**PRESS RELEASE: New SWAN Catalog Coming in April**

Area libraries, including INSERT HOME LIBRARY NAME HERE, are eagerly anticipating the implementation of a new catalog. This new computer system, which will go live in April, will bring some highly in-demand features to the fingertips of library patrons and enhance the user experience.

SirsiDynix Symphony will be used in the 77 public, academic and special libraries that make up the System Wide Automated Network (SWAN). Enterprise, the new public catalog, will work on all standard browsers, and allow even better sharing of materials as well as more intuitive searching, ebook integration and online resources.

Online searches will be easier with the additions of spelling correction, search suggestions, recommended titles and “Fuzzy searching.” With intuitive searching, patrons will receive results the way they would expect, resembling the familiarity of popular internet search engines. An enhanced usability on mobile devices is another positive feature.

Users will enjoy browsing and downloading digital resources directly in the Enterprise catalog under a single login. Digital resources including ebooks, downloadable audiobooks, magazine and journal articles and more will be available with a single search.

Many other features will premiere in April and others will be unveiled as the system evolves. The INSERT YOUR LIBRARY NAME HERE and all participating libraries will have staff trained to help members with the new system, as well as print and online instructions to ease the transition.

One of the most utilized benefits of SWAN is that members of one library can request materials from other member locations, and the items are delivered to their home library for checkout. This Interlibrary Loan process is responsible for over eight million shared items annually.

The SirsiDynix software will still allow patrons to view eBook holds and checkouts in the catalog, place holds, freeze holds and pay fines. Coming soon, mobile apps and social media integration will make using your library even more dynamic. Patrons can also indicate how they would prefer to be notified of materials, whether by phone, e-mail, text, or paper.

Prior to the roll out of SirsiDynix, all patrons who utilize “Wish Lists” in the current catalog and want to export this information, should contact INSERT HOME LIBRARY NAME HERE at 999-999-9999 or visit LIBRARY WEBSITE to download instructions. Patrons who have opted into saving their “Reading History” will find it transfered to their account in the new catalog.

Following the implementation of SirsiDynix in April, all patrons will be required to reset their four digit PIN numbers for their library card accounts. Instructions will be provided. To assist with the transition, patrons should also create a new bookmark to the catalog on their preferred web browser.

For further details, please visit the INSERT HOME LIBRARY NAME HERE at INSERT LIBRARY ADDRESS HERE, online at LIBRARY WEBSITE, or call 999-999-9999.

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