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SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution 2.2.1 Released

Powerful platform expands Unicode searching, consortium support and eBook integration

PHILADELPHIA, January 11, 2008 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced the recent release of SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution 2.2.1. SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution 2.2.1 users will enjoy enhanced Unicode searching of non-Roman-character-based information sources, expanded integration of electronic books, enhanced support of multiple SirsiDynix Unicorn and Symphony systems using a single instance of SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution and other enhancements. The 2.2.1 release is now available to current and new users of SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal and the SchoolRooms online K-12 exploration, discovery and learning portal.

SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution provides a single interface to all the high-quality information, resources and services offered by a library or consortium. The product offers enhanced searching capabilities, consolidating searching of library catalogs, electronic databases, the Internet and more into a single, simple search. SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution also features SirsiDynix Rooms Builder, a content management platform that allows creation of content in virtual rooms, arranged according to a site's defined taxonomy of popular subject areas, supporting addition of relevant and current information and links in each room.

The 2.2.1 release of SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution includes the following major enhancements:

- Support for searching Unicode-enabled SirsiDynix Symphony, Unicorn and native Z39.50 connections with Unicode characters, thereby expanded the system's ability to support of languages not based on the Roman character set
- Support for the use of Unicode characters in the Rooms Builder, enabling the use of the portal's administrative tool by users who work in non-Roman-character-based languages
- Expanded configuration options that make it easy to use SirsiDynix Unicorn and Symphony catalog format policies to designate bibliographic fields to appear in the portal's results hit list
- Integration of BWI electronic books
- Support for connections to multiple SirsiDynix Unicorn and Symphony systems with a single instance of SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution

SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution 2.2.1, which serves as the portal platform for the SchoolRooms, features key enhancements that are especially beneficial to SchoolRooms. These include the native Z39.50 searching for multiple underlying databases with links to site-specific OPACs and expanded support for multiple SirsiDynix Unicorn and Symphony systems with a single instance of SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution.

“SirsiDynix established itself as the leader in ‘user experience’ solutions for libraries a few years ago with SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution,” said Berit Nelson, SirsiDynix vice president of product management. “With the new 2.2.1 release, we are continuing to add capabilities that are critical to the success of our customers in serving their customers.”

Nelson added, “Two capabilities that are critical for the library community today are support for consortia and languages other than English. SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution 2.2.1 takes significant steps forward in these and other areas for the 50-plus sites now using SirsiDynix Enterprise Portal Solution, as well as other sites that will use the solution in 2008.”

This announcement was made at the 2008 Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association.

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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.