SirsiDynix to Support First-of-Its-Kind Consortium in South West Australia

New West Australia Consortium Selects BLUEcloud and SirsiDynix Symphony

November 1, 2016, Melbourne, Vic—SirsiDynix is pleased to welcome the South West Consortium to the family of BLUEcloud libraries. The South West Consortium is a new partnership of 11 Western Australia local governments, creating a "one card" library system for its participating libraries. The consortium is the first of its kind in Western Australia; prior to this merger all local governments operated independently and each would individually negotiate the supply of a library management system. As part of their unification, the South West Consortium selected SirsiDynix Symphony to support their large public system. The Consortium opted to supplement their ILS with a number of BLUEcloud products including, BLUEcloud Analytics, eResource Central, BLUEcloud Visibility, Enterprise, Portfolio and MobileCirc.

The local governments of the South West Consortium came together around a common set of resource-sharing goals. In addition to providing their communities with a one-card library system, the unification of the consortium serves to expand the collections available to patrons by sharing resources and simultaneously cutting costs by uniting the 11 authorities on a single library management system. The local governments of the new consortium include Shire of Dardanup, City of Bunbury, City of Busselton, Shire of Capel, Shire of Boyup Brook, Shire of Donnybrook– Balingup, Shire of Harvey, Shire of Manjimup, Shire of Nannup, Shire of Waroona, and Shire of Bridgetown – Greenbushes. While these authorities span a broad region of Western Australia, the shared library management system will communicate smoothly between all authorities through SirsiDynix SaaS, which provides 99.95% uptime and leads the industry for data security.

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South West Library Consortia Operations Group Chairperson, Sharon Chapman advised that, "In selecting a product for our Consortia, it was important that we struck a balance between enhanced community library services and the effort required to manage the service for our patrons. We recognised that technology played a big part in the decision-making process, as systems needed to be responsive and well featured across the mobile landscape. SirsiDynix demonstrated that they were committed to providing a unique customer centric experience with their Symphony Library Management System. This technology would encourage patrons to discover a wider range of resources and also ensuring it was an engaging experience from the digital landscape to the physical library."

Expressing his enthusiasm for the new consortium, SirsiDynix CEO Bill Davison remarked, "The South West Consortium is an exciting new initiative to improve services to the people of Western Australia and we are honored to be chosen to support the consortium right from the beginning. Their system will be well supported by the BLUEcloud solutions they have chosen. SirsiDynix SaaS will ensure their data is shared seamlessly, and solutions like MobileCirc and BLUEcloud Visibility enable the libraries of the South West Consortium to extend the reach of their resources."

About SirsiDynix

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