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SirsiDynix Unicorn GL3.1 Set for Spring Release

Key features include updates, ISBN 13 support, patron privacy and resource-sharing

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 21, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries bringing knowledge to people and communities, announced today that its newest version of the SirsiDynix Unicorn® Library Management System is on schedule for delivery in spring 2006. Unicorn GL3.1 includes updates to all modules, addresses critical issues such as ISBN 13 support and patron privacy and provides libraries with better resource-sharing capabilities with the new Unicorn Collection Exchange module.

“SirsiDynix continues to be the leader in providing strategic technology solutions for libraries,” said Berit Nelson, SirsiDynix vice president of technical product management. “The updates we are making to the Unicorn Library Management System will allow libraries to grow, adapt and change to meet the needs of their communities. Libraries that adopt new and better technology show that they are committed to playing a vital role in the world and bring even greater value in a time of limited resources.”

Key features in Unicorn GL3.1 are:

- Patron privacy: Libraries can “scrub” information from history logs that links a patron to a specific item. Transaction reports aren’t affected, and the transactions will still exist. However, all patron names and bar codes are scrubbed from the transactions.
- ISBN 13 support: The system now allows for 13-digit International Standard Book Numbers (ISBNs) to be managed and stored just as the 10-digit codes are.
- Collection Exchange module: The U.S. version of the Collection Exchange module is included in this release. In Canada and France, such functionality is mandatory and already in use. The module helps libraries better share entire collections of materials among partner libraries. Collection Exchange enables libraries to cost-effectively share resources and manage their circulation and return.

“The Unicorn GL3.1 contains a number of improvements requested by our customers, including updates to all Unicorn modules: circulation, cataloging, serials, acquisitions, material booking and more,” Nelson added. “Consortia libraries should be particularly pleased with some of the new features that will allow multi-library organizations to operate more efficiently.”

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About SirsiDynix

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 200 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.

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