

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Stacilee Oakes
1.801.223.5325
stacilee.oakes@sirsidynix.com

Expanded Functionality with URSA® 4.1 Resource Sharing Software

New release includes Java 1.6 support, MS SQL 2005 support, fast response times

PROVO, UT, September 18, 2008 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries today announced the release of an enhanced resource sharing product, URSA 4.1. URSA®, the Universal Resource Sharing Application, has been a leader in library consortial borrowing for over 10 years. The software solution works with any NCIP integrated library solution and can also be configured to work with solutions that do not choose to use the NCIP standard.

URSA automates request placement, quadruples the speed in which patrons receive their requests, and costs less than a third of traditional inter-library loans. It utilizes powerful Z39.50 search engine, de-duplicates search results, authenticates at the home library, and uses optional web-based fill-in request forms.

The update offers a number of enhancements, including support for Java 1.6 and MS SQL 2005, improved response time, improved handling of local holds, expanded truncation for availability rules, greatly expanded History tracking for troubleshooting and a new display of requests within library systems.

“We believe URSA’s latest enhancements will help librarians and patrons alike, with faster and fuller feature offerings. We are pleased to offer the enhancements our customers requested and we are especially pleased to release URSA 4.1 in line with this year’s product roadmap and with the features we promised,” reported Gail Wanner, Technical Product Manager at SirsiDynix.

Gary Rautenstrauch, CEO at SirsiDynix said, “I am proud of everyone who worked on the project: they created this year’s product roadmap, development timeline and testing strategy, then they stuck to it and released on time with a stable product.” He continued, “Most of all, we appreciate our customers and beta testers who told us what they wanted and were indispensable to this release. In fact, along with extensive internal testing, URSA 4.1 has been beta tested at over 50 libraries and branches.”

URSA 4.1 also enables hosting of URSA and Reciprocal Borrowing on SirsiDynix’s popular SaaS (Software as a Service) site. Many SirsiDynix Symphony, Unicorn and Horizon customers have enjoyed cost savings from their years with SirsiDynix SaaS. SirsiDynix has the highest number of SaaS customers in the industry.

To assist upgrading customers, SirsiDynix has trained additional resources in Delivery, Client Care, Consulting, Training, and Project Management. Additional Client Care options have been added specifically for URSA customers at 1-800-288-8020. (Choose #4 for Client Care, then #7 for URSA and Reciprocal Borrowing.)

For a private demo or further information, feel free to contact SirsiDynix at 1-800-228-8020, extension 1 or sales@sirsidynix.com.

###

About URSA

URSA, the Universal Resource Sharing Application, has been a leader in library consortial borrowing for over 10 years, featuring patron-initiated requesting from a virtual catalog of consortium members, automated lender assignment based on library policies and time-saving streamlined staff workflows. Industry standards are used to link between URSA and local circulation systems to automatically create holds when requests are placed, check loaned items out, create temporary bibliographic and item records for borrowed items and check items in when returned. Reciprocal borrowing, available as part of URSA or as a stand-alone option, enables libraries to authenticate visiting patrons at their home

library and determine their current status, including the presence of blocks and fines. Eligible patrons can then be automatically registered.

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 assists 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 visit www.sirsidynix.com.

© 2008 Sirsi Corporation, d/b/a SirsiDynix. All rights reserved. Sirsi and SirsiDynix are registered trademarks of Sirsi Corporation in the United States and in other countries. Other brands and product names are trademarks of their respective owners.