HALAN Goes Live with SirsiDynix Symphony and SaaS Hosting

Symphony and SaaS offer the flexibility needed to serve a rapidly-growing consortium

LEHI, UTAH (August 13, 2013) – SirsiDynix announced today that the members of the Houston Area Library Automated Network (HALAN) have implemented SirsiDynix Symphony with SirsiDynix SaaS hosting. HALAN, which represents a diverse and growing group of libraries across Texas, chose Symphony and SaaS to make it easy for libraries of all sizes to join the consortium while maintaining each library’s unique character and look and feel.

"HALAN is working toward providing a broader range of services on leading edge platforms to more libraries. We have begun to meet these goals with our move to Symphony and Enterprise. The addition of libraries in Huntsville, TX and Lancaster, TX has increased our membership to eight libraries, and we hope to be adding more libraries in the months to come," said Judith Hiott, Chief of HALAN.

HALAN also chose SirsiDynix Enterprise, Portfolio, BookMyne+, and Social Library to provide seamless content discovery and access for patrons, as well as SirsiDynix MobileCirc to provide flexible mobile circulation, inventory, and shelving for library staff.

“The Houston Public Library recently unveiled a completely new integrated library system to run our catalog and customer accounts. Web technologies have changed quite a bit since we implemented the previous catalog and customer accounts system. To provide an optimum online experience for our customers, a new platform was chosen to provide improved usability, a more stable infrastructure, and the ability to add features and additional options in the future. These changes have resulted in improved service delivery and more efficient processes,” said Dr. Rhea Brown Lawson, director of the Houston Public Library, the largest library in the HALAN consortium.

“HALAN is a dynamic, growing consortium and we’re glad to have them join the Symphony family,” said David King, SirsiDynix VP of Product Management. “Symphony and SaaS give them the flexibility they need to serve small, medium, and large libraries. Each member library has the autonomy to choose the features and policies that serve its patrons best, and our best-in-industry hosting through SaaS provides 99.9% uptime without the need to worry about hardware maintenance, capacity prediction, and server monitoring.”

Libraries interested in Symphony, SaaS, or other SirsiDynix products can call their SirsiDynix account representative or visit www.sirsidynix.com.

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About HALAN
The Houston Area Library Automated Network is comprised of eight Texas libraries: Bellaire City Library, Hebert Public Library (Port Neches), Houston Public Library, Hughes Memorial Library (Nederland), Pasadena Public Library, Port Arthur Public Library, Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library (Lancaster), and Huntsville Public Library. The mission of HALAN is to partner through technology in order to provide creative solutions to our information needs.

- Use leading-edge technology to provide most efficient and effective service to the client
- Assist the library staff in the creation of a strong, coherent sense of place on the Internet, while ensuring that the library remains a useful and consistently innovative environment as well as fun and easy to use
- Serve clients in the evaluation, selection and implementation of electronic and technological resources
- Continually seek enterprises that provide both services to our community and funding for our operations - remain open to new ideas and partnerships.

About SirsiDynix
SirsiDynix connects people with knowledge at more than 23,000 libraries around the world. Through library management technology and search and discovery tools, libraries using SirsiDynix technology bring relevant resources and the power of knowledge to their users and communities. SirsiDynix technology is architected to be open, scalable and robust, offering a complete solution out-of-the-box, and unparalleled flexibility through APIs and web services. Complemented by the most experienced training, consulting and support staff in the industry, SirsiDynix helps libraries create tomorrow’s libraries, today. www.sirsidynix.com