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EBRARY RELEASES FIRST COMPREHENSIVE, WEB-FRIENDLY BOOK DATABASE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

New online database offers members full-text search in over 5,100 books & maps

January 5, 2004 – Palo Alto, CA – ebrary® (www.ebrary.com), a leading provider of information distribution and retrieval services, today released Public Library Complete, a fully searchable online database of over 5,100 full-text books, maps and other documents from more than 90 leading publishers. Public Library Complete is a new database that spans both professional and educational subject areas. The database covers disciplines ranging from business & personal finance, career development, computers, history, education and several other frequently requested categories for this market.

Commenting on the release, Christopher Warnock, ebrary’s CEO, said: “Public Library Complete means that librarians can now offer their patrons web-friendly ‘anytime anywhere’ access to the comprehensive content and research databases needed for work, school and modern everyday life.”

In a separate press release issued today, ebrary announced two new research databases from D&B® and Harris InfoSource™. Read the announcement at www.ebrary.com.

Public Library Complete aggregates eight individual databases, which may also be purchased separately: Business & Personal Finance; Careers & Professional Development; Computers & Technology; Arts & Literature; Education & Study; History; Philosophy, Religion & Spirituality; and Psychology & Self-Help. This new database also includes a rich collection of over 1,000 maps and hundreds of bonus titles in even more categories such as Law, Health and Travel. Public Library Complete contains the full-text of such recently published titles as: *Business: The Ultimate Resource*, Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, 2002; *The Executive Job Search: A Comprehensive Handbook for Seasoned Professionals*, McGraw-Hill Trade, 2003; *The Two Faces of Islam: The House of Sa’ud from Tradition to Terror*, Doubleday, 2002; and *She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders*, Broadway Books, 2003. Those desiring a detailed title list should email sales@ebrary.com.

Public Library Complete offers librarians and their patrons the following key benefits:

- Simultaneous, multi-user access – content is available at any time, from anywhere.
- Access to new content added during the subscription term, all at no additional cost.
- Full-text search within and across documents.
- Advanced research capabilities through ebrary InfoTools™.
- Integration with existing ILS systems and digital resources.
- Machine-Readable Cataloging 21 (MARC 21) records include direct links to each title from the 856 fields.
- Highlighting, bookmarking, annotating and other tools.
- Reporting tools and usage statistics that meet International Coalition of Library Consortia (ICOLC) standards.
- Instant and dynamic access to pages from streaming PDF technology that maintains the exact appearance of a document’s printed version.
- Delivery of content via a custom website created, hosted and maintained by ebrary.

PRICING AND AVAILABILITY

Public Library Complete is available today to libraries worldwide. Pricing is based on a library’s type and size. For more information, please visit www.ebrary.com/libraries or email sales@ebrary.com. To sign up for a free, 30-day IP-authenticated trial, please visit www.ebrary.com/trialsignup.

ABOUT EBRARY

ebrary is a leading provider of information distribution and retrieval services. The company has developed a powerful system that cost-effectively and -efficiently creates highly interactive, online content databases, from which it produces numerous market-specific applications. ebrary was named to the 2003 eContent 100 list of leading companies in the digital content industry.

ebrary licenses its unique database technology to organizations that seek to reduce costs, increase revenues and improve efficiency by securely distributing their own content over the Internet. ebrary also uses its own technology to create databases containing content from leading publishers, which it then licenses to libraries and other institutions worldwide. ebrary currently offers over 35,000 full-text books, sheet music titles, maps, reports and other authoritative documents from more than 175 leading academic, trade and professional publishers. The company also operates a consumer-facing site— ebrary Discover — designed for individuals that do not have access to its database collections through their library. Founded in 1999 and headquartered in Palo Alto, CA with offices in New York, ebrary is privately held and funded by Random House Ventures LLC, Pearson plc and The McGraw-Hill Companies.