosted environment. "As a result, Sparta Public Library gains all the advantages of technologically advanced tools, without the day-to-day requirements involved in managing them," said Matt Hawkins, SirsiDynix chief operating officer.

For more information about SirsiDynix Symphony, SaaS or other SirsiDynix solutions, visit <http://www.sirsidynix.com/Solutions/Products/integratedsystems.php>.

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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 Sparta Public Library

Sparta Public Library's mission is to provide the people of Sparta Township, N.J., with the materials necessary to provide for lifelong learning, personal growth and their recreational needs. The Library is committed to providing materials, in whatever format is needed, to achieve this goal. As the information center of the community, Sparta Library will respond to the residents by providing the latest technology to link local, national and global resources.