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UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IMPLEMENTS ENDEAVOR VOYAGER ILS IN SIX MONTH PROJECT

EndUsers, Library Staff Benefit from Rapid Implementation Project at the Second Largest Academic Library in Canada, ARL Member

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS, May 11, 2004: Setting a new precedent in the implementation of integrated library management systems at very large academic libraries, Endeavor Information Systems announced today that the University of British Columbia (UBC) Library, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, implemented the Voyager integrated library management system in a six-month timeline. The second largest academic research library in Canada, UBC is also a member of the Association of Research Libraries.

The Library's Project Team and Endeavor's Voyager Implementation Team employed a fast track approach to implementation while adhering to project management principles. The Voyager project was completed on time, adhering to the May launch date outlined in the Library's original project plan. For the migration to Voyager, Endeavor loaded 3,884,482 bibliographic records and 91,555 patron records into three separate databases.

The Voyager implementation project's success is demonstrated in a live public catalog for UBC's 40,500 students and 12,000 faculty and staff who use the Library's 21 branches and divisions on-campus and the four off-campus locations. The Voyager online public access catalog implementation at the UBC Library debuted on May 3 and is available at <http://webcat.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&PAGE=First>

Voyager replaced the DRA Classic system, which the Library implemented in 1996 and chose to replace in 2003 with a system that could support the Library's current and anticipated future requirements.

The UBC Library will implement additional Endeavor systems to provide enhanced services for users. The Library will begin implementation this summer of the ENCompass system for managing, searching and linking collections and the ENCompass Course Content Integrator for e-learning integration. The Voyager SelfCheck Module for patron-empowered circulation will also be implemented in the near future.

With the completion of the construction of the Automated Storage and Retrieval System in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (IKBLC) at UBC in Spring 2005, the UBC Library will be implementing the Voyager Automated Retrieval System interface to provide access to items located in the new automated facility. This will be the

first implementation of an automated search and retrieval system in Canada.

Catherine Quinlan, University Librarian, stated "The selection of Endeavor's Voyager as its new integrated library system is the UBC Library's first step towards a technological renewal that parallels the physical infrastructure renewal taking place with the construction of the new Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. Voyager, which we have already successfully implemented, is our first step in creating a technological base that will enable the delivery of enhanced service to our current users and to many new users located outside our traditional user community."

"Endeavor is very proud to partner with the entire team of progressive and dedicated library and technology staff at the UBC Library who set a goal to give their users optimal library software services in a swift time period. For a library of this size and caliber to replace their entire ILS software in a six-month window is certainly commendable," said Roland Dietz, Endeavor President and CEO. "Endeavor offers a full-range of experienced services teams to ensure success for libraries of all sizes and disciplines. With cooperative goals about timelines and primary needs, the skilled and devoted professionals in Endeavor's implementation departments are the partners libraries need during this stimulating time in their libraries."

About the University of British Columbia Library

The UBC Library is the second largest research library in Canada. The Library includes 21 branches and divisions at UBC and at other locations; three branches at teaching hospitals (St. Paul's, Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre and Children's and Women's Health Centre of British Columbia) and one at UBC's Robson Square campus in downtown Vancouver. With the largest biomedical collection in western Canada and the largest collection of Asian language materials in Canada, the UBC Library is also a depository library for publications of the governments of British Columbia, as well as Canada, Japan, and the United Nations.

Highlighted special collections at the Library include the H. Colin Slim Stravinsky Collection, which includes s 130 items relating to the work and life of Igor Stravinsky, and the Wallace B. Chung and Madeline H. Chung Collection, featuring more than 25,000 unique items relating to the discovery of British Columbia, the development of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Asian immigration to the Pacific Northwest.

About Endeavor Information Systems

Endeavor Information Systems, based in Des Plaines, IL, was founded in September of 1994. A wholly owned subsidiary of Elsevier, Endeavor offers a complete line of library solutions for traditional and digital collections. Visit Endeavor at <http://www.endinfosys.com> for more information about Voyager, ENCompass, or LinkFinder*Plus*.