## Ex Libris and BCR Partner to Offer Digital Preservation Training and Consulting Services

A wide range of courses in digital preservation will be supplemented by consulting services to meet the specific needs of organizations

**Chicago, Illinois – March 12, 2009.** Ex Libris Inc. and Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR) have signed an agreement to offer libraries, archives, and other information organizations foundation training and consulting services in the rapidly expanding field of digital preservation.

The training will include an overview of digital preservation as well as courses on policy and planning for digital preservation, and risk assessment planning and implementation. These courses, available online and in a classroom format, will provide libraries with a foundation for implementing a digital preservation system such as Ex Libris Rosetta. Supplementary consulting services to meet the specific needs of each organization will be offered as well.

The Ex Libris Rosetta digital preservation system provides libraries and archives around the world with a solution to support their task of collecting and preserving cumulative knowledge in digital format for the use of today's scholars and generations to come. The system, based on industry standards and best practices, supports the acquisition, validation, ingestion, storage, management, preservation, accessibility, and dissemination of all types of digital objects.

"The recently announced general release of Ex Libris Rosetta has accelerated the need for training services such as those that Ex Libris and BCR will be offering," said Carl Grant, president of Ex Libris North America. "Ex Libris is very pleased to provide these foundation courses and services that will enable library personnel to appropriately plan and implement digital preservation services in their organizations. BCR has an excellent reputation and experience in offering training and consulting services. We are delighted to collaborate with them."

Brenda Bailey-Hainer, CEO and president of BCR, commented, "Developing policies and plans is key to implementing a successful digital preservation solution. We are pleased to partner with Ex Libris and their customers as they look to assure the long term accessibility to digital collections."

## About BCR

BCR brings libraries together for greater success by expanding their knowledge, reach and power. They offer a broad range of solutions and their hands-on, personal attention to each member enables them to deliver effective and timely solutions that help libraries keep pace with new developments in technology and services. BCR is the nation's oldest and most established multistate library cooperative. Since 1935, the BCR team has helped libraries learn new skills, reach patrons, increase productivity and save money. BCR (Bibliographical Center for Research) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit headquartered in Aurora, Colorado.

For additional information on BCR, see: <u>www.BCR.org</u> or email <u>info@BCR.org</u>.

## **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 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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