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SirsiDynix Symphony® ILS enables technological collaboration for Kōtui

National Library of New Zealand-led initiative facilitates technical collaboration to provide more equitable access to information for New Zealand public library customers.

PROVO, UTAH (October 28, 2011) – SirsiDynix, the world’s leading provider of library technology solutions, is pleased to announce the selection of its SirsiDynix Symphony® integrated library system as the platform for the new Kōtui shared library system. A shared service for New Zealand public libraries, Kōtui provides an affordable, efficient option to help libraries manage their collections with leading-edge products and services.

“With Kōtui, we are supporting New Zealanders’ ability to access and use information important to their lives by providing free internet access in public libraries, maraes, and the best in library automation tools,” said National Librarian Bill Mcnaught. “We have been fortunate to work with leading technological providers to develop a service tailor made to meet the needs of New Zealand public libraries.”

The concept and delivery of the Kōtui shared service is the result of a collaboration between a group of public libraries, the Association of Public Library Managers (APLM), Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) and the National Library of New Zealand. The SirsiDynix Symphony ILS will serve as the technological foundation for these libraries, enabling robust, customizable library resource management for Kōtui libraries and their users.

“SirsiDynix is proud to be a part of the groundbreaking service Kōtui is offering New Zealand libraries,” said SirsiDynix Chief Executive Officer Bill Davison. “Our industry-leading SirsiDynix Symphony® integrated library system provides a platform of unparalleled strength, flexibility and adaptability to accommodate the diverse needs of the Kōtui member libraries in New Zealand.”

The subscription-based service went live in Blenheim last month and is being progressively rolled out to 15 libraries over the next two years. Librarians attending the LIANZA conference this week can learn more at the Kōtui demo station or by stopping by SirsiDynix booth #40. More information on the Kōtui project is available at www.kotui.org.nz.

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