

Product news...

Ex Libris milestones

In one week Ex Libris Australia celebrated several milestones — the release of SFX 2.0; signing of the contract with the Australian Academic Research Library Network (AARLIN) for MetaLib and SFX; and the announcement that the British Library had awarded its contract to Ex Libris for its new fully integrated solution.

SFX, the original link server software, and MetaLib, the portal product are used by an increasing number of libraries worldwide. SFX 2.0 now has full Unicode compliance; improved administration tasks and increased flexibility for controlling user access; the Citation Linker is also enhanced with additional title search options. The E-journal Title List has an increasing coverage of variant abbreviations saving even more time and effort for serials librarians in producing reports.

SFX and MetaLib are used by more than 320 libraries including large consortia such as FinELib the national group in Finland. Unilinc are in the process of implementing MetaLib and SFX for their member libraries. The AARLIN project will integrate library resource sharing services, providing researchers throughout Australia with an overall view of the information resources available in the twenty-one collaborating libraries.

The British Library will implement the Ex Libris suite of software applications, including ALEPH, MetaLib, SFX, and DigiTool software, to support their main systems for acquisitions, cataloguing, catalogue access for both reading rooms and remote users, as well as other services.

For more information see <http://www.exlibris.co.il>.

Spydus signing

Noosa has become the sixth Queensland public library in just over twelve months to opt for the Spydus software package from Civica.

Noosa Library chose Spydus after assessing four competing products. The evaluation team sought software with a good track record of operation in Australian libraries, a package that could demonstrate the full range of automation and functionality required by library staff, and one whose development path mirrored the direction taken by libraries in Queensland.

Noosa Library anticipates greater overall automation, to relieve staff in labour-intensive areas like Home Services, where all the selections are made manually. The library expects to go live on Spydus in March 2003.

Dialog adds distance learning to graduate education program

Dialog has introduced distance learning as part of the company's Graduate Education Program (GEP).

Faculty and students in library science programs worldwide can now access distance learning modules for no cost at <http://training.dialog.com/gep/distance>. Online sessions cover searching basics, database indexing and advanced business searching on Dialog.

Dialog also uses the web and video conferencing for live, real-time instruction to students in remote locations.

Blackwell Synergy expanded

Blackwell Publishing has added more than 250 of the world's leading social science and humanities journals to its state-of-the-art online research tool, Blackwell Synergy (<http://www.blackwell-synergy.com>).

Blackwell Publishing will be contacting library customers with information about how to set up access to these journals on Blackwell Synergy. Customers who have any queries should contact onlinehelp@oxon.blackwellpublishing.com.

Infotrieve acquires Ariel

Infotrieve has acquired Ariel software from RLG, a membership corporation of leading research libraries, archives and museums.

Ariel enables academic and research libraries to electronically convey and share scanned or digitised documents between and within institutions, in high-resolution TIF or PDF formats. Approximately 9400 installations around the world currently use Ariel. The software was developed and launched in 1991 by the non-profit RLG.

Current license and distribution agreements will be transferred and managed by Infotrieve, as will customer support, training, billing and other business functions. For more information see <http://www.infotrieve.com>.

Dynix product development plans for 2003

Dynix has announced several key product development initiatives for 2003.

Horizon 7.3 includes many enhancements to its Acquisitions and Circulation modules as well as other key features such as closed stack access, clustered holds, duplicate borrowers, acquisitions workslips support, a new NCIP responder, and the ability to archive purchase orders and use both primary and secondary vendors.

Horizon Reports Manager 1.0 is a new reporting tool that provides a number of standard reports without requiring staff users to interpret database schema or employ specialised knowledge of SQL scripts and commands. Standard reports can be modified and saved to the database to be shared with other library staff.

Horizon Information Portal 3.0 (previously called iPac) can be used to access a wide variety of library resources in a single query. Version 3.0 will add functionality by delivering online self-registration and personalisation services, easier administration, enhanced searching, de-duplication of results from consolidated searches, a single point of authentication, selective dissemination of information and OpenURL support.

Horizon Reciprocal Borrowing: is a revolutionary new ASP service that allows 'in person' interlibrary loans across a variety of vendors' systems by means of the new NCIP standard.

Horizon Interlibrary Loan enables individual libraries and multi-vendor consortia to provide



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The United Grand Lodge of Qld, 311 Ann Street, City, 12:30–2pm. Host: Ian Maddox, iwmaddox@uglq.org.au

• **15/10 QLD OPAL. General meeting.** Hoppood Ganim Lawyers, 141 Queen Street, City, 12:30–2pm. Host: Helen Gambley, heg@hoppoodganim.com.au

VIC

6/3 Vic Library Technicians'. Committee meeting and library tour. Mill Park Branch, Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service. Please meet us in the Foyer at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome, no charge, light supper provided. *RSVPs essential contact:* Tricia Murray, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **15/3 Schools Victoria. Committee meeting.** Santa Maria College Library, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are warmly welcome to attend. For further information contact: Anne Girolami, secretary, ph 03 9851 1525 or aneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au. Meeting will follow the PD activity organised for that day.

25/3 Australian Copyright Council training. *Copyright for librarians in public, community, corporate and other non-profit libraries and archives.* Canberra program: 9:30am — Basics \$66; 11am Text & Images \$88; 3pm AV Resources \$66; 3:30 Internet \$77. Contact: ph 02 9699 3247, sales@copyright.org.au, <http://www.copyright.org.au>

• **2/4 Vic Library Technicians'. General meeting.** State Library of Victoria, meet us in the Swanston Street Foyer at 6pm. Everyone is welcome, no charge, light supper provided. *RSVPs essential contact:* Tricia Murray, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **6/5 Vic Library Technicians'. Tour of Matheson Library** (Monash University) followed by a Committee meeting. Meet us in the Library's Foyer at 6pm. Everyone is welcome, no charge, light supper provided. *RSVPs essential contact:* Tricia Murray, patricia.murray@rmit.edu.au

• **5/6 Vic Library Technicians'. Full-day of library visits,** plus guest speaker Angela Bridgland discussing the importance of continuing professional development. Lunch: \$9.90 for ALIA members, \$12.20 for non-members (incl. GST). E-mail: kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

• **23–24/4 Vic & NSW Library Technicians'. Canberra visit.** Behind the scenes tours of a number of unique Canberra libraries. Everyone is welcome, no charge for the tours. For a registration form contact: Kerrie Kelly, ph 03 8664 7129, kkelly@slv.vic.gov.au

• **14/6 Schools Victoria. Committee meeting.** Santa Maria College Library, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are warmly welcome to attend. For further information contact: Anne Girolami, secretary, ph 03 9851 1525 or aneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au

• **19/7 Schools Victoria. Committee meeting.** Santa Maria College Library, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are warmly welcome to attend. For further

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• **16/8 Schools Victoria. Committee meeting.** Santa Maria College Library, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are warmly welcome to attend. For further information contact: Anne Girolami, secretary, ph 03 9851 1525 or anneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au

• **25/10 Schools Victoria. Committee meeting.** Santa Maria College Library, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are warmly welcome to attend. For further information contact: Anne Girolami, secretary, ph 03 9851 1525 or anneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au Meeting will follow the PD activity organised for that day.

• **15/11 Schools Victoria. Committee meeting.** Santa Maria College Library, Northcote, 9:30am. All members are warmly welcome to attend. For further information contact: Anne Girolami, secretary, ph 03 9851 1525 or anneg@marcellin.vic.edu.au

National

March 2003 Australian Computer Society. Ireland's Gerry McGovern, author of *Content Critical and the New Thinking* e-mail newsletter, will be conducting one-day workshops in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra For more details contact: gerrym@acslink.net.au, full brochure at <http://www.acs.org.au> A special discount is offered to ALIA members.

7-8/3 The National Scholarly Communications Forum invites you to attend *Death of the book?* Challenges and opportunities for scholarly publishing. National Maritime Museum, Sydney. For more information go to: <http://www.humanities.org.au> or contact: Justine Molony, ph 02 6125 9860, fx 02 6248 6287, aah.office@anu.edu.au Sponsors: Australian Academy of Humanities, National Scholarly Communications Forum. Supported by The Australian Research Council.

• **12-18/5 Library and Information Week 2003** Theme: *Information literacy.* Contact: alw@alia.org.au for further information. Don't forget to publicise your LIW2003 events by sending the relevant information to events@alia.org.au

• **25/7 ALIA ACOC seminar.** Wesley Conference Centre, Sydney. Further information contact Peter Haddad, ph 02 6262 1496, phaddad@nla.gov.au

• **5/9 National Simultaneous Storytime** will take place during Literacy and Numeracy Week, in libraries throughout the country at 11am AEST.

28-31/10 8th Interlending & Document Supply International conference. National Library of Australia, Canberra, Australia. Enquiries to: Tom Ruthven, director, interlending services, National Library of Australia, ruthven@nla.gov.au

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the most automated, streamlined workflow in the industry, based on Z39.50, NCIP, SIP2 and ISO ILL standards.

Horizon Debt Collect 2.0 provides libraries with a cost-effective method for recovering library materials and corresponding fees.

Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Support: Dynix is pleased to announce support for Microsoft SQL Server 2000 as an option to Sybase SQL as their standard Horizon database.

Dynix and Baker & Taylor join forces

Dynix has teamed with Baker & Taylor to provide users with enriched bibliographic content as they search library resources.

Dynix customers using the Horizon Information Portal (formerly iPac) will have access to Baker & Taylor's *The Content Café*. In turn, Dynix will offer *The Content Café* as one of the enriched content options available to its customers.

KM skills handbook

The One Umbrella and Standards Australia have released the *KM Skills Handbook*. It is the only resource of its kind revealing the essential skills and responsibilities for knowledge professionals charged with improving their organisations performance.

The resource is available in hardcopy at \$29.92 or .pdf at \$26.93 (including GST) and is distributed by Standards Australia. To order or for more information contact Standards Australia: Customer Service Telephone number 1300 654 646 sales@standards.com.au <http://www.standards.com.au>

Innovative Showcases Digital Collections

Electronic Resource Management is a tool for digital resource integration and license management. Electronic Resource Management replaces the need for libraries to build separate databases, integrating the information with the Millennium system and enabling data to be conveniently accessed as needed.

XML Server outputs catalog data in XML format.

MAP is an integrated portal solution that manages access to information resources, guiding patrons and staff to internet content quickly, while protecting the rights of the library and content providers.

MetaSource provides libraries with the necessary tools to meet the challenge of digitising, handling, and describing disparate collections.

Innovative Interfaces and Baker & Taylor Announce Reseller Partnership

Innovative Interfaces and Informata, Baker & Taylor's data and information products division, announced that Innovative will be a reseller of *The Content Café*. *The Content Café*, features book-jacket images, tables of contents, and annotations. This content will be linked directly from the Millennium Web OPAC or technical services staff clients via Millennium's Web resource linking software, providing enhanced bibliographic content to both patrons and staff.

EBSCO to acquire operations of RoweCom Worldwide

RoweCom, Inc., doing business as RoweCom,

has announced the signing of a non-binding letter of intent with EBSCO Industries, Inc., for the proposed purchase of the RoweCom worldwide subscription agent business.

What does this mean for RoweCom customers and publishers? For customers of RoweCom operations outside Europe, there are basically three situations:

- 1) For customers who have paid RoweCom and RoweCom has forwarded this payment on to the publishers, the customer will receive journals from the publishers.
- 2) For customers who have not paid RoweCom, the customer will receive their journals once orders are confirmed to EBSCO. Upon confirmation, EBSCO will make the appropriate payment to publishers.
- 3) For customers who have paid RoweCom and RoweCom has not forwarded this payment to the publishers, the customer will receive journals from publishers who participate in this transaction.

Gale and Amazon.com continue online sales program

Gale, one of the Web's most successful packagers of content for licensing and redistribution through third-party websites and online services, will continue selling editorial content — repackaged as easily-downloadable e-documents — through online retailer Amazon.com. Since July 2002, Gale-produced e-documents have been created for sale on the Amazon.com website.

The Gale e-documents are generated in PDF format and are available to download immediately upon purchase through Amazon.com's Digital Library (<http://www.amazon.com/mylibrary>).

Gale's literature series available through Amazon.com includes works on novels, short stories, drama, nonfiction classics, epics and Shakespeare.

The Gale series on business topics is leveraged from Gale's print 'Business Plan Handbook.' The versions available through Amazon.com focus on business categories relevant to entrepreneurs and small business owners and managers.

World journals and law reviews library

Westlaw Australia has announced the release of the Westlaw Australia World Journals and Law Reviews Library. The library contains more than 700 international journals including *Harvard Law Review*, *Company Lawyer*, *Yale Law Review*, *Canada-United States Law Journal*, *Canadian Journal of Law & Society*, *Columbia Law Review*, *Intellectual Property Review*, and *The Construction Law Journal*.

Westlaw Australia makes it possible for a customer to search across all of the publications in this Library through the World Journals and Law Reviews multibase. Customers can also utilise other multibases for specific categories of journals and law reviews, or search using individual databases.

Westlaw Australia can be accessed at <http://westlaw.com.au>. ■

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