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Library Migrating to New Catalog System

February 8, 2008 – The [Stark County District Library](#), along with the [Louisville Public Library](#) and the [Massillon Public Library](#), will have a new look when you log on to their catalog beginning February 26. The three library systems make up the Stark Libraries Information Consortium and have purchased a new catalog system. These libraries have worked together to provide library patrons with catalog services since 1979.

Kent Oliver, executive director of the Stark County District Library said, “The move to this new catalog system is a very big deal for the library consortium, but we will make the move as seamless as possible for our patrons, including no change in their library card numbers, though they will have to update their PIN numbers. We have purchased the Millennium catalog system and Encore search and discovery platform from [Innovative Interfaces, Inc.](#), one of the leading library management software vendors. This new system will make it easier and better for all library patrons to access the information they count on their library to provide.”

When the new catalog system becomes available to the public February 26, a better, stronger, faster, more easily searched catalog will be available at the click of a mouse. Some of the features patrons will discover include:

- Search results for all resources, including books, databases, and the World Wide Web with one search
- “Tag Clouds” to help refine your search
- “Did you mean...?” spell-check boxes
- Relevance-ranking to place the best search results at the top of your list
- Search results that tell you what is on the shelf at your library location at the moment you are searching

In order to make the transition to the new system as simple as possible the libraries' [catalog](#) will be unavailable either on-line or in-house after 5:00 pm on Sunday, February 24 and all day Monday, February 25. All library locations will be open Monday for item return and checkout only, but patrons must have their library cards to obtain service.

On Tuesday, February 26, all [library locations](#) will be closed to the public. During that day, the final interface of data, including library card information, book and movie titles, and all the other components of the libraries' collections, will occur.

“Our new Millennium computer system is the next step in the library’s information portal,” Oliver continued. “Card catalogs sorted information by title, author, and subject; then, first- and second-generation computer catalogs allowed text-based searching; now, using our new, on-line catalog system, patrons will be able to search for information from books, in databases, and on the Internet simultaneously.

“And, that we can provide this system in a partnership among three independent library systems is an additional benefit to our patrons,” he concluded. “It is one of a series of efforts by the [Stark County District Library](#), including our partnerships with [Plain Local Schools](#) and the [Stark County Park District](#), to leverage our tax dollars and more effectively serve our area.”

About the Library:

The [Stark County District Library](#) is one of the best 100 libraries in the United States. Its Main Library, 10 Branch Libraries, and two Bookmobiles and two Kidmobiles serve 146,000 library card holders. More than 1.5 million people visited the Main Library or its Branches and Bookmobiles last year. Holdings number more than 970,000 items, and annual circulation is 4.05 million items. The collection includes books, audio visual materials, and periodicals for all ages. In addition, the Library provides programs and classes for adults, teens, and children, computer and Internet access, inter-library loans, Reference and Genealogy services, and traveling collections on two Bookmobiles and two Kidmobiles, as well as Outreach services to shut-ins, nursing homes, and housing units. It is one of the nine largest library systems in the state of Ohio, serving 12 local school districts. For more information, call 330.452.0665 or visit www.starklibrary.org.

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