

The National Library of New Zealand Selects Primo from Ex Libris

Primo will provide the National Library's users with a single, unified gateway to its wealth of resources

Singapore – March 9, 2009. Ex Libris Asia Pacific is pleased to announce that the National Library of New Zealand has chosen to expand its suite of Ex Libris products with the Primo[®] solution, which will provide users with a unified interface for the discovery and delivery of the library's vast collections. The National Library of New Zealand is the fifth national library to join the rapidly growing international Primo community, which now includes more than 150 institutions.

In addition to Primo's interoperability with the Library's existing systems, the product's open interfaces, which enable institutions to develop unique extensions to meet their specific needs, were key to the National Library's choice of Primo. "We engaged in an extensive requirements process to determine the best solution for enabling our users to easily find the digital and physical resources of the National Library and the Alexander Turnbull Library," commented Steve Knight, Associate Director of the National Digital Library at the National Library of New Zealand. "We also needed to address the issues surrounding the delivery of those resources. The Primo solution met our identified requirements. We expect the Ex Libris open-platform strategy to enable us to extend Primo to create services that we need now and will need in the future. The APIs provided by Ex Libris will help us be more responsive to the needs of our customers."

"Finally," added Knight, "Primo is a natural fit for our environment, as we currently use several other Ex Libris systems, including the Voyager[®] integrated library system and the Ex Libris Rosetta digital preservation system. Implementing Primo as a cornerstone of our Discover-Deliver-Interact platform will find us in familiar territory."

"I am delighted that the National Library of New Zealand has chosen to build on its successful experience with Voyager and Ex Libris Rosetta by adopting Primo," commented Oded Scharfstein, vice president of Asia Pacific at Ex Libris. "The National Library has been a creative and forward-thinking development partner for Rosetta, and we are glad to have this opportunity to continue our close collaboration with the Library in the years ahead."

About the National Library of New Zealand

The goal of the National Library of New Zealand is to enrich the cultural and economic life of New Zealand and its interchange with other nations by collecting, preserving, and protecting documents, particularly those related to New Zealand; making these documents accessible in a manner consistent with their status as documentary heritage; and working in collaboration with local and international institutions with similar purposes.

For additional information on the National Library of New Zealand, see <http://www.natlib.govt.nz/>.

About Ex Libris

Ex Libris is a leading provider of automation solutions for academic, national, and research libraries. Offering the only comprehensive product suite for electronic, digital, and print materials, Ex Libris provides efficient, user-friendly products that serve the needs of libraries today and will enable them to transition into the future. Ex Libris maintains an impressive customer base consisting of thousands of sites in more than 70 countries on six continents.

Dedicated to developing creative solutions in close collaboration with our customers, Ex Libris enables libraries to maximize productivity and efficiency and, at the same time, greatly enhance the user experience. By empowering users to discover and obtain the information they need, libraries ensure their position as the bridge to knowledge.

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