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SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2 Now Available

Industry's most open, evolutionary system rolled out on schedule

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., December 19, 2007 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, today announced the general availability of SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2, the library community's most open, evolutionary and customizable integrated library system. Delivered on schedule and already in successful production for two sites, SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2 is now available for both current and prospective customers, including SirsiDynix Horizon and Unicorn sites upgrading to the new system.

"We've been committed to delivering SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2 before the end of 2007," said Gary Rautenstrauch, SirsiDynix chief executive officer. "We are pleased to keep this commitment, as well as excited for our customers to experience the most open, comprehensive and reliable system available to libraries today."

"Open architecture... open standards... open integration..." said Talin Bingham, SirsiDynix chief technical officer, "These characteristics are the hallmarks of SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2. No matter what a library's strategic plans call for, this new system provides the solid platform libraries need for accomplishing their objectives."

According to Berit Nelson, SirsiDynix vice president of technical product management, "We're confident that users will find SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2 to be the feature-rich, high-quality system we set out to develop. We had an outstanding beta test period, beginning with a 'community technology preview' that permitted us to get feedback from users approximately two months before the formal beta test began.

"Consequently," continued Nelson, "we enjoyed what has arguably been the smoothest and most complete testing process ever. The end result is that SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2 is a high-quality product that current and prospective SirsiDynix customers will be pleased with."

SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2 incorporates open, industry-standard technologies, offering the library community the most impressive list of features and capabilities. These include an open *n*-tier architecture, software-as-a-service (SaaS) options, powerful "user experience" portal and search solutions, comprehensive integrated library management and productivity solutions, Java-based staff clients for all modules, fully documented application programming interfaces (APIs) that support unparalleled customizability and integrability, Unicode support, advanced business intelligence and reporting tools, support for SIP2 and NCIP and embedded and full Oracle database support.

SirsiDynix Symphony also includes new features, functions and modules, including expanded capabilities for group/family/proxy circulation, new credit structure within patron accounts, support for mail delivery of books, support for the Web Reporter advanced reporting tool (scheduled for first quarter 2008), new portal capabilities and Web-based staff clients. A full suite of professional services – implementation, training, support, data and consulting – is also available with the system.

Added Rautenstrauch, “Sure, SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2 is built on a solid foundation with a proven track record. In fact, more libraries rely on this technology foundation for integrated library management than any other single platform. But more than that, SirsiDynix Symphony 3.2 represents what SirsiDynix is all about as a company — being the technology partner that our clients can depend on to deliver on its promises.”

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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 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.

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